

General Notes

Tour of Europe Awaits Wooster Music Students

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

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and twenty-seven Wooster High School band and orchestra 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 and string orchestra 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 band and string ensemble 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 the College of Wooster followed by a farewell concert. The students will perform in public venues and concert halls as they travel through Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, and Switzerland.

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



Parents and Students, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2007-08 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.

Choir Year In Review

Wooster High School's choirs had a musically challenging and rewarding year. Our largest Concert Choir in many years (65 strong) presented three public concerts and sang at our annual Quarter-an-Order dinner, the OMEA Large Group Event, Homecoming and the school holiday assembly. Jazz Choir performed at area seniors' resi-

dences, schools, community events and Jazz Night. Singers participated in the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Event and sang the national anthem at various community and athletic events.

After energetically raising funds, thirty-three members spent three packed days taking in the sights, attending a concert by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and "Broadway Divas", and eating extremely well! Everyone from chaperones to tour guide to hosts were impressed with the maturity, good manners and talent our travelers exhibited. Their mini-concerts at diverse venues (from highway rest areas to museums) were received by charmed audiences.

Throughout the year Concert Choir made dozens of phone calls to sing "Happy Birthday" in 4-part *a cappella* harmony to friends and relatives nearby and as far away as Thailand. Area arts patrons continued to give generously to our Sponsor-a-Song campaign. Music Parents donated their time and talents to encourage and support our program. Our singers have dedicated themselves to sharing stirring words and tuneful harmonies with each other and their audiences. As their vocal, choral and performing skills rise to new levels of sophistication, our Choirs will continue to take pride in presenting the best of themselves and their school to the community and beyond.



Amy Gilbert, Director of Choirs

Pay-To-Participate... Financial Assistance Available

Recent 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 Wayne County Community 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.



There are still some very important WHS Music Parents Offices yet to be filled. Can you help? Let us know!

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Take Note

June 18 - 21 Flag/Majorette Camp	July 28 Squad Leader Workshop	August 1 Uniform Distribution	July 30 - Aug. 3 Rookie Band Camp	July 30 - Aug. 3 Percussion Camp	August 6 Full Band Camp Begins	August 24 First Home Football Game
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