



Wilson Instrumental Music Club, Inc.

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Upcoming Events:

- *Jan 18—Jazz Band@Home Bball vs. Baldwin Park*
- *Jan 20—Jazz Band@Home Bball vs. Covina*
- *Jan 23—WimClub Meeting*
- *Feb 1—Jazz Band@Home Bball vs. Northview*
- *Feb 3—Jazz Band@Home Bball vs. Nogals*
- *Feb 18—Color Guard at Arcadia HS*
- *Feb 25—ColorGuard at Marina HS*

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Director's Take

Greetings!

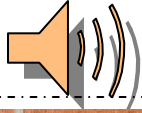
Once again, the Royal Wilson Marching Alliance had a very successful marching season. The 4A class continues to be very competitive and we matched our highest placement at the Southern California School Bands and Orchestra Association's Field Championships, finishing 7th out of the top12 units in the class. The success can be attributed to support from the boosters, a top notch instructional staff, and of course hard working student performers.

The marching season has ended and we're revving up for second semester activities. Once the busy marching season is complete, the students begin to divide themselves into smaller ensembles, some in multiple groups. The Jazz Band has already been playing at home league basketball games and will go to festivals later in the spring. The Color Guard becomes Winter Guard and is preparing for their competitive season that begins at the end of February. The Percussion Ensemble is gearing up for a return to the American Drum Line Association, competing for a full season that culminates with championships in April. And the Wind Ensemble and Concert Bands are beginning to prepare music for the District Festival which will be held on March 28 at La Puente High School.

Besides performances, we have our annual Family Feast Dinner and Auction coming up on Friday, March 16. One big change this year is that it will be held on our own campus. We hope that this change will allow more people to attend. More information on ticket sales will be posted on the website soon. If you have any items you would like to donate as prizes, please send them in. You may have noticed that we had to postpone our Casino Night that was originally planned for this month. We still plan to hold this adult-only event later in the spring.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new booster president, Susan Kunzler. She takes over for Cindy Greenup who was graciously acting as interim president while also holding the position of secretary. Susan has a vision of growing the booster organization and having it become more active. With this in mind, I encourage all parents to attend booster meetings. Your input is valued and participation necessary to keep our organization moving ahead. I am looking forward to working with the boosters and students this upcoming semester.

**Jonathan Chang
Director**



The Sound Board



Being drum major for the RWMA this past year has really put me in a fascinating position to see the group develop. At the start of the year, I saw the band with a set amount of potential of how much it can achieve. Throughout the year, we overcame our obstacles and differences, to put together a spectacular show, for the entertainment of the crowds at football games and competitions. Even more so, we became one band, one group, one family, transferring all the potential we had from the beginning of the year, and turning it into one of the RWMA's best marching seasons ever.

I was incredibly honored to be part of such an incredible marching unit.

BUT, the year isn't over yet! The group breaks off into their groups for the Spring: Jazz Band, Varsity Band, Spring Percussion, Winter Guard, and Wind Ensemble. It calls for more performances, and for more opportunities to showcase the musical talent at

Wilson. I'm really looking forward to all the things we can accomplish throughout the rest of this year. Make sure to come out and support us!

Michael McKay (Senior - Tenor Saxophone)

Drum Major & Historian



This season has been so amazing! The girls have worked so hard and have improved so much since first tryouts back in May. They are all, including returning members, are great performers and I believe they have the potential to be the best. This season we won 5th place out of 12th at the SOSBOA championships! Really exceeding my expectations! We went out with a bang! Currently we are getting ready for the winter concert and the upcoming winter guard season! No spoilers, but this year's theme will be, to the soundtrack of Rio the movie.

Aubrey Magalang (Senior)

Color Guard Captain & Historian

The End of Marching Season



December 3rd marked the last day of marching season of this year. Tears were shed, and to most, the season felt as if it had passed by in a snap. Memories were remembered as we wore our uniforms for the last time of the year.

Out of everyone, the seniors would be the most missed. Without them, there would never have been great leaders of guidance. We never would have gone so far without the help of them and the contributions of our instructors. For our late night rehearsals, our instructors would come to our campus to give their support and careful instructions to help us succeed in the future competitions.

My gratitude and thanks go out to everyone who supported us this season, including the parents. Although this is only from a freshman's point of view, I think the band succeeded in a wonderful year, placing seventh at championships. We gave it our all, and used our skills and knowledge acquired from the short season.

The season may be over, and as time goes on, so will the year. However, we will all be linked together by a special bond through our participation in the 2011-2012 RWMA band.

Yuko Usui (Freshman)

Member at Large

President's Message



Dear WIM Members,

WIM Club is important to our local community. Not only does helping support the music program for our youth make a dramatic impact on their musical and scholastic lives, but the WIM Club associations we share builds **community partnerships** of mutual benefit between parents and teachers, as well as with residents and business owners in Hacienda Heights.

FIRST, our Wilson band members learn from our adult example what it means to be members of an active local organization that is dedicated to service. Working with each other, the teachers and staff at Wilson, and several influential community leaders and business persons who are also members of WIM Club, all of our members have the opportunity to build strong relationships and partnerships. It sets an excellent example for our band students to follow when they eventually grow up and leave for college or work, taking their music and these experiences with them. Service matters.

SECOND, WIM Club members impact Hacienda Heights by bringing attention and support to the musical arts, which are rarely elevated except in larger cities. In large cities like New York, Los Angeles, and the like, they have learned that supporting music programs is the basis of what makes their cities culturally diverse and strong. Hacienda Heights can be the same! WIM Club is mandated to bring attention to, financial support for, and local attendance at the superior music programs performed by our music students of RWMA. Mr. Chang works hard to make sure that these programs are of the highest quality, training his students to excel in their behavior and performances. WIM Club members must continue to work together to ensure that his work, and the work of these students are not in vain.

As I step into this new role as President of WIM Club for this Spring, it is my hope that we can work together for a stronger, more impacting **TEAM APPROACH** in 2012. I applaud Cindy Greenup's tireless and unfailing leadership to ensure that everything has gotten accomplished for the past two-and-a-half years, often sacrificing to fulfill multiple roles within the organization. In many ways, she had to. Her passion to ensure that the kids did not suffer if something didn't get done was her motivation to act. But it is no longer viable for the talented and passionate individuals to be expected to "do it all" for the rest of us. Few of us (including me) were even aware of the vast amounts of work that must be done to help our band students. I am recently finding that as a group, parents play a more significant part than I originally thought in making sure that this organization continues and is successful. And I have discovered that our Alumni members and Sponsoring members are integral to making this organization successful, too. Everyone must help in small or large ways...together.

Right now, in this floundering economy, we have a challenge before us. Not only does our local community need WIM Club to succeed, but WIM Club needs its own membership community to step up. We begin our journey together with a budget shortfall of well over ten thousand dollars, the lowest attendance ever of our events, and the lowest volunteer involvement this group has ever had.

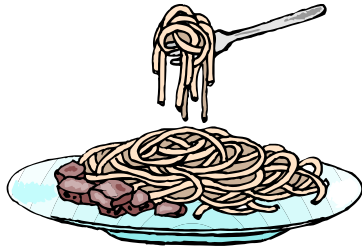
Alone, I simply cannot do anything about it. Passion and commitment alone cannot make a difference. But together, we are a force capable of turning things around. Will you be a part of this great turnaround? We need you!

In January, you may be given a phone call or email to ask for your opinion. We want your honest answers, your truthful assessments. Our organization needs some ideas and some insight both from those who are actively involved and from those who are not yet aware of their roles or potential ability to help. We want to see what we can do together to make WIM Club strong and an active force in our community.

There is a WIM Club meeting on January 23rd at 7 pm in the band room where we will discuss this. I want you to be there. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Tell the other band parents to attend, too. This will be an important meeting.

Sincerely,
Susan Kunzler

SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS FOR FAMILY FEAST
Save the Date!
11th Annual RWMA Family Feast and Auction



- WHAT: SPAGHETTI DINNER & Auction
- WHERE: Glenn A. Wilson Den
- WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 16

This year, we will be holding it on campus in the Den. We hope this change will make it more convenient for more people to attending this event. Dinner and raffle tickets will be on sale soon. Come back to the website to receive updated information later.

** In the meantime, if you have any items to donate as prizes for our auction or raffle, please send them in.

THANK YOU DONORS!

Since we kicked off our Donations Campaign this past spring, we have had several families and individuals who have helped our organization with a monetary donation. A big 'Thank You' goes out to the following people:

John Eckman
Rod & Blanca Garza
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Felix & Suzanne Leyva
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Carol Say
Renee Ventura



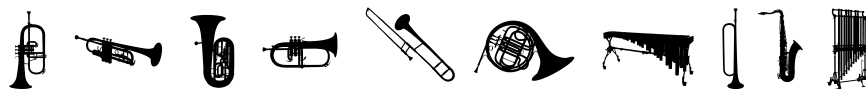
BEYOND THE RWMA

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in other Wilson activities:

Angela Choie (Tenor Saxophone) is part of the Girls Varsity Basketball Team that recently won the Covina High School Basketball Tournament

Megumi Kikuchi (Color Guard) was a part of the CIF Championship Girls Tennis Team and one half of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune's First-Team Doubles

Michael McKay (Tenor Saxophone) for being selected to participate in Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band! This was Michael's second year marching with this prestigious unit.



WIM Club Board

2011—2012

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