

General Notes

Music Students Tour Five European Countries

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

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Wooster High School band and orchestra students will travel to Europe this summer as part of the American Music Abroad program. This month 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, 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, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2009-10 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 and Orchestra Concessions 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 socially involved year, highlighted by a fabulous trip to Chicago in April. Concert Choir and Women's Chorus presented their annual December and May concerts and sang for the Quarter-an-Order Dinner, Homecoming, Veteran's

Day, the Rotary senior citizens dinner and OARDC's Red, Grey & Green Fair. Jazz Choir performed at seniors' residences, schools, community events and Jazz Night. Individual singers participated in the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Event and sang the national anthem at various community and athletic events. The choirs made phone calls to sing "Happy Birthday" in a cappella harmony to dozens of friends and relatives.

Our vocal music program continues to be supported by the community. Area arts patrons have donated generously to our Sponsor-a-Song campaign. Music Parents give their time and talents to fundraising and organizing events. Next year our singers will continue to master the art of choral singing, becoming a community even as they reach out to the larger community.



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 Fund, 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.



The Band & Orchestra are planning a trip to New York City for next spring. Tour information will go out this August!

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Take Note

August 1 Squad Leader Workshop	August 5 Uniform Distribution	August 3-7 Rookie Band Camp	August 3-7 Percussion Camp	August 10-21 Full Band Camp	August 24 First Day of School	August 28 First Football Game
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