

General Notes



So Good! So Good! So Good!

200+ Students and Parents Travel to Boston, Massachusetts

Traveling as a music group gives us a chance to look beyond our own walls and explore new places – a chance to share a bit of ourselves with people we've never met. The WHS Instrumental Music trip to Boston was no exception. It was, however, exceptional!

Even the weather cooperated for us. Sunny skies and moderate temperatures provided the perfect setting for an enlightening and enjoyable time.

For most, the highlight of the trip was a performance of *The Star Spangled Banner* for the start of the Red Sox vs. Rangers game at historic Fenway Park. The crowd shared their appreciation with an enthusiastic cheer following the performance, and the Red Sox staff was gracious and appreciative.

Other special opportunities included a guided tour of the Freedom Trail; a visit to the JFK Library & Museum; the New England Aquarium; an amphibious Duck Tour; an informative view of Boston from the top of the Prudential building; a dinner cruise aboard the *Spirit of Boston*; climbing aboard the *USS Constitution* (Old Ironsides); Boston Public Library Exhibit (*Dear Boston: Messages from the Marathon Memorial*); and time at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, and Public Garden.



We all got just a taste of what the wonderful city of Boston has to offer. The hope is that the students will get a chance to return someday and explore in detail the numerous cultural opportunities of good old *Beantown*.



Parents and Students, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2014-15 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 form and Chaperone Assistance form. Please look these over carefully and consider ways in which you can help. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Until then, please enjoy a relaxing summer.

This past year, the WHS choirs enjoyed a year of fun, friends and learning. Performances included the Homecoming Football Game, the fall 'Sweet Treats' reception, the Rotary Seniors' Holiday Event, OMEA Solo and Ensemble, OMEA Large Group Adjudication (in which the Concert Choir earned an Excellent Rating), and four of our own programmed concerts. Clinics with directors Mrs. Toni-Arnold Shreve and Dr. Carrie Culver helped the Concert Choir discover new techniques and discuss rehearsal and performance tips. This past spring, the Concert Choir was very excited to participate in Tri-County ESC's Festival of Choirs. In early March, the choir was invited to rehearse and perform some difficult music with Dr. Lisa Wong, a professor at The College of Wooster. Students were able to meet and talk to singers from around Wayne County. This is the first year that Wooster has been invited to perform and we all look forward to next year's concert! The Vocal Music Department introduced two new ensembles this year. The WHS Chamber Singers had a very successful fall/winter with performances at Cornerstone Elementary and Edgewood Middle School, as well as the high school's Winter Choir Concert. Second semester featured *We Sing Songs*, our 'show choir/a cappella' group performing at several concerts including the Fine Arts Festival and Cornerstone Elementary. Next year, the Vocal Music Program is adding Women's Chorus back into the curriculum and Miss Patterson is very excited to offer this class for women of all ability levels. During the spring of 2015, the choirs are looking into travel to New York City for their biennial choir trip. Information on this trip will be given when we return to school. The choirs of Wooster City Schools have successfully finished integrating 5th and 6th Grade Singers into Edgewood and we adding new students each year. Everyone is very excited for the 2014-2015 school year!

Choir Year In Review



Private Study

The music department feels very strongly about the importance of private study as an integral part of developing the student's progress on their instrument. The one-on-one relationship available in a private lesson allows for more individual attention than is permitted in a large group rehearsal. Students can concentrate on their own unique playing problems, improving on areas in which they are weak, and progress at their own rate.

This individualized instruction can provide a better chance to master your own instrument, as well as maintain the quality of our program. If interested in private lessons, please see the directors for assistance in locating a qualified teacher.

NOTE: The WHS Music Parents Association has a scholarship fund available to assist with private lesson costs. Ask a music teacher or visit the music department web site for an application.



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 

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| July 7 - 10 Flag/Majorette Camp | July 26 Squad Leader Workshop | July 28-Aug 1 Rookie Band Camp | July 28-Aug 1 Percussion Camp | July 30 Uniform Distribution | August 4-15 Full Band Camp | August 29 First Football Game |
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