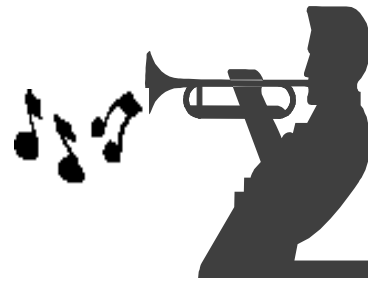


# Waverly Warriors

## Band Boosters News



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## News & Notes From the Band Directors Larzelere: Several Events in Spring

It's hard to believe that another school year is quickly coming to an end. The bands at Waverly High School have enjoyed an extremely successful 2006-2007 season, receiving First Division at all three MSBOA festivals (Marching Band, Concert Band and Symphonic Band). I am extremely proud of our hard-working and dedicated students who made these achievements a reality.

I also wish to thank all of the parents who do so much to support their students and the Waverly Bands. This program would be nothing without your support, time, money, sweat, etc. Please take the time to share with your children how proud you are of them and their efforts.

As we begin the final marking period, the Waverly Bands are preparing not only for a busy spring but also for next year's marching band season. Please read through the following events and mark your calendars accordingly.

### Auditions/Playing Test – April 19-27 – after school @ WHS band room

Students already in Symphonic Band and students wishing to audition for next year's Symphonic must play the required excerpts for their audition. Students auditioning for next year's Concert Band may select their own audition piece. Please sign up for an audition time on Mr. Larzelere's door.

### Showcase Dress Rehearsal – Monday – May 14, 6-8 p.m. @ WHS Aud.

In preparation for our Showcase concert, this mandatory rehearsal is needed to put the final touches on our end-of-the-year concert.

### Showcase Concert - Tuesday, May 15, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. @ WHS Auditorium

The Waverly High School bands perform their annual "Showcase" Concert. Don't miss the final concert of the 2006-2007 for school year. The Showcase concert features the Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and the WHS Warrior Marching Band, in addition to several small group and individual performances.

### Band Banquet – May 21, 2007 -6:30 p.m. - @WHS Cafeteria

See newsletter for details concerning this year's banquet.

### Commencement – June 3, 2007 – 1:00 p.m. @ The MSU Auditorium

Students who will be members of the 2007-2008 Symphonic Band are required to play in the "commencement band" for the graduation ceremony on June 3. That list will be posted in late April after all auditions have been completed.

*David J. Larzelere*

*High School Band Director*

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## Gorbe's Corner

Happy Spring, (although at the time of this writing, it is snowing).

We have a number of events going on at the Middle School to let you in on. By the time you read this, 10 of our Middle School students will have taken part in the MSBOA District 8 Jr. High Honors Band. These students had to make an audition recording back in January, competing against all the best middle school band students from the Lansing and Jackson area, to form two bands that rehearsed on Saturday, April 14, and performed on Sunday, April 15 at Haslett High School.

These students were 7<sup>th</sup> graders Phillip Self, Logan Raterink, Jacob Miller and Joshua Perez, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders John Weston Franke, Kara Politi, Deanna Stickler Gatson, Kavitha Iyengar, Alanna White and Aaron Wade. Congratulations to these students on a job well done!

The following weekend we will be having five of our students take part in spring solo and ensemble. They will be traveling to Hanover-Horton on April 21, and I'm sure will do a wonderful job. The Middle School Jazz Band will have performed (by the time you get this) with the High School Jazz Band and other groups at our yearly Waverly Jazz Night, featuring Sammy Kestenholz as our guest artist. I hope you were there to see one of our biggest concerts of the year, but if not, be sure not to miss Jazz Night next year.

Speaking of big concerts, we have our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands Spring Concert coming up on May 9. This is always a giant performance, with close to 250 students performing that evening, so we again will be performing in the high school gymnasium, with the students seated all at the same time on the gym floor. We will again be using the round setup that we used last year, which seemed to help with overcrowding, enabling us to use both sides of the gym bleachers. More on this as we get closer to the date.

Big congratulations to both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands on their Festival Performances. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade again received a Division 2 rating (like getting a "B"), and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade received straight 1s (like getting an "A"). They both did very well and I am extremely proud of their hard work in preparation of this performance.

I'll have more next time about end-of-year stuff, like our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Cedar Point (set for June 1), and other year-end events. Thank you for supporting your child in music! It makes a difference!

*Dave Gorbe*

*Middle School Band Director*

### **Attention Parents:**

**The next Band Boosters general meeting for parents is 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in the High School Band Room.**

## **Waverly High School Students Compete in State Event**

Congratulations! The following students participated in State Solo and Ensemble on March 23 at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Luke Bunge (9), Sean Feichtenbiner (10), Andrew Gallup (11), Andrew Herrbach (11), Amie Jones (11), Marla Koenigsnecht (9), Peter Koenigsnecht (11), Jordon Mulder (12), Hillary Neff (9), Dave Richter (9), Margot Saxena (11).

## Election of Officers

The Waverly Band Boosters bylaws require an annual election of officers. All officer positions have a one-year term, and each year all offices are open for election. You may vote for one (1) candidate in each office. Write-in candidates are permitted, but only with the candidate's permission. Nominations for officer positions were held at the March general meeting of the Waverly Band Boosters.

We still have several open positions, and volunteering to serve as an officer is a great way to become more involved and support our fine young musicians.

**The ballot of officers for the 2007-2008 Waverly Band Boosters is as follows:**

<b>President:</b>	?	Ken Bergquist
	?	_____
<b>Vice President:</b>	?	Jamie Flanagan
	?	_____
<b>Secretary:</b>	?	Karyn Koenigsknecht
	?	_____
<b>Treasurer:</b>	?	Jacklin Blodgett
	?	_____
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	?	_____
<b>Middle School Representative:</b>	?	Terri Raterink
	?	_____
<b>East Representative:</b>	?	_____
	?	_____
<b>Newsletter/ Publicity:</b>	?	Alan Wright
	?	_____

Please take an active part in the decision-making for your organization and cast your ballot as follows:

Ballots may be mailed by May 1, 2007 to:   Waverly Band Boosters  
   P.O. Box 80982  
   Lansing, MI 48909-0982

Or you can bring your ballot to the general booster meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m. May 8 in the high school band room.

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## Band Banquet

Each year in May the Waverly Band Boosters has been proud to host the Waverly Band Banquet. The annual banquet is our time to recognize our high school band students and all of their fine achievements over the past year.

We know how busy all of our band families are at this time of year and with that in mind, the Waverly Band Boosters has decided to make it easier for you by changing our format. Beginning this year the Band Banquet will no longer be a potluck, but rather it will be a catered event.

We will still be hosting the event in the high school cafeteria, but the food and the table service will be handled by Waverly Food Services. To cover the cost of the event we will be selling tickets to attend. The cost per person for this year will be \$7.00. Accepted payments are cash, check (made payable to Waverly Band Boosters) or you may use your student's band account if they still have funds. You can check your student's fund balance or schedule to have the account used to purchase tickets by sending an email to [studentaccounts@waverlyband.org](mailto:studentaccounts@waverlyband.org).

For the meal we will be serving lasagna, salad, a vegetable, bread, dessert and drinks. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Jazz Night concert and at the spring Showcase Concert. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the high school band room from Mr. Larzelere.

Also, we are asking for parents and students to send in photos from various band events from this past year, or from anytime in the last four years. The photos should be sent to the band room and will be displayed at the banquet. If you want your photos back after the banquet, *please* make sure that they include your name and a phone number on the back of each photo.

Our band banquet committee has been hard at work planning this event and we hope to make it a memorable evening for everyone. We hope that you will join us at 6:30 p.m. on May 21.

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## Band Camp

It's time to start thinking about the annual Waverly High School band camp.

The camp will be held July 30-August 4 at Camp Kimball. The cost will be \$200, with more information coming shortly after school concludes in June. The cost is \$20 more than last year. The extra money covers both snacks at camp (students will not have to bring fruit, granola bars, etc.) and the food served prior to every home football game.

Cathy Pike is the chair of this year's band camp, and she is looking for chaperones for the entire week, as well as both day and overnight volunteers. We will also need workers to help register the band students and fit their uniforms on July 29—the Sunday before departure.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Cathy Pike at [dcpike@comcast.net](mailto:dcpike@comcast.net).

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## Janie's Cookie Dough

The Waverly Band Boosters would like to thank our volunteers for helping out with all of our fund-raising activities over the last several months. A big thank-you goes out to Patty Little for chairing our Janie's Cookie Dough fund-raiser.

This fund-raiser generated over \$1,234.00 for the student accounts and \$497.70 for the Band Booster general fund. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with this event.

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## MSU Concessions

In addition to the cookie dough, we have had a very successful season of working concessions at various events at Michigan State University.

We would especially like to thank Doug Nelson and JoAnn Klein for coordinating the MSU concessions and helping us get all of the volunteers signed up for each event. Our concession sales at the recent NCAA women's basketball tournament resulted in nearly \$1,400.00 in profits for the boosters. This means that our total income from MSU concessions so far this year is over \$2,400.00.

Doug Nelson will no longer be serving as chair for the MSU concessions, and his past efforts are greatly appreciated. Taking over the reins for Doug next year are Ken and Sue Bergquist. Ken and Sue have been working with Doug to learn the ropes and have even offered to help us expand the number of events that we will be working next year and in the future.

In case you haven't volunteered to sell concessions, this is a fun way to help raise funds for the booster program. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with MSU concessions this season.

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## Upcoming Band Events

### May

- 8** - 7 p.m. Executive Board Meeting & 8 p.m. General Meeting at high school
- 9** - 7:30 p.m. 5-8th Grade Concert
- 14** - 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Showcase Dress Rehearsal
- 15** - 7:30 p.m. Showcase Concert
- 21** - 6:30 p.m. High School BAND BANQUET

### June

- 1** - Middle School Cedar Point trip
- 3** - 1:00 p.m. Commencement
- TBD** - 7 p.m. Board Meeting (with new officers)

### July-August

2007 BAND CAMP (July 29 through August 4)

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## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many different ways parents and students can be involved with the Waverly Band Booster program.

The Waverly Band Boosters invites ALL BAND PARENTS to get involved. The Waverly Band Booster organization is open to every parent or guardian of Waverly Community Schools band members at all grade levels. Yes, this means those of you with students at the Middle School and at Waverly East—you are members of the Band Boosters as well. The Waverly Band Boosters is not something you have to JOIN ... it is something you ARE when you have a student in the band!

The purpose of the Band Boosters is to promote overall spirit and increase the organizational efficiency of the Waverly band program by providing administrative support to the band directors, promoting greater participation by the parents in all band activities, bringing about a closer relationship and understanding between all district band programs and the community at large, and by initiating fund-raising activities to provide additional financial support for the Waverly bands.

One of the main functions of the Waverly Band Boosters is to administer the annual budget. The Band Booster budget is \$15,000 per year, and since we get little funding from the school for our operating expenses, that \$15,000 must be raised by our organization. It is critical that every student get involved with the fund-raising activities that are planned. Of the money raised by these fund-raisers, only a portion goes directly into the Band Boosters budget. Other fund-raising monies are paid to the Waverly Band Activity Fund, which administers the individual student band accounts to help students pay for expenses associated with their participation in the band program. Please help your student support these fund-raisers.

The Boosters work throughout the year to raise money to provide the things essential to the bands that are not provided by the school. Some of the accomplishments of the Waverly Band Boosters are: capital campaigns for new uniforms, the most recent which raised nearly \$40,000 through fund-raising and donations to cover the new uniforms, which will be unveiled at the Showcase Concert. The Band Boosters also provides funds for the purchase of instruments; and additional instructors and clinicians to help students improve their music skills. Other accomplishments include providing chaperones for band camp and transportation expenses associated with the bands' participation in various events and competitions.

All of this does not just happen on its own. Making it happen is what the Waverly Band Boosters does, and we cannot do it without the help of our Booster officers and all of our volunteers.

We have a number of great activities planned for the next year that can use additional volunteers. Even if you have a student at East or at the Middle School, it is never too early to begin working on fund raising for future expenses. After all, four years of band camp and the trip to Florida alone will likely cost in excess of \$1,500 per student. You can make a big dent in these costs through fund-raising and volunteering.

We are currently looking for volunteers for the following:

**Band Camp Chaperones** – a lot of fun and a great way to get acquainted with other parents and the students. You don't have to volunteer for the entire week. You can volunteer to work for a few hours or a day or two. Think of it as a mini-vacation, meals included. You can contact Cathy Pike, our 2007 Band Camp Chair, to volunteer. We are also looking for someone to haul the trailer for band camp and for several other events throughout the year.

**Uniforms** – Kathy Nuss has graciously volunteered to again chair our uniform committee. This committee is responsible for making sure that all of our uniforms are fitted to the students and that we look our best for performances. Every event that we are in uniform requires a number of parent volunteers to assist with getting the right student in the right uniform. This requires some time at the beginning of the event and at the end of the event. Volunteer for a single event or volunteer for the season.

**Apple Pie Day** – It was with a great sigh of relief that Karen Shippy has again volunteered to chair our Apple Pie fund-raiser. This event literally requires hundreds of volunteers to make it happen and culminates on Apple Pie Day in October. Volunteers are needed to help make several thousand pies in just a matter of a few hours. This can be a great opportunity to get the whole family involved.

**Janie's Cookie Dough** – Patty Little will be our Cookie Dough fund-raiser chair for one more year. Her daughter will be graduating in 2008, so we will be looking for a new chair for 2009. It would be great to have a co-chair for this year so that we will have someone trained to take over the following year. Volunteers are needed to assist with sorting of the cookie dough when it is shipped to us and in coordinating the orders. The cookie dough fund-raiser usually occurs in February and March.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – This is a great position to assist our committee chairs with finding helpers for almost any activity. This position entails putting together a call list of phone numbers and e-mails, and from that list confirming volunteers for different events, including MSU concessions. JoAnn Klein is our current volunteer coordinator, but could really use some help and would like to begin training someone to take over for her.

**High School Banquet Chair** – This position is responsible for making arrangements for the end-of-year banquet and for coordinating volunteers for the event. With the recent changes we have made to the banquet, the time commitment for this position should be much less than in previous years.

**MSU Concessions** – Ken and Sue Bergquist have agreed to chair this committee for the 2007-08 season. This position requires approximately 15-20 volunteers for each event and begins in the fall with MSU football concessions. We also have worked a number of MSU women's basketball games and other special events throughout the year. Volunteering for concessions is a great way to be a part of all of the excitement that goes along with MSU sports.

It is vital that parents remember that a large portion of the annual budget for the band boosters is derived from the events listed above. Volunteering not only benefits your student, but the band programs in general. The future success of the band program at Waverly relies on the commitment of our parent and student volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for one of these events, you can contact the committee chair directly or you can send us an e-mail at [volunteers@waverlyband.org](mailto:volunteers@waverlyband.org)

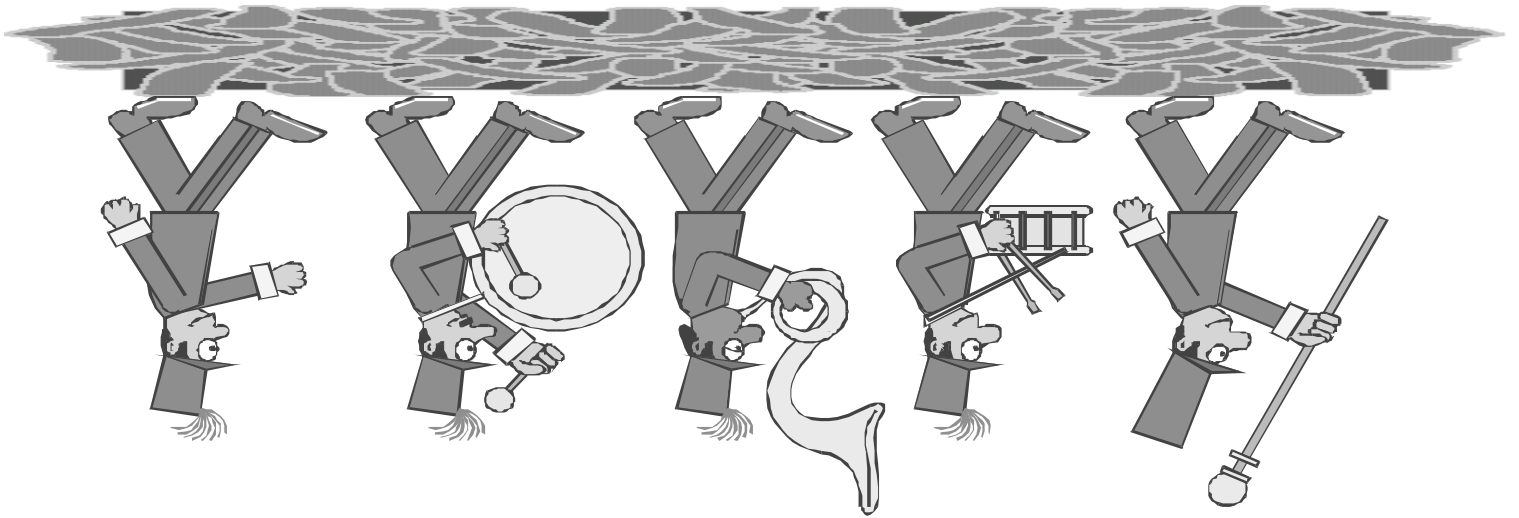
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