

General Notes

Wooster Students Prepare for Tour of Europe

An experience of a lifetime... A life-changing experience

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and twenty Wooster High School band students will travel to Europe this summer as part of the American Music Abroad program. In June and July, WHS instrumentalists will perform throughout Europe with a concert band comprised of musicians from throughout Ohio.

Selected by nomination and audition, students from Wooster combine with students from Cleveland and Columbus area schools to comprise a concert band that will perform as well as take in many historical and cultural experiences. "This is a life changing experience," says Adams. "Touring Europe is in itself a great opportunity. Traveling as a musician and sharing with people from another country is extraordinary."

Prior to the trip, they will have three days of intensive rehearsals at Otterbein College followed by a farewell concert. The students will perform in public venues and concert halls as they travel through Austria, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland.

We wish them all the very best. They will be fine ambassadors of American music and of Wooster, Ohio.



Parents and Students, Please Look Over The Enclosed 2005-06 Instrumental Music Calendar



We need your help in making sure students are well informed of all their responsibilities over the coming year. In an attempt to make this as easy as possible, we have included with this newsletter the entire year's events in the Instrumental Music Department. Please go over this calendar with your son or daughter and check this with their other school activities and your family's activities. Please let us know of any concerns that you may have **as soon as possible**. This will make it much easier for us to resolve potential conflicts. Keeping open the lines of communication is what makes everything work smoothly. We've also included the Band Camp letter along with this mailing as well as a Concessions help letter. Please look these over carefully too. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Until then, please enjoy a relaxing summer.

Pay-To-Participate... Financial Assistance Available

This past year's budget cuts have resulted in many undesirable situations across the Wooster City School District. The addition of a \$100 Pay-To-Participate fee for Band, Orchestra, and Choir has created additional burdens for all families and hardships for many.

The WHS Music Parents Association is committed to helping all families needing assistance. They are determined to see that no WHS or EWMS student is excluded from a music class due to financial concerns.

Through the Greater Wayne County Foundation, funds have been established to offer scholarships to those who need help. Don't let the fee keep you from signing up for a music class.

Choir News

The past school year brought a rich variety of experiences to WHS choir members. From the start, experienced singers mentored incoming members and team building activities created a solidarity that expressed itself in a new level of musical togetherness. Guest appearances by the Glory Ringers from Zion Lutheran and dancers from the Wayne Center Ballet added new dimensions to our concerts. COW composer-in-residence Jack Gallagher composed a moving new work which Concert Choir had the honor of premiering.

In April, twenty-nine singers and seven chaperones traveled to Chicago to sample its cultural riches, from architecture to music to food to fish. They sang impromptu a cappella performances in venues ranging from Navy Pier to the base of the John Hancock Building, all of them received by surprised and impressed listeners. They learned from North Park University's resident choral guru, Rollo Dillworth. In every way, they "did us proud".

The level of choral artistry achieved by our singers was confirmed by a 'Superior' rating at the district OMEA Adjudicated Event. Their abilities to both read and discuss the intricacies of music notation and performance practice reached new highs. They brought beautiful sounds to audiences in the PAC and throughout the community.

Next year promises new opportunities for leadership and musical excellence. Concert Choir will continue to be our core ensemble, with Jazz Choir as its offshoot. The singers will explore the diverse repertoire of the last five centuries. They will discover and communicate the magical combination of words, melody, harmony and the human voice that we call choral music. They will learn to work together, to take and to give constructive criticism, to support each other and to entertain an audience. They will again "do us proud".

CHOIR CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

Homecoming Game	Sept. 30
Quarter-an-Order Dinner	Oct. 24
Rotary Holiday Dinner	Dec. 5
Holiday Concert	Dec. 6
Solo & Ensemble Event	Feb. 11
Winter Concert	Feb. 28
OMEA Event	March 10
Spring Sing	May 16



September 2	August 8	August 1-5	August 1-5	August 1-3	July 30	June 14-16
First Home Football Game	Full Band Camp Begins	Percussion Camp	Rookie Band Camp	Uniform Distribution	Squad Leader Workshop	Flag/Majorette Camp

Take Note

Rush this important music info to:

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