


Know the Score

Newsletter for the Walt Whitman Instrumental Music Program

Winter 2008-09

Winter Concert and Reception Planned

The holiday season brings with it a lovely post-concert reception following the annual Instrumental Concert, **Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m.** Your contributions of food and time help make this celebration a success. *Families are asked to bring the following based on their students' grades:*

- Freshmen: One 2-liter bottle of ginger ale and one 1-liter bottle of Seltzer
- Sophomores: Savory finger foods on disposable dishes (such as veggies or chips and dip, fruit, cheese and crackers, cheese straws, or hummous and pita)
- Juniors: Sweet finger foods on disposable dishes (e.g., cookies, brownies or cupcakes)
- Seniors: Just bring yourselves, and enjoy!

Items should be in individual servings without need for utensils. Please bring serving dishes even for packaged food, like chips and dip. All food and drink should be dropped off in the cafeteria between 6 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Volunteers are also needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Set-up is 6 to 7 pm; servers start immediately after the concert, and clean-up volunteers remain afterward to help restore the cafeteria to original condition. Last year, with many willing helpers, the clean-up was accomplished at lightening speed!

Last, *a volunteer is needed during the choral concert*, Monday, December 22 at 7 p.m., to watch over the food for their post-concert reception. (Choral parents return the favor during our concert; it's a chance to catch up on reading, knitting or your PDA.)

To volunteering or ask questions, call Roberta Aronson (301-229-3926) or Suzanne Abu-Sharr (301-320-6181).

BOOSTER CHECKLIST

Winter concert:

Dec. 15, 2008 — Bring food! Volunteer!

Spring meeting:

Feb 23, 2009 — Discuss spring trip.

Music trip: April 2-5, 2009

Lab fees?

If you're not sure you've paid,
see page 3.



A Bountiful Garden Party

The Boosters warmly thank Ali Davoodi and Nahid Akhyani for welcoming parents and performers to socialize in and around their beautiful new home on October 5.

Thanks to theirs and other parent contributions both generous and delicious, the fundraiser netted nearly \$4,700 to support the instrumental music program.



COUNTY, STATE AND REGIONAL ENSEMBLE

Audition Results

Kudos to the dedicated Whitman musicians who mastered scales, etudes and new music to audition for “all-county” and “all-state” honors ensembles. Junior ensembles consist of 7th, 8th and 9th graders; seniors are 10th through 12th. Congratulations to the following on their acceptances:

All-County

Junior Band — Jacob Rasch, Gabe Slesinger, Jeremy Steinberg.

Junior Jazz — Michael Dressner, Steven Goldberg, Aldo Grifo-Hahn, David Newman, Gabe Slesinger.

Senior Orchestra — Dena Goodman, Colin MacKnight.

Senior Band — Kiki Abu-Sharr, Kate Amrine, Siddhu Anandalingam, Jesse Freeman, Albert Kwak, Rebecca Newman, Emily Park, Ethan Senator, Vijay Vishwanath.

Senior Jazz — Kate Amrine, Siddhu Anandalingam, Jonathan Kaufman, Dan Lee, Dan Papalardo, Aaron Seeber, Danny Ullmann. Alternate: Sahil Ansari, Ian Arnold, Julian Jacobson, Amol Mehta.

All-State

Junior Band — Ana Ryba, Gabe Slesinger.

Senior Band — Siddhu Anandalingam, Emily Massey, Rebecca Newman.
Alternate: Kate Amrine.

Senior Orchestra — Clara McCreery. Alternate: Caleb Woo.

Senior Jazz — Siddhu Anandalingam, Aaron Seeber. Alternate: Amol Mehta, Dan Papalardo.

All-Eastern

Regional Orchestra — Emily Massey.

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Spring Music Trip MEETING

February 23, 2009

As announced earlier, Whitman instrumentalists and singers are heading to Boston April 2-5 for the music department's annual competition adventure. To learn up-to-the-minute trip details, please attend the Boosters' winter meeting — one of only two conclaves this year — on **Monday, February 23, 2009, 7 p.m.**, in the Band Room. Choral parents will join us at 7:30 for a discussion of everything from luggage check-in and bus convoys to performances, sightseeing and accommodations.

(Instrumental groups participating in the spring trip are the Symphonic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and Concert Orchestra.)

Lab Fees: Your Participation Makes a Difference

Instrumental Music Boosters thank the many families who have paid the \$115 annual lab fee for the year (The fee's basis is \$40 each for two semesters, plus \$35 to pay for transportation throughout the year.). As reported, these payments help cover costs for uniforms, sheet music, outside consultants and competition and performance fees for the 200-plus students in our program.

Forbearance is available for families unable to pay, by arrangement with Mr. Allen or Ms. Alvey. But *the instrumental music department's budget counts on receiving payment from everyone else.* To date, \$20,840 has been collected, plus an additional \$1,935 in donations. (Thank you!)

Please, if we haven't heard from you yet, contact Mr. Allen, Ms. Alvey, or Boosters treasurer Debra Jacobson (301-983-3845)



Booster Co-Chair and Subcommittee Chairs Needed

Who are the Whitman Instrumental Music Boosters? You are, with other parents who support the music program. Whether your talents run to parties, number-crunching or snapshots, your ideas, energy and (a small amount of) your time are needed to help the work continue!

We are currently seeking a **Co-Chair** to serve with veteran Co-Chair Jay Kaufman in the 2009-1010 school year — no experience required. One current need is for a **Historian** or co-Historian to help capture the year's highlights in photos. And another future opening we know of is for a 2009-10 **Webmaster** for our online home. Please give some thought to what time and talents you can lend, and contact Jay Kaufman to discuss (301-469-4850).

Lastly, all **current Booster subcommittee co/chairs** are asked to draft short descriptions of their roles — what they do and when — to help inform and orient future volunteers about these jobs. Please submit your write-ups to Jay or Diana by February 1.



WALT WHITMAN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

2008-09 CALENDAR



*Note: Dates and times subject to change. The complete calendar,
with updates, appears on the instrumental music website:
www.waltwhitmanmusic.org/instrumentalcalendar.htm*

December

- 11 Pyle Instr. Concert @ Whitman, 7 pm
- 13 County Big Band Festival (Jazz Ensemble), 8 am to 5
- 18 Pyle Choral Concert @ Whitman, 7 pm
- 15 Winter Instrumental Concert, 7 pm
- 22 Whitman Choral Concert, 7 pm
- 23 In-school music department concerts

January

- 6 All-County ensembles commence weekly Tues-night rehearsals, 6:30-9 pm
- 22-24 All-State Sr. Jazz Weekend, Towson
- 28 Sign-ups due: County Solo/Ensemble Festival

February

- 3 Jazz Ensemble rehearses for "Swingin' Saturday," Fitzgerald Theater, Rockville
- 4 Whitman Music Department concert at Pyle, periods 1-4
- 7 County Honors Band/Orch. concert, B-CC, 6:30 pm
- 8 Jazz Ensemble "Swingin' Saturday," 3 pm (call time, 2 pm), Rockville
- 23 Instrumental and Choral Boosters joint Spring Trip Meeting, 7 pm
- 24 Chamber Concert (details TBA)
- 27-3/1 All-State Sr. Band/Orchestra weekend
All-State Jr. Band weekend

March

- 5-7 All-State Jr. Orchestra weekend
- 6 County Ensemble Festival, 4-10 pm
- 7 County Solo Festival, 9 am to 5
- 24 County Orch. Festival (Concert and Symph. Orch.) @ Walter Johnson H.S.
- 26 County Band Festival (Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band), WWHS

April

- 1 Music trip luggage check-in, 2-6 pm
- 2-5 Spring music trip to Boston
- 21 County 2nd Band Festival (Concert Band)
- 28 State Festival (Symphonic Band and Orch., Wind Ensemble and String Orch.)
Whitman Talent Show

30-5/2

May

- 9 State Solo/Ensemble Orch. Festival
- 13-14 Whitman Festival of the Arts, 6-10 pm
- 16 State Solo/Ensemble Band Festival
- 26 (tentative) Awards Banquet, 6:30 pm

June

- 11 WWHS commencement performance, 2:30, DAR Constitution Hall

