



West Allis Central Music Association

MARCH, 2006

March is Music in Our Schools Month



*Dates to make note of:
1st Tuesday of the
month*

WACMA Meetings

Time: 6 pm

*Location: WAC Band
room*

Saturday March 25th

*District Solo and
Ensemble Contest
Nathan Hale H.S.*

Monday, March 27th

7pm

*Badger Band at West
Allis Central*

April 11th 3-6 pm

*Kringle/Berres Coffee
Fundraiser pick-up*

April 25th, 7 pm

*All City Chorus
Concert*

WAC Field House

Saturday April 29th

*State Solo and
Ensemble Contest^h-
UWM*

April 24th

*WACMA Scholarship
Forms due*

Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for secondary school (middle and high school) students that motivates and recognizes musical achievement. Founded in 1952 by Alexander and Frances Harley, the Tri-M Music Honor Society has been providing years of service through music by chartering nearly 2,900 senior and junior division chapters worldwide.



In 1983, the Tri-M Music Honor Society became a program of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and it is governed by the MENC National Executive Board and guided by the Council of Music Honor Society Chairpersons.

The WACMA board voted in January to support the registration fees for the Tri-M Music Honor Society at West Allis Central and the application for membership has been submitted. Watch for more information about this from the music department.

Music Advocacy

The Waukesha school board is in the process of making decisions that could negatively impact the music program in that school district. Visit the excellent web site created by the Waukesha South Blackshirt Bands to learn more about the budget issues in Waukesha and the reasons to support music and art education in our schools. <http://www.blackshirtbands.org/budget.asp>

Advocacy needs to be an on-going activity. Don't wait until budget shortfalls or curriculum changes threaten the music programs in the WAWM school district. You can support music in our schools by attending concerts, encouraging your children to continue to play and sing in middle and high school, and by encouraging the children of your friends and neighbors to continue to play and sing. Music and sports or other interests are not mutually exclusive. Students benefit from participation across a range of activities.

Do you have something to say about the benefit of music education in the life of your child? Let school board members know about this. Board of Education information is available at <http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us>. Click on the District Information link.

UWM Honors Music Festival

Over 150 of Wisconsin's finest young musicians performed works by Wagner, Britten, Marcello, and Tchaikovsky in a program shared by the UWM Symphony and participants in the 19th Annual High School Honors Orchestra Festival over the weekend of February 17-19. These West Allis Central musicians participated: Carly Blank, Warner Schmidt, Nicole Pietryzkowski, Marissa Pollard, Nicole Adams and Randi Hart

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We're on the Web!
www.wacma.org

Some Really Good Reasons to Study Music.....

- In a 2000 survey, 73 percent of respondents agree that teens who play an instrument are less likely to have discipline problems.
- 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 ten-year study indicates that students who study music achieve higher test scores, regardless of socioeconomic background.
-Dr. James Catterall, UCLA
- According to a 1991 study, students in schools with arts-focused curriculums reported significantly more positive perceptions about their academic abilities than students in a comparison group.
-Pamela Aschbacher and Joan Herman, The Humantias Program Evaluation, 1991.
- 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.
- 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 Hartmann, “Arts May Improve Students’ Grades”, The Associated Press, October, 1999.

WACMA Scholarships

Each year, WACMA provides scholarship money for music camps and lessons. Additionally, WACMA offers a \$500 college scholarship to students planning to major in music education. Application forms are available in the music department or at www.WACMA.org. Applications are due by April 24th. Awards are announced at end-of-year music banquets

WACMA Fundraising

Spring Fundraiser – Kringle/Berres coffee sale

- Sale dates 2/28-3/15, 2006
- Pick up – Tuesday 4/ 11 3-6 pm West Allis Central Auditorium Commons
- 75% of profit is credited to individual student accounts. Order forms are available in the music department.
- Please support this activity. WACMA works throughout the year to help all WAC music programs, directors, and individual students with expenses and volunteer hours. Without the participation of our music family community, we won't be able to continue to provide these services.