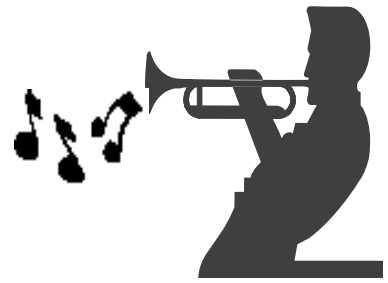


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Band Boosters News



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News & Notes From the Band Directors

Larzelere Welcome

Allow me to begin by welcoming everyone back for another rigorous and thrilling school year. As usual, the Waverly Bands are staying very busy with practice, rehearsal, and performance. I'm happy to report that the Waverly Bands are off to a great start with almost 400 students and families in the Waverly Community Schools enrolled in band in grades 5-12.

If you are new to the Waverly Bands, this newsletter is intended to keep you informed on the latest news and events occurring within our organization. Please take the time to sit down as a family and go over all that it has to offer.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate you on deciding to either join the Waverly Bands this year or on continuing your quest in the study of a musical instrument. The study of music is an essential part of a child's education and to American culture as a whole. The Arts encourage learning as a process of discovery and mastery. Students of music learn craftsmanship as they study how details are put together painstakingly and what constitutes good, as opposed to mediocre, work. These standards, when applied to a student's own work, demand a new level of excellence and require students to stretch their inner resources.

Music study develops skills that are necessary in the workplace. It focuses on "doing," as opposed to observing, and teaches students how to perform, literally, anywhere in the world. Employers are looking for multi-dimensional workers with the sort of flexible and supple intellects that music education helps to create. Studying music has been found to boost brain function, increase standardized test scores, and teach students to better communicate and cooperate with one another. But you do not have to take my word for it...

- In a 2000 survey, 73 percent of respondents agree that teens who play an instrument are less likely to have discipline problems. - Americans Love Making Music – And Value Music Education More Highly Than Ever, American Music Conference, 2000.
- Students who can perform complex rhythms can also make faster and more precise corrections in many academic and physical situations, according to the Center for Timing, Coordination, and Motor Skills. - Rhythm seen as key to music's evolutionary role in human intellectual development, Center for Timing, Coordination, and Motor Skills, 2000.
- A 10-year study indicates that students who study music achieve higher test scores, regardless of socioeconomic background. - Dr. James Catterall, UCLA.

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- Students who are rhythmically skilled also tend to better plan, sequence, and coordinate actions in their daily lives. - "Cassily Column," TCAMS Professional Resource Center, 2000.
- In a 1999 Columbia University study, students in the arts are found to be more cooperative with teachers and peers, more self-confident, and better able to express their ideas. These benefits exist across socioeconomic levels. - The Arts Education Partnership, 1999.
- College admissions officers continue to cite participation in music as an important factor in making admissions decisions. They claim that music participation demonstrates time management, creativity, expression, and open-mindedness. - Carl Hartman, "Arts May Improve Students' Grades," The Associated Press, October, 1999.
- Research made between music and intelligence concluded that music training is far greater than computer instruction in improving children's abstract reasoning skills. - Shaw, Rauscher, Levine, Wright, Dennis and Newcomb, "Music training causes long-term enhancement of preschool children's spatial-temporal reasoning," Neurological Research, vol. 19, February 1997.

David J. Larzelere

High School Band Director

Gorbe's Corner

Well, the year is off and running. Usually at the beginning of the year, I feel like I am hitting the ground running, but with the later start this year, I feel like I am hitting the ground sprinting and stumbling. Things are starting to smooth out, though.

The Middle School (7th and 8th grade) students all have their books now. If you did not purchase the books on your own, I ordered and gave books to your student. Please be sure to send in a check made out to the **Waverly Band Boosters** for \$5.95 (\$9.95 for percussion) for the **Foundations for Superior Performance** book, and \$3.95 for the **Master Theory** book (\$9.90 total, \$13.90 for percussion). Also, remember that shirts need to be ordered for those students who do not have the Band Polo (\$15.00 check payable to the Waverly Band Boosters.)

Hopefully you will receive this before homecoming, when the **8th grade band** will be marching in the homecoming parade and performing with the **High School Marching Band** during the pregame show. Please be sure to come out and support our bands as well as our football team.

There will most likely be a change in our performance calendar for **Band Festival** in March. It seems the weekend that Festival takes place is the same time as the 8th grade Science trip to Florida. I'll give you more information as I figure out exactly what we will be doing.

Our **Fall Concert** will be the first performance opportunity for the **6th and 7th grade bands** and the second for the **8th grade band** this year. We will also have the **High School Marching Band** wrap up the concert, as usual. This will take place **7:30 p.m. October 25** at in the **High School Auditorium**.

Speaking of the **6th grade band**, things are rolling along at **Waverly East** with the 6th grade working on their music for the fall concert and the **5th grade band** just starting out with their instruments. Many of you were unable to get the books at Marshall Music for these classes because they were on back-order, so we will be ordering them for the students and having parents reimburse us for them. The **Do It!** books will be \$6.95 and the **Master Theory** books will be \$3.95. You can send in a check made out to the **Waverly Band Boosters** if you need to purchase one or both of the books.

The **5th grade band** schedule has changed, so be sure to mark your calendars. The **5th grade Informance** has been changed to **7:30 p.m. November 14** (from November 15) in the **Waverly East gymnasium** for the brass and the **Waverly East cafetorium** for the woodwinds.

Thanks for supporting your student in music.

Dave Gorbe

Middle School Band Director

Attention Parents:
The Band Boosters general meeting for parents is 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, in the high school band room.

Got Cookies?

The dates are set with Janies Cookie Dough Company for the Band Boosters upcoming sale. The sales begins on February 14, 2007 and orders are due March 2, 2007. The pickup date for the orders is March 20, 2007. Remember that for each item sold your student will earn \$2.00 in their band account.

Cookie Dough \$7 per tub
Brownie Batter \$7 per tub
Carmel Corn \$5 per bag

For more information please visit the Band Boosters website at www.waverlyband.org



Upcoming Band Events

September

- 20 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal
- 23 - MSU Football Concession (Notre Dame)
- 25 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal
- 27 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal
- 29 - 3:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Home Football Game (Jackson NW)(Dish to pass: grades 9 & 12)
- 30 - MSU Football Concession (Illinois)(Homecoming)

October

- 2 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal (tentative)
- 4 - Grand Ledge Invitational
- 9 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal
- 13 - 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Home Football Game (Mason)(Sr. Night)(Dish to pass: grades 10 & 11)
- 14 - MSU Football Concession (Ohio State)
- 14 - MSBOA Marching Band Festival (uniforms & chaperones)
- 21 - Apple Pie Day
- 25 - 7:30 p.m. MS Band Concert (Marching Band only)

November

- 1 - 7:30 p.m. Fall High School Concert (Reception cookies: grades 9 & 12)
- 4 - MSU Football Concession (Purdue)
- 11 - MSU Football Concession (Minnesota)
- 14 - 8 p.m. General Band Boosters Meeting at Waverly High School
- 14 - 7:30 p.m. 5th Grade "Informance" at Waverly East
- 18 - MSBOA MS Solo/Ensemble

December

- 1-10 - Christmas Tree Lot
- 12 - 7:30 p.m. Middle School Winter Concert (Reception cookies: grade 8)
- 15 - 5-7 p.m. Gordon Food Service fund raiser pick-up (at GFS on W. Saginaw)
- 18 - 7:30 p.m. High School Winter Concert (Reception: grades 10 & 11)

Visit Our Site on the Web!

Do you want the latest and greatest information about the Waverly Band program? Then remember to visit the Waverly Band website at www.waverlyband.org.

We are continuing to add new information almost daily. New on the website this month includes information on the upcoming Apple Pie sale, the Christmas Tree and Wreath sale, and our Janie's Cookie Dough fund-raiser.

You can also see pictures from the bands' performances and band camp, and of course you can view the band calendar with all the dates and times for our upcoming events.

The Band Boosters also hope that in the near future we will be able to discontinue mailing you this newsletter, and instead you will help us to save money by using the website as your source of information. Since we know that not everyone has access to the web, we will continue to print a few copies of the newsletter that will be available in the band rooms at Waverly East, the Middle School and the High School. We are also looking into adding to the website by adding an e-mail service that will send you reminders directly to your home e-mail account.

Concert Refreshments

Shirley Allred is once again volunteering to chair the concert reception committee that is responsible for the serving of refreshments after all of our concerts. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and with serving.

It always helps if we have band parents who are not attending the concert for their own students to help out at the other schools. That way our parents can be there for every note and crescendo of their own students on stage. If you would like to help, please contact Shirley at 702-1216. Thank you.

Give to the Band Boosters at Work Through the United Way!



The Capital Area United Way supports the Waverly Band Boosters. Please consider using this option to support the Band Boosters. We are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service. Check with your employer for details on how to begin using this convenient option.

Band Boosters Aren't Just for High School, Y'know?

Did you know that the Band Boosters are not just for the High School students?

That's right. The Waverly Band Boosters provides opportunities at all levels for you to get involved. From private lesson reimbursement to concert receptions, to volunteer opportunities and many different fund-raisers, there is bound to be somewhere for you to fit into our organization.

What is the best way to find out about the Band Booster? Attend one of our general meetings, of course. The next general meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. November 14 in the high school band room. It is never too early to start earning money in your student's band account to help pay for future expenses.

Also, if you are participating in the private lesson reimbursement, it is required that you attend at least 2 general meetings of the band boosters each year. So come on, be part of the fun and actively participate with the band booster program. I know you'll be glad that you did.

We Need YOUR Help!

The Waverly Band Boosters is constantly on the lookout for volunteers to help out in the dozens of opportunities to support our band activities. The Waverly Band Boosters is a free, all-volunteer, organization dedicated to supporting our students in their band activities. We are always looking for volunteers for everything from bus chaperones on band trips to helping out with fitting uniforms, to helping with fund-raisers, etc., etc., etc.

This is where you come in. You can make a big difference by giving just a small amount of your time to one or more of these or many other activities supported by the Waverly Band Boosters.

The Waverly Band Boosters is an equal opportunity volunteer organization. That means that we can use parents, grandparents, family members and friends to help out behind the scenes and/or at events. With each person helping, the amount of work any one person needs to do is reduced and makes the experience enjoyable for all.

Volunteering also is a way to find out more about the Waverly Band program from a parent's perspective from other parents! You also get the opportunity to meet our wonderful band kids and find out just how hard they work all year long to make their performances something to remember!

Want to help out? Fill out the volunteer form in this newsletter!

Waverly Alumni will Host Tailgate Celebration!

Park your car early for the homecoming parade and stay for a tailgate dinner! The Waverly Alumni Association is sponsoring a tailgate on September 29 after the homecoming parade and before the football game. The tailgate goes from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and costs \$5, with proceeds supporting scholarships for Waverly seniors.

The Alumni Association will be serving pizza, a pasta cup, pop, water and cookies. Tickets are available at the tailgate, but advanced ticket sales are preferred. Look for the Alumni Association tent at the north end of the football field entrance.

Contact Band Boosters Vice President Jamie Flanagan (327-9569) for tickets.

14th Annual Waverly Bands Apple Pie Fund Raiser



Volunteers Needed!!!!
Event Date: October 21, 2006
Location: Waverly High School Cafeteria

Shifts:

6:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	2:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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In 2005 over 2,400 pies were made. This is the Waverly Bands largest fund-raiser. In order to make this event a success we need hundreds of volunteers. Please volunteer by completing the volunteer form located in this newsletter, on the Waverly Band Booster website www.waverlyband.org, or by contacting Karen Shippy at 323-9704. Volunteers will be contacted through e-mail or phone call to confirm shift and number of volunteers. Duties will be assigned on day of event.

NOTE: Any student selling apple pies MUST volunteer for at least one shift. Students in grades 5 & 6 must be accompanied by a parent.

Other Items of Interest

- **Meijer Rewards:** You can earn up to 2% cash back for both your student's account and the Waverly band when you shop at Meijer and use a Meijer Guest Card. When filling out a form for a card, please use code # **944269**. **You can fill out the form online at Meijer.com**
- **Private Lesson Reimbursement:** Parents need to attend at least one general band meeting and participate in one fund-raiser in either the fall or spring to qualify. Forms can be located at the band web site, www.waverlyband.org.
- **General Meeting:** The second Band Booster general membership meeting is 8 p.m. November 14 in the high school band room.

Waverly Band Boosters 2006 - 2007 Volunteer Opportunities

Name _____ Phone _____

Alternate Phone (Cell/Work) _____

Please mark each event that you can help with. You will be called to confirm the date, time and location prior to the event.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sept. 29 | Waverly Home Football Game | Jackson Northwest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sept. 30 | MSU Football Concession | Illinois (Homecoming) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 13 | Waverly Home Football Game | Mason (Senior Night) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 14 | MSU Football Concession | Ohio State |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 4 | MSU Football Concession | Purdue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 11 | MSU Football Concession | Minnesota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 4 | Grand Ledge Invitational | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 14 | MSBOA Marching Band Festival | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 21 | Apple Pie Making Day | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 1 | Fall High School Concert Reception | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 14 | 5 th Grade "Informance" | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 18 | MSBOA Middle School Solo/Ensemble | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 1-10 | Christmas Tree Lot | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 12 | Middle School Winter Concert | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 18 | High School Winter Concert | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TBA (Jan) | GFS A La Carte (trip years only?) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 14-Mar. 2 | Janie's Cookie Dough | |

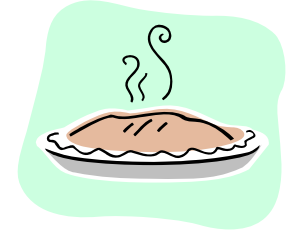
Please return this form to any Band Booster Board member or mail it to:

Waverly Band Boosters
P.O. Box 80982
Lansing, MI 48908-0982

Or you can send an e-mail to volunteers@waverlyband.org and let us know what events you would like to volunteer for.



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Location: Waverly High School Cafeteria

In 2005 over 2,400 pies were made. In order to make this event a success we need hundreds of volunteers. Please volunteer by completing the form below and mailing it (address is listed on the back) before October 21, 2006. Volunteers will be contacted through e-mail or phone call to confirm shift and number of volunteers. Duties will be assigned on day of event.

NOTE: Any student selling apple pies **MUST** volunteer for at least one shift. Students in grades 5 & 6 must be accompanied by a parent.

Volunteer Form

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Parent Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Volunteer Sign-Up for Saturday, October 21, 2006				
Volunteer Name	Student or Adult (if student please list grade)	Shift 1 6:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Shift 2 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Shift 3 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

I can supervise a work station: Name: _____ Shift: _____

Please return completed form before **October 21, 2006**.
 To return, just tear out page, fold and staple, and add stamp. Address is on other side.
 Thank you!

Place
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Here

Waverly Band Boosters
Apple Pie Fund-raiser
P.O. Box 80982
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Apple Pie Order Form

Sale Dates: September 11 – 29, 2006

Pick-up Date: October 21, 2006

Cost: \$7.50 each

Checks made payable to Waverly Band Boosters

Student Copy

Please complete all the information below. **Pick-up date: October 21, 2006.** Indicate below preferred pick-up time. Pick-up time will be confirmed through e-mail or phone call.

Customer Name:	Address:
E-mail:	Phone:
Number of Pies Ordered:	Amount Paid (\$7.50 each):
Student Name:	Pick-up Time Preference (number 1-3): 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. ____ 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ____ 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. ____

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