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Wildcat Pride News

Beyond The Wall

Editorial Contributed by Mark Hoskins, Director of Bands, Wheeler High School

Hello, Wheeler Wildcat Pride Family! It's been a long time since I've written something for the newsletter. Hope everyone's summer "break" is going well. Amazingly, we've been out of school for 6 weeks, and major advances have been made in the development of the show production for this coming fall. As of this writing, the show is tentatively named, "Beyond the Wall," of course using the wonderfully ethereal sounds of Pink Floyd. Staying the course of the past couple of years by incorporating the retro sounds of symbolic rock groups of the 60's, 70's, and 80's, Pink Floyd's masterpiece, "The Wall," is the driving force behind this season's show.

While not following the path of the movie, the music serves as a great backdrop for some exciting and memorable moments to be served by the 2009 edition of the Wildcat Pride.

Always striving to be a crowd pleaser, as well as staying extremely competitive in the national scene, the Wildcat Pride Marching Band promises to leave a long-lasting impression upon the Wheeler community and throughout the area with this production. With tentative numbers around 110, and more than 40 new members, this will be the largest group in many years to don the navy blue and gold!

Just think, in another week, the sounds of drums and horns, and the flash of color from the guard will be hard at work once again. Until then, enjoy the rest of your break and stay safe in all of your travels.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE!!

Welcome All New and Returning Marching Band Members and Parents!

Editorial Contributed by Wheeler Band Boosters Executive Board

Our program is very fortunate to have some of the hardest working directors and kids. This group has always been enthusiastic, committed to excellence, and has a huge desire to succeed no matter what they are doing. This past year was an exciting and award winning season. This year, we are looking forward to the season being bigger and better than ever!

Marching band is a huge commitment and we appreciate the sacrifices that are made to make this program the success that it is! Welcome to the families that are new to our band program! We look forward to getting to know you!

The Wheeler Band Boosters are the support group for the band program. Our single most important function is to provide the support (chaperones, fund

raising, equipment movers, drivers, etc) necessary for the band program to achieve its potential. We are only as strong as our members. We encourage you to join and be an active member of our Band Booster family! The support that Boosters provide takes a lot of planning and work, but it's also a lot of fun and it is very rewarding when you see your child on the Marching field.

We encourage each and every band family to support the Booster organization by becoming active Booster members and by **getting involved** in its activities from the moment their child becomes a Wildcat Pride Marching Band Member.

With all of us working together, there is no limit on the success we can have. As the saying goes, "Many hands make for light work."

In closing, we would like to say that regardless of the capacity that you serve as a band parent- from an active booster member to cheering in the stands- the choice to support your child is something you will not regret. If you are currently NOT an active member, then we invite you to get involved. **Please be assured that we want and need your help.** If you are an active band parent/band booster, on behalf of your child and all band members, we would like to say THANK YOU!

Here's to a great season!

Wheeler Band Boosters

2009-2010 Executive Board

Welcome Back!

Marching Band Members

Editorial Contributed by Brett Johnson, Student Band President

I hope everyone is having a great summer break. Rookie week and band camp are right around the corner. Thanks so much for the participation this year. We are expected to have a great marching band season.

Our numbers have increased as well with about 40 new marchers coming in this year. With the new talent and existing talent, our show will be spectacular.

To all of the existing marchers, look forward to a whole new year and a whole new set of memories. Marching band will always be one of your most cherished memories. To all of the seniors, have fun with our last year of marching. This is our final run and we're going to make it great.

To all rookies, here is some advice. Bring a hat, be prepared to work, but most importantly, HAVE FUN!

Marching band will always be a great memory and you will make great friends in the process. I wish everyone good luck this year and I hope everyone has a great rest of summer. I will see everyone at rookie week!

Brett Johnson

Student Band President

This Month's Events

July 11
4-7 PM, Weatherstone Pool
Leadership party for Rookies

July 13-17
Rookie Camp @ Wheeler HS
Rookie Marchers Monday-Friday
9:00-5:00

Returning marchers Monday-
Wednesday 1:00-5:00 and
Thursday-Friday 9:00-5:00

July 14
6:00 PM, Band Room
Mandatory Band Camp Meeting
and Uniform Fitting-Returning
Marchers

Informational meeting for Band
Camp and uniform fitting for
RETURNING MARCHERS.

July 15
6:00 PM, Band Room
Mandatory Band Camp Meeting
and Uniform Fitting-New
Marchers

Informational meeting for Band
Camp and uniform fitting for NEW
MARCHERS

July 18
7:00 PM, VFW Lodge-Powers
Ferry Road
Wheeler Bingo Night

Please come to play BINGO and
support the band program.

July 20-25
Band Camp at Furman
University

July 25
Pick up students
Furman University

REMINDEERS

Registration paperwork for band camp was due July 1. This paperwork is required by Cobb County to attend Band Camp. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PAPERWORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS AND GET THE FILES IN ORDER FOR CAMP.

Effective June 1, 2009, account statements will be sent on a monthly basis. If you do not receive a statement via email, please email treasurer@wheelerband.org to have your email address updated in our database.

PAPA JOHN'S FUNDRAISER

In order to earn band credits toward your account for working Papa John's, you must be an active booster member. Volunteers are required to be 16 years of age and have a valid, state issued ID. Volunteers are also required to complete an Alcohol Compliance Test prior to working any events. The instructions for taking the alcohol compliance test can be found on PAGE 4 of this month's newsletter.

BINGO

In order to earn band credits toward your account for working BINGO, you must be an active booster member.

Volunteers are required to be 18 years of age and must receive a certification letter from the GBI. Registration paperwork and information can be obtained by emailing Dawn Martin, Vice President of Bingo, at bingo@wheelerband.org

Additional information regarding fund raising events will be discussed at the mandatory band camp meetings on July 14 and 15 and sign-up sheets for events will be available for future events. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

This newsletter and all future newsletters will be published on the website: www.wildcatpride.org

Words of Wisdom for Band Camp

[As stated by the upper classmen]

Stay out of trouble and mind your own business (ouch, that's harsh!)

Don't forget your INSTRUMENT or your DOT BOOK (you'll see)

Bring a hat, or you'll get one ugly one and be forced to wear it!

Always have spending money!

Don't be a loner! Get to know people, and not just the ones in your section. This way, when the school year rolls around, you'll already know a fair amount of people and have new friends. For magnet students, this is really important because it is incredibly reassuring during the first few weeks to have familiar people around you and if you've already made friends, EVEN BETTER!

If you are feeling left out, feel sick, need someone to talk to, or whatever...go find a leader, a parent, or an instructor and talk to them. BAND is FAMILY!

Cool, light clothes. No heavy material (jean shorts) or you will be using a LOT OF GOLD BOND!

Don't eat a heavy breakfast and drink lots of water!

They take lots of pictures at camp, so BEHAVE; you might be caught on film!

Leave your attitude at home and this is not just for the ROOKIES!

To all the rookies this year, be prepared for a hot and long summer filled with wonderful memories and also painful ones. Be sure to drink a lot of water and have sunscreen for protection. Hope you have fun at band camp this year with Wheeler Marching Band!

Stay HYDRATED, TAKE SHOWERS, make sure to pack more than enough clothing, have an outfit for the dance, SLEEP WHEN YOU CAN SLEEP, go into it with a POSITIVE attitude, and remember it's not as bad as the upper-classmen tell you!

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FOLLOWING ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING THE ONLINE ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE TESTING REQUIRED FOR WORKING PAPA JOHN'S EVENTS AT THE GEORGIA DOME.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING

1. Go to the website www.regcomplianceusa.com
2. Click “[Online Training Test](#)” on the left of the page
3. Type [02752](#) in the password line and select “[Login](#)”
4. A message box that says Levy-GA Dome should appear, asking you to confirm if this is correct, click on “[Yes](#)”
5. In the [Personal Information](#) section, put your first name and in the last name field put your last name/Wheeler (i.e. Smith/Wheeler)
6. Fill out the rest of the personal information. [Date of Employment](#) will be current month and year. [Job Title](#) is Non Profit and [Job Location](#) is Levy-Georgia Dome
7. After you answer the question regarding any alcohol related felonies, scroll to the bottom of the page (skipping the employment history) and click on “[Begin](#)”
8. Read each section in its entirety and continue reading through each page
9. Once you get to the quiz, answer all questions and then click “[Submit](#)”. If any answers are wrong, “[incorrect](#)” will appear below the questions. Correct your answer and then click “[Submit](#)” again.
10. If all answers are correct, you will see the Policy Acknowledgement. Read through this and click “[I Agree](#)”
11. You should receive a message that shows that confirming completion of the test and at the bottom in the field that says “If you would like a copy of your results emailed to your supervisor, please enter it here”
Type in secretary@wheelerband.org and click “[submit](#)”
You have now completed the training and your confirmation will be sent to us by N.H.T.I.