

General Notes

What a Memorable Year We Had in 2009-2010!

A trip to Europe, Ohio State University Skull Session, a trip to New York City, and more...

Sometimes the planets align, the pieces fall into place, and things go even better than you could have imagined. Well, that was this past year in a nutshell.



The summer began with a musical tour of Europe by members of the WHS Band and Orchestra. They performed in Austria, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, as part of American Music Abroad. It was a life-changing experience — unforgettable.

The fall season for the WHS Marching Band ended with a sensational appearance at an Ohio State University Skull Session. The performance was cheered by 14 thousand enthusiastic fans in Columbus and was an extraordinary experience for the students.

Over spring break the Band and Orchestra toured New York City. There they performed at a New York Mets game and experienced many of the amazing cultural and sightseeing opportunities this great city has to offer.

Along with all these exceptional experiences came the football games, concerts, ceremonies, and general fellowship that makes up any year in the WHS music program. The sum of all these experiences is truly greater than all the parts. What will next year bring? We'll know soon enough!



Parents and Students, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2010-11 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 Chaperone assistance 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

ter. They sang for the community at Homecoming and Veteran's Day, for their families at our Quarter-Order Dinner in October, for the senior citizens at Rotary's holiday event, and for OARDC's Scarlet, Grey and Green Fair in April. Concert Choir received four "Superior" ratings at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event. Jazz Choir performed at every school in the district for Black History Month in February, for various seniors' residences and community events, and for the Music Department's annual Jazz Night. During our daily class periods, numerous phone calls were made to friends and family members to sing birthday greetings in a *cappella* harmony. Our seniors sang for their Commencement ceremonies in early June.

Wooster's vocal music program continues to be generously supported by the Music Parents Association and by the much-appreciated donors to our annual Sponsor-a-Song campaign. Our young singers continue to focus on performing exquisite settings of fine and meaningful lyrics, adding moments of beauty to their own lives and the lives of their listeners.



WHS Choir members grew steadily throughout our busy year, in their vocal technique, in their personal musicianship, in their confidence in front of an audience, and in their friendships with each other. Concert Choir and Women's Chorus presented their annual Holiday Concert in December and Spring Sing in May in the Performing Arts Center.

Amy Gilbert, Director of Choirs

Pay-To-Participate... Financial Assistance Available

Past 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.



Parents, we'll need your help with football concessions and also chaperoning band trips this fall. Send in the enclosed forms!

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Take Note

July 31 Squad Leader Workshop	August 4 Uniform Distribution	August 2-6 Rookie Band Camp	August 2-6 Percussion Camp	August 9-20 Full Band Camp	August 23 First Day of School	September 3 First Football Game
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