



MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR and BAND EDITION

January/February 2005

MUSIC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

[Specific details for these activities will follow closer to each event.]

CONCERT BAND AND CHOIR

♫ **ACSI MUSIC FESTIVAL** on Friday and Saturday, **March 11-12**, 2005 at Judson College, Elgin, IL.

- Information was distributed at the Informational Meeting for parents on January 11, 2005.
- Hotel costs will be \$25 per student, to be collected closer to the event. Student rooms will be assigned based on age and gender.
- To help keep costs down, chaperones/parents will provide transportation.
- The number of chaperones is determined by directives from ACSI, based on the number of student participants.
- Everyone is welcome to attend the **MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT** on Saturday, **March 12** at 3:00 at Judson College.

♫ **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST** will be on Saturday, **March 19**, 2005 at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. This contest is part of the 29th Annual Festival of Music sponsored jointly by the Northwestern University School of Music and Northshore Concert Band (NCB). Student musicians will receive both verbal and written feedback following the performance. Recipients of a Division I or II rating will receive an award medal.



- The event is voluntary for band and choir students.
- If your student is scheduled in a vocal solo or band contest that is to be accompanied by Mrs. Hibdon, please be certain your student is at WCA for rehearsal per the schedule of practice times to be distributed by Mrs. Kurtz.
 - Friday, **March 4**
 - Thursday, **March 10**
 - Friday, **March 18**
- There may also be an accompanist fee for the contests (due in March, prior to or at contest). Contact Mrs. Kurtz for details.

ELEMENTARY CHOIR

♫ **HONORS CHORUS SINGFEST** on Saturday, **April 9**, 2005 sponsored by the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus at College of DuPage Arts Center, Glen Ellyn (Grades 5-8). There will be a final concert at 3:00 PM to which everyone is invited. Admission is free.



CONCERT DATES

- ♫ **ELEMENTARY MUSICAL** **NEW DATE** on Tuesday, **March 15** at 7:00 PM at Living Waters church in Grayslake.
- ♫ **SPRING ELEMENTARY VOCAL** concert **NEW DATE** Thursday, **May 5** at WCA at **2:00 PM**.
- ♫ **JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH CHOIRS AND CONCERT BAND Spring Concert** on Friday, **May 13** at WCA's gym at 7:00 PM (date subject to change).
- ♫ **BEGINNING BAND CONCERT**, Tuesday, **May 17** in WCA's gym beginning at 7:00 PM.

FRIENDS OF WESTLAKE CHOIR



Parents, if you like to sing or even hum, you're welcome to join us! We have rehearsals on **Thursdays, at 3:30 PM** in the music room (that's the Library).

REMEMBER: DRESS CODE FOR CONCERTS

Concert Band and **ALL Choirs** will wear **white** button-up collared dress shirt, **black** dress slacks (no jeans/cords) or ankle-length **black** skirt, **black** socks or **black** nylons and **black** shoes. Concert Band also wears the uniform jacket with bow or cross tie.





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REMINDER -- TO ALL BAND PARENTS

Parents of full time WCA and home school students must **notify Mrs. Kurtz directly**, if your child will **not** be participating in a band function, both regular rehearsals and special event activities. Her home phone number is 847-356-6467 or by email kkurtz@westlakechristian.org.



BAND APTITUDE TESTING – GRADES 4-8

Testing will take place for band placement on Tuesday, **April 19 at 11:00 AM** at WCA. Please contact Mrs. Kurtz to sign up at kkurtz@westlakechristian.org or 847-356-6467.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Concert Band will use the informal uniform for some **concerts** and **field trips**; please check out the WCA "gently used" uniforms available on a first-come-first-served basis through various parents. The informal uniform is a **Cobalt Blue WCA logo polo shirt** and **Land's End khaki slacks or skirt**. For complete details of the exchange go to the WCA website under News/School Uniform Exchange or <http://www.westlakechristian.org/UniformIndex.htm>.



INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Instruments... Instruments... Instruments... We need instruments. We're having an ongoing instrument drive. We'll take anything from string-less strings to bent-belled brass instruments. We are also in the need for amplifiers for electronic instruments, instrument cases, instrument accessories, keyboards, and recording equipment. The instruments will either be fixed up to be used for needy students, sold for profit in the music department, or used in a variety of ways at WCA.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Meeting Schedule



Parents interested in helping plan and advertise our band and choir programs (or just to have a fun evening out) are invited to attend Music Booster meetings. The meeting schedule is noted below, with most meetings held **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM** at **WCA** in the Music Room (Library).

Mark your calendars now.

- ♫ ~~September 16th~~
- ♫ ~~November 2nd~~
- ♫ ~~November 30th~~
- ♫ ~~January 11th~~
- ♫ ~~February 8th~~
- ♫ March 1st – Booster Board Only [Site TBD]
- ♫ **April 12th** – Last meeting of the 2004-05 year



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

Please direct questions, comments and suggestions regarding the WCA Music Program (Band or Choir) or this *Music Notes* newsletter to the following individuals:

[B=Band; C= Choir; N=Newsletter]

- ♫ Karen Kurtz (B): kkurtz@westlakechristian.org
- ♫ Chris Cayari (C): ccayari@westlakechristian.org
- ♫ Naomi Demske (N): naomi.demske@abbott.com

[Details can be subject to change; Our goal is to keep you informed.]

