

# General Notes

## Band & Orchestra Students Ready to Head South

Details Taking Shape for Wooster High School Instrumental Music Trip to Orlando, Florida



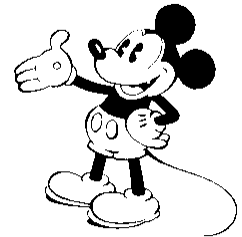
It's hard to believe that March will soon be here and, along with it, Spring Break!

From March 24th-29th over 200 WHS music students and parents will pack into buses for the journey to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Students will take part in such events as marching in a parade down Main Street, USA in Disney's Magic Kingdom; performing on a soundstage at the "You're Instrumental" Workshop; enjoying Blizzard Beach; taking in the sights at Disney's Animal Kingdom and Disney-MGM Studios; and much more.

With fundraisers all finished and payments all made, the only thing left to do now is finish planning and preparing for the trip. There will be marching music to memorize, forms to sign, bags to pack, and loose ends to tie up.

A handbook packed with information will soon be distributed. It will help students and parents with the planning process. Look for forms in the back of the book that will need to be signed and returned.

The opportunity to perform at Walt Disney World is one that we all appreciate. What a great experience this will be for all involved. It will provide us with memories that will last a lifetime!



### Choir News

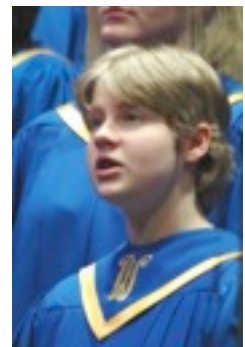
Wooster High School's Concert Choir will experience a new performing space when they present their annual "Almost Spring" concert on Tuesday, March 11th, at First Presbyterian Church, which has exceptional acoustics for choral music. Concert Choir's eclectic mix of sacred repertoire will include the three selections being prepared for the OMEA Large Group event, music that ranges from the lyrical "To Everything There is a Season", to some upbeat spirituals and a few bombastic "warhorse" anthems. The free concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

in the main sanctuary at 620 College Avenue (at Bowman), and a reception will follow in the church hall.

February and March are very full months for Jazz Choir members, who are preparing some jazz settings of a few colorful Bible stories for the March 11th concert. Their schedule includes performances of African-American-influenced songs at all of the district's elementary schools and at Edgewood for Black History Month assemblies, as well as a recent Relay for Life fundraiser at Trinity United, and Jazz Night on March 19th.

There is excellent news regarding the 2008-09 school year. Women's Chorus will once again be offered as part of the WHS schedule and an April, 2009, trip to Chicago is already being planned.

The College of Wooster has sent us an outstanding student teacher this semester. Soprano and pianist Jessica Nieuwkoop is taking on more teaching responsibilities each week, helping with small groups, leading dynamic warm-ups and conducting some of our selections. Although she will be away on a west coast tour with the Wooster Chorus at the time of our March 11th concert, you can look forward to seeing her in action at our final concert on Tuesday, May 20th. That concert will celebrate the words of some of America's most famous poets and lyricists, ranging from Walt Whitman to Stephen Sondheim. We look forward to our next opportunity to entertain you with that glorious combination of music and words called choral music.





# Parents, We Need Your Help!

Wooster Will Host OMEA Adjudicated Event on March 7 & 8

Over 100 parents and students will be needed to help at Adjudicated Event. Your sons & daughters will be signing up at school. Use this form to show your availability. We will contact you about specific times and information at a later time. Thank you!

Please contact me as Adjudicated Event draws near.  
I can help at the following times:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

SATURDAY MORNING

FRIDAY EVENING

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



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## Pay-To-Participate... Assistance Is Still Available

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.

**THANK YOU** to all the student and adult volunteers that helped with the recent Citrus Sale - the money collectors, the fruit baggers and fruit distributors!!! Special thanks also to the music directors for giving out the orders sheets and all the reminder messages, to Buehler's Fresh Foods for collaborating with the Music Dept. for this fundraiser and to Bob Johns for his invaluable help with keeping track of all the orders, money collected and profit for the kids!!

*Debbie Duntap and Mendry Lemke*

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### Take Note

February 20  
String Orchestra Concert

February 21  
Concert Band Festival

February 26  
WHS Music Parents Mtg.

March 4  
Symphonic Band Concert

March 7-8  
WHS Hosts Adj. Event

March 11  
Choir Concert

March 19  
Jazz Noght