



# *Waverly Warriors*

## **Band Boosters News**



September 2008

**GO WARRIORS GO!**

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## **Greetings from the Band Directors**

### **Larzelere Welcome**

I hope that your summer vacation was relaxing, restful and most of all, memorable. The 2008 Waverly High School Marching Band Camp, which was held from July 27 - August 2 at YMCA's Kimball Camp was a huge success! We had great weather and our students displayed a great deal of focus and hard work throughout the week. The 100 member Warrior Marching Band is off to a great start with their 2008 show, *The Best of "The Doors"*. As usual, the Waverly Bands are staying very busy with practice, rehearsal, and performance. Please use this newsletter to get yourself prepared and up to date for our first few performances and fundraising opportunities.

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 want to personally thank Alan and Carolyn Wright and the crew of parents who were so helpful during our annual marching band camp. These dedicated volunteers gave their own personal/vacation time to help this terrific organization - you are awesome! Your dedication is an inspiration to us all.

Special thanks go out to our uniform chair, Kathy Nuss. Kathy and her dedicated crew of volunteers put in countless hours of work this summer organizing and fixing our beautiful uniforms for the upcoming school year. Without their tireless efforts, this organization would not survive - Thank you!

- **WEBSITE** - The address is: [www.waverlyband.org](http://www.waverlyband.org) (no s after band) this site is very user friendly and contains the latest news with the Waverly Band Program, all the useful forms needed to participate in all bands, contact information, and the year's calendar. Please update your bookmark and visit this site a couple of times a week.
- **NO TRIP** - For the first time in three years, the band is not traveling this year. While this may be a disappointment to some, it should bring some welcome relief to your pocket book - or at least your band account. Please use this year's fund raising opportunities to prepare for next year's band camp (\$200) and the tentatively scheduled trip to Disney World (\$700) in the spring of 2010!

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Upcoming performances, rehearsals, and activities are as follows:

Wednesday, September 3	MB Rehearsal	6-9 PM
<b>Friday, September 5</b>	<b>Wavopaboza! WHS vs. Mason</b>	<b>4:00 PM call</b>
Wednesday, September 10	MB Rehearsal	6-9 PM
Wednesday, September 17	MB Rehearsal	6-9 PM
<b>Friday, September 19</b>	<b>WHS vs. Okemos</b>	<b>5:00 PM call</b>
Wednesday, September 24	MB Rehearsal	6-8 PM
<b>Friday, September 26</b>	<b>WHS vs. St Johns</b>	<b>5:00 PM call</b>
Monday, September 29	MB Rehearsal	6-8 PM
<b>Wednesday, October 1</b>	<b>Grand Ledge Exhibition</b>	<b>4:00-10:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, October 3</b>	<b>WHS vs. Jackson NW</b>	<b>5:00 PM call</b>
Wednesday, October 8	MB Rehearsal	6-8 PM
<b>Friday, October 10</b>	<b>WHS vs. Flint Academy</b>	<b>5:00 PM call</b>
Wednesday, October 15	MB Rehearsal	6-8 PM
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>	<b>MSBOA Marching Band Festival</b>	<b>TBA (afternoon/evening)</b>
Saturday, October 25	Apple Pie Day	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Wednesday, October 29	ExtravaBANDza! (MB performs)	6:30 PM call
<b>Wednesday, November 12</b>	<b>HS Fall Band Concert (7:30 PM)</b>	<b>6:45 PM call</b>

Best wishes,

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## Gorbe's Corner

I was dropping my daughter off at the YMCA this week for a dance day camp and noticed an exasperated look on the face of one of the ladies at the desk. She noticed that I saw her, and told me she couldn't wait until school started. When I told her I was a teacher, she said I probably thought the opposite. The truth is I love new beginnings. With the impending new beginning, we thought it helpful to parents to let them know ahead of time what will be needed in terms of equipment and books for the year.

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Please make sure your student's instrument is in good working order before school starts. I know some of them haven't been touched since school let out (a higher number than I want to admit) so there are probably some stuck valves and leaky keys out there that will make getting back into playing frustrating for some students. Also, be sure that they have all the necessary maintenance materials, such as valve oil, slide cream, extra reeds, and cleaning supplies. This will make later repairs much less frequent.

When buying reeds, be sure that the hardness is appropriate for the age of the player. A beginner (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will be using a 2 ½ or so (medium soft) while more experienced players should be on a 3 or 3 ½ (medium). Avoid 2 or 1 ½ since these are too soft and will not produce good tone.

**Percussionists** should have their own sticks and mallets. First year percussionists, no matter what grade, will be playing bells for the whole year, and should have their own bell set. A complete percussion beginning set, that also includes a stand and a snare drum practice pad with all appropriate sticks and mallets, can be rented or purchased at most of the musical instrument dealers in the area. Once students have played bells for a year, they then will need a set of their own sticks and mallets and a stick bag. The snare sticks should be SD1 or SD2 Generals, and bell mallets can be medium hardness of any type. Middle school students also need a pair of timpani mallets (felt head, nothing expensive please) and a set of yarn mallets for other purposes. Marshall Music sells a stick bag complete with all the necessary sticks (Vic Firth EP2) for \$75.90. I have also seen them online for less at places like [musiciansfriend.com](http://musiciansfriend.com) and [music123.com](http://music123.com).

**All 5-8 students** will again be using **workbooks** this year. Parents will be responsible for providing these. They are available at Marshall Music as well as online from numerous sources for \$3.95 (or less on Amazon.com). 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will use Master Theory Book 1: Beginning Theory Lessons 1-30 and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will use Master Theory Book 2: Intermediate Theory Lessons 31-60. Both books are by Charles S. Peters and Paul Yoder and are published by Neil A. Kjos Music Company. You may also want to purchase them a workbook called "Note Speller" by Fred Weber. These are instrument specific, so make sure you get the right book for their instrument. They are listed at \$6.95. We will be using various pages for all of the grades 5-8 and will be giving them copies, but having their own book will make it easier for them to keep track of the assignments, and give them a handy reference for later.

**5<sup>TH</sup> and 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** method books will be **Do It!** Book One by James O. Froseth and Published by GIA Publications. The price on this is \$7.95, but does include a CD.

**7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** method books will again be **Foundations For Superior Performance Warm-Ups & Technique for Band** by Richard Williams & Jeff King, published by Neil A. Kjos Music Company. This book will also be used in HS, so once you buy it for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade; you will be set for a long time.

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Also, please be sure to fill out the information sheets that we hand out at the beginning of the school year to be certain that we have an email address for everyone, so you can receive our booster newsletters. This saves us quite a bit of money by not having to print as many and makes for quicker communication with all of you. If email is not available to you, we will be happy to mail you one as long as you let us know where you would like it to be sent.

I hope this helps prepare you for the school year. We are looking forward to another great year of music, and are looking forward to having you with us!!

*David Gorbe,  
Waverly East and Middle School Band Director*

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### **Notes from our new Booster President – September 2008**

It's another big year for the Waverly Bands! We've already had an outstanding High School Marching Band Camp, where 96 students learned the entire pre-game and most of the half time show. These great kids continued to work Wednesday evenings through the rest of the summer to finish learning and fine tune the shows. Their hard work and dedication shows.

It will be a busy fall at East and the Middle School as well, with all the new and returning students moving into new classes, different buildings, and continuing to grow as musicians. It's an exciting time for the Waverly Bands!

As a Band Parent, you are automatically a member of the Waverly Band Boosters. The Boosters' purpose is to advance the band program at all levels. We do a lot of this just by volunteering, such as passing out water to the Marching Band at games, assisting with uniform checkouts and alterations, chaperoning trips, etc. But a large amount of what we do for all of the Bands takes money, and therefore, depends on fundraising and donations. For example, we purchase needed supplies and equipment for the band rooms, we stock band polos for the Middle School and High School, and purchase needed supplies to keep the program running.

Our largest and most popular fundraiser is just around the corner, the annual Apple Pie Sale. I hope all of our band families can participate. Sure, it's our biggest source of funding, but it's also a heck of a lot of fun! It's a real sense of accomplishment to make over 2,000 pies in a day. They are easy to sell, because they are FANTASTIC! As with all of our fundraisers, the pies your student sells help not only the bands in general, but also deposits money into his or her individual student account. Money from this account can be used to pay for trips, such as the Middle School trip to Cedar Point or next year's High School trip to Disney World, or even your band camp fees. This is a great way to pay for these rewarding and enriching experiences for your child. My daughter started adding to her account in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and we hope to be able to pay her entire Disney Trip next year using her account – it pays to start participating in the fundraisers early!

Also this fall, the Boosters will again be running a concession stand at all home MSU Football games. We still have lots of openings for workers, and again, participation in this fundraiser deposits money directly into your student account. See the volunteer form later in the newsletter for dates.

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The Band Boosters is your organization. All our meetings are held in the High School Band room and we do our very best to keep them to an hour or less. (See the calendar later in this newsletter). We know everyone has a busy schedule, but we hope you will come out and help us make this year the best ever for the Waverly Bands.

Alan Wright  
President

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## **Band Camp Notes!**

It was an amazing week at Band Camp this year! The weather was good, even cooling down enough at night to sleep. The kids worked really hard and managed to learn even more than Mr. Larzelere had planned. The week would not have been possible at all without tons of help.

Thank you to: Jackie Blodgett, Sean Kottke, Jim Annis – our all week volunteers, Missy Reed, Brian Niznak, Mary Leahey, Helen Hart, Dan Southwell, Phillip Franke, Karen and Mark Shippy, Claudia Martin, Kathy and Steve Nuss, Terri Raterink, Rene Patterson, and Bruce Wade - our overnights. Thank you Tonya and Matt Schelter; Marsha Chapman; Laura Politti; Laurel and Diana Thompson; Trisha, Scott, and Jake Harrell; and Beth D’Mello, our daytime volunteers. Jamie and Andy Flanagan, Taher Sadry, and Rob Forgrave – the Senior Night overnights. Cyndi Wetzel – for pulling the trailer down and back, and everyone who pitched in with uniforms and registration.

The great thing about Band families is that they just show up and help. Like Peter Koenigsknecht who pitched in loading the trailer, all the parents who grabbed suitcases and loaded the buses (and their own cars when space ran out). Beth D’Mello came down and bought 400 cookies and 4 watermelons to donate for our Friday snack (and some goodies for the chaperones too). Dan Southwell and Helen Hart not only took great care of the kids needing some first aid, but also bought us some supplies that were lacking in our first aid kit, and Brian Niznak, who drove all the way to Indiana so we could have those wonderful medals (sorry Brian, couldn’t resist).

Thank you to our lunch servers – who brought coolers and cleaned up the mess when we left, thanks to the Waverly janitorial staff and to Linda Vanier for loaning us the very popular “slushie” machine. Thanks to Jackie Blodgett for keeping the machine filled with slushies the whole week. Thanks to the Kimball Camp staff for cleaning the bathrooms 3 times a day, bringing buckets and buckets of ice water, helping DJ the dance, and running the rock climbing wall and high ropes course, and inspiring a new verse about curly fries in Mr. Gorbe’s campfire song.

Speaking of the dance, thank you to Emily Davis and Caroline Thompson for leading the line dances – who knew Mr. Horn could “Macarena” like that? And thanks to Mr. Gorbe for providing “Rock Band.” Thank you Cathy Pike, your advice really helped. And for the best meal of band camp, thank you Jersey Giant – for catering our going away meal. And to Chris Pike, our games master – the scavenger hunt and band Olympics were great!

And lastly, thank you to the students. This week was all about the students, and we had a great bunch of kids to make it all worth it. Thanks for sticking to the 30 pound limit. When we found out very late that the scaffolding had to ride down in the trailer, we were very grateful that you all followed the rules and allowed us to transport most of your luggage in the buses. Without the limit, we’d have been sunk.

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To the class of 2009 – we have NEVER seen the lodge and field done up so well. Your “Senior Prank” was artistic, funny, completely-non destructive and even “green.” Band Camp is a lot of hard work, a lot of fun (for the students and adults) and most of all, incredibly rewarding.

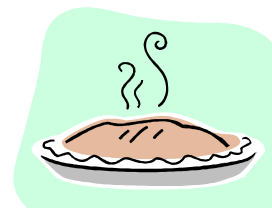
Thanks for a great week!

Alan and Carolynn Wright  
Band Camp Chairs

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## Waverly Bands Apple Pies



### 2008 Important Dates

**Sale dates: September 8<sup>th</sup> – October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Event Date: October 24<sup>th</sup> (set-up 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> (pie day, shifts TBD)**

**Pie Pick-up Date: October 25<sup>th</sup> (times TBD)**

**Location: Waverly High School Cafeteria**

**Order forms will be distributed to the students on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check the Waverly Band Website at [www.waverlyband.org](http://www.waverlyband.org) for more information.**

## APPLE PIE RULES

**ALL ORDER FORMS MUST BE COMPLETE** – It is important that student information, contact information and customer information is complete. Please use actual customer names, not Mom, Grandpa, Ms. Smith, etc. Incomplete order forms will be returned to students.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDER** – No exceptions; money must accompany orders. Orders received without full payment will be returned to the student.

**YOU SELL A PIE, YOU MAKE A PIE** – Any student selling pies is required to work at least one shift on apple pie day. Waverly East Students must be accompanied by a parent.

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**STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PIES** – It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all the pies that they sold are picked-up on Apple Pie Day. It is very difficult to transport and store unclaimed pies. One contact will be made to the **student** of any unclaimed pies for pick-up on Apple Pie Day (usually between 6-7 p.m.).

**UNCLAIMED PIES WILL BE FORFIETED** – Please make sure that your customers pick-up their pies on Apple Pie Day; unclaimed pies will be donated to area food banks.

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Fellow Band Parents,

I write this newsletter item out of my concern about the lack of volunteers for band related activities. Granted, we do have some very willing, dedicated workers but they are a small representation of the band program we have at Waverly.

Just recently I finished reading a story about a small Indiana community high school marching band; The Concord Marching Minutemen. Their band of 240 members has won more than one state championship plus many other awards over the years. It was stated clearly that without the full support of the parents their band could not have risen to such heights. All Concord Band parents believe that "the band kids are their kids". I was really inspired with their story. If nothing else it made me feel even better about what I do for our marching band.

As we start the 2008-2009 band year, think about what the band gives our kids: discipline, confidence in performing, and great comradery. Now, think of where you can help. There are many opportunities: uniforms, concession stand, apple pies, chaperoning, game day meals and water breaks.

I love this band and I love being a part of the work involved. Please join our parent team and find the places where you can help support our directors and students. We want to grow and continue to be a winning band. We cannot do that without each of you. Thank you for hearing me out. We look forward to seeing your participation.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Nuss  
Waverly Band Uniform Chair

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## **Ink Cartridge Recycling!**



Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Jim Annis, we are once again collecting used ink cartridges for recycling. Mr. Annis has found a new source that will pay for each cartridge we turn in. Please send in your used cartridges to the Band rooms for collection.

Each year, over 600 million ink cartridges are consumed in the United States. A small fraction of empty ink cartridges are recycled, but many more end up in landfills. Leaking ink from used cartridges can pollute the environment, and the plastic they're made of will take many generations to decompose. Up to three quarts of oil are needed to produce a single printer cartridge. (earthtonesolutions.com)

## ***Help The Band – Lend A Hand!***

Interested in contributing to the success of Waverly Bands? Well, here is an opportunity for you to do so! Helping our Band is a great way to get to know the students and their parents. Volunteers are critical to the success of our Band Program and participating in the activities is GREAT FUN!!

Please indicate below which volunteer opportunities you would be interested in. You can give your completed form to one of the Band Directors, mail it to our post office address listed on the first page of this newsletter or bring it with you to one of our many events. Marking an opportunity does not commit you to the event; it just lets us know you are interested in helping.

- Band Uniform Fittings/Storage: Before each home football game, we have to assist the students in getting their uniforms on correctly. After the game, we have to insure the uniforms are put away properly.

September 5, 2008

\_\_\_ Before the game

\_\_\_ After the game

September 19, 2008

\_\_\_ Before the game

\_\_\_ After the game

September 26, 2008

\_\_\_ Before the game

\_\_\_ After the game

October 3, 2008

\_\_\_ Before the game

\_\_\_ After the game

October 10, 2008

\_\_\_ Before the game

\_\_\_ After the game

- Food Assistance: Before each home football game we set up food for the kids and clean up after they are done eating.

\_\_\_ September 5, 2008

\_\_\_ September 19, 2008

\_\_\_ September 26, 2008

\_\_\_ October 3, 2008

\_\_\_ October 10, 2008

We also need volunteers to help with our concession stand at every MSU home football game.

\_\_\_ September 6, 2008

\_\_\_ September 13, 2008

\_\_\_ September 27, 2008

\_\_\_ October 4, 2008

\_\_\_ November 1, 2008

\_\_\_ November 22, 2008

Volunteer Info (Please include the names of all volunteers and a phone number we can contact you at):

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*There are many more volunteer opportunities throughout the entire year, not just during school.*

*Please check our web site often to sign up – [WWW.Waverlyband.org](http://www.Waverlyband.org) .*

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### **Check Your Student Account Balance on the Web!**

Remember, you can check your Student Account Balance ANYTIME on the Band Web Site, <http://www.waverlyband.org>

You will need your student account number. Don't know it? Send an e-mail to [StudentAccounts@waverlyband.org](mailto:StudentAccounts@waverlyband.org), include your student's full name and grade.

Be sure to check the web site, <http://www.waverlyband.org> for updates to the Calendar



### **NEW – Concert Audio on the WEB**

Waverly has started a concert podcast site - see the link in our Sites and Sounds page. Included is the February MS Band Concert with more to come!

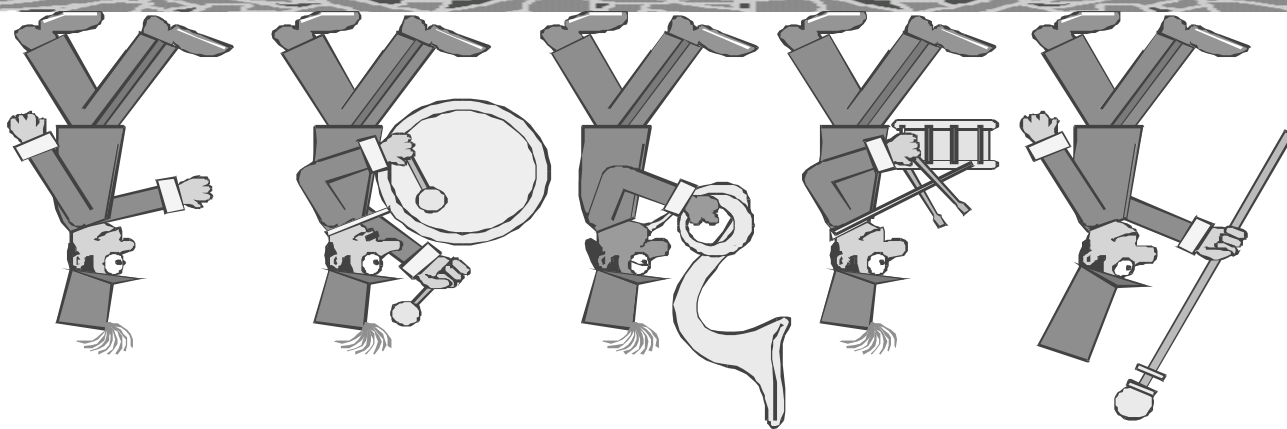
### **Marching Band Uniform Pillows**

The Marching Band Uniform Pillows are still available. We still have more of the old uniforms that can be made into pillows. You can still pre-order a pillow if you want to be sure to get one this fall. Forms are available on the Band web site, <http://www.waverlyband.org>



**Parents and students: remember to check our web site often to volunteer for upcoming events!!**

***WWW.Waverlyband.org***



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