



West Allis Central Music Association

JANUARY, 2006

*March is Music
in Our Schools
Month*



Dates to make note of:

WACMA Meetings

*1st Tuesday of the
month*

Time: 6 pm

*Location: WAC Band
room*

**District Solo and
Ensemble Contest**

*Saturday March 25th,
Nathan Hale H.S.*

**All City Chorus
Concert**

April 6th, 7 pm

WAC Field House

**State Solo and
Ensemble Contest**

*Saturday April 29th-
UWM*

**WACMA Scholarship
Forms due April 24th**

What Is WACMA?

WACMA is a nonprofit organization through which parents and friends can support the music department at Central High School. Our board coordinates volunteer work, raises funds and acts as an advocate for the arts. Membership in the West Allis Central Music Association includes all parents and/or legal guardians of student members of the West Allis Central High School Bands, Choirs and Orchestras.

Since WACMA began in 1991, the organization has donated over \$30,000 in scholarships to students for summer music camps, private lessons, and to seniors who elect to major in music at an accredited university. In addition to the scholarships, WACMA has either purchased or contributed towards the purchase many items for the music department.

Who belongs to WACMA?

WACMA membership consists of all parents and guardians of students enrolled in music classes at West Allis Central. WACMA charges no membership dues. In addition to the WACMA officers, the orchestra, chorus, and band are represented by a parent liaison from that group. All meetings are open and anyone is invited to attend.

National PTA Joins SupportMusic.com initiative to keep music in our schools



Chicago, IL, December 14, 2005—The National PTA has joined forces with the Music Education Coalition's SupportMusic.com initiative. The announcement was made by Joe Lamond, president and CEO of NAMM, the International Music Products Association. This groundbreaking affiliation adds the voices of 6 million parents to the growing chorus of individuals and associations who desire to strengthen music programs in schools across the country.

The National PTA is the largest volunteer parent organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1897, National PTA has prided itself on being a powerful voice for children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in National PTA is open to anyone who is concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. For more information about National PTA, visit www.pta.org.

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WE CARE donations
support the WACMA
scholarship fund

Directors

*Orchestra: Mary Pat Michels
604-3138
Chorus: Scott Dekok
604-3118
Band: Jeremiah Cawley
604-3137*

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



Why Learn Music in School? Because music.....

- Develops skills needed by the 21st century workforce: critical thinking, creative problem solving, effective communication, team work and more.
- Keeps students engaged in school and less likely to drop out.
- Improves the atmosphere for learning
- Helps students to achieve in other academic subjects like math, science, and reading
- Helps communities share ideas and values among cultures and generations
- Is a disciplined endeavor with intrinsic value to society.

Student Activity Accounts

When WACMA fund-raises, 75% of the profit is distributed to individual student accounts. The remaining 25% is distributed between the music groups and WACMA. Student account funds may be used for expenses of the individual student that are related to their curricular music class.

Any student who participates in fundraising will have a student account. These accounts remain active for the years that a student is enrolled in curricular music at West Allis Central. Account balances are transferable to siblings when a student graduates.

Account balances are available from directors, or by contacting Sue Stalewski, 671-1259. Fund request forms are available from directors.

WACMA Fundraising

Available NOW!

WACMA is currently selling FCD flower certificates. These certificates sell for \$25 and entitle the purchaser to a ½ dozen flower bunch each month for 12 months from Chamberlain's Flowers, 7117 W. Greenfield. This is a great deal, and is not available anywhere else in West Allis! WACMA profit is \$10 per certificate, with \$7.50 credited to individual student accounts.

For information or to purchase certificates, contact Diane Wene, 545-0687 or vdkawhene@juno.com

Spring Fundraiser – Kringle/Beres coffee sale

Watch for this sale in March. Last year, music students raised close to \$2500 for WACMA, our music groups, and for student accounts.

Annual Pointsettia Sale

Pointsettia flowers sold before the holiday season decorate the auditorium stage for holiday concerts. Profits benefit the WACMA general fund and WACMA activity accounts. WACMA thanks you for your support.