



WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

October, 2011

Academic Hall of Fame 2011-12

Dr. Callahan
Principal

Dr. Pappas
Athletic Director

Mr. Winters
Assistant Principal

Mr. Langner
Assistant Principal

Mr. Phillips
Assistant Principal

Ms Amber Boyd
Administrative Assistant

425 E. Ridgeway Ave.
Waterloo, IA 50702

Attendance Office
433-2712

Athletic Office
433-2707

Cafeteria
433-2719

Main Office
433-2700

Student Services
433-2726

Scheduling Office
433-2710 or 433-2713

<http://westhigh.waterloo.k12.ia.us>

**For Absences, Home-
work, Passes,
and Messages--Call
433-2712**

PLEASE DO NOT call or text message your son/daughter from 7:45 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. If there is an issue that necessitates that you speak to your child, please call the office and we will send for him/her to receive the message, or in the case of emergency, we can transfer calls directly to a classroom.



Dale A. Anderson

Class of 1964

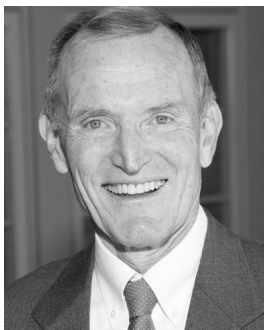
- Law Professor at Thomas Cooley School of Law
- Author of numerous books and manuals relating to issues of crime and criminal procedure
- Partner at LaPaglia and Anderson Law Firm, focusing on constitutional law and litigation



David C. Greene

Class of 1943

- WWII Marine Veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater.
- Returned home to a career in the engineering department of a heavy construction firm
- Noted community leader and volunteer, including meritorious service in the Boys Scouts, United Way, the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, and other civic organizations
- Noted expert on WWII and Iwo Jima, speaking, granting interviews and providing information for news articles to thousands on the subject



James V. Young

Class of 1954

- Instructor of Political Science at St. Olaf College and University of Central Missouri, career culminating as a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at UCM
- Earned three graduate degrees from the University of Iowa, including a Bachelor of Arts degree, a law degree, and a Ph.D in Political Science
- Published and contributed to several books and articles related to law and political science

Congratulations to the Homecoming Royalty Court for 2011

Cody Carlson & Dusanka Devic
 Jesse Wolf & Zinka Duric
 Austin Moore & Phoenix Wittenberg
 Lucas Burrell & Emily Gerst
 Alex Brown & Jessica Horan
 Sead Sarkic & Katherine Petersen
 Clayton Steimel & Sarah Sinnott
 Jake Porter & Maia Palma
 Alec McClain & Ashley Hill

Partnership with UNI Leads to Technology for Students

Last school year the West High Math Department teamed with UNI professor Jihwa Noh to start a Math Club. During club meetings students were given chances to work with UNI math students on homework, ACT prep, and learning new material delivered by future math teachers. The club was open to any student in grades 9 – 12 at West High School.

The Math Club gained a good following of regulars and many others who would pop in when their schedules allowed. Some of the topics that were covered included game theory, fractals, golden ratio, and transformations.

As we start the 2011 – 2012 school year, we are looking to continue the Math Club and expand the activities that the students are exposed to. The first session was Monday, Sept 12. We are hoping to form a competition team to compete against other Eastern Iowa schools.

Finally, one more benefit of the partnership with Professor Jihwa Noh was the purchase of 14 graphing calculators for West High students. Professor Jihwa Noh was awarded \$1000 for her work this last school year. She then in turn donated the money to the West High Math Department to use on something to benefit our students. After considering what to do with the money, it was decided to buy graphing calculators to help increase student exposure to different technologies. Thank you, Jihwa Noh.

Getting a Jump on Preparing for the ACT

Juniors, take heed. ACT has an opportunity for you to take the ACT Assessment Plus during December of your junior year. So, what's in it for the student? When the student orders and pays the fee for the Test Information Release (TIR) and tests on a date that offers this service, the student will receive a list of his/her answers from the ACT, a copy of the multiple-choice test questions used to determine the score, the answer key, and scoring instructions. The students can then follow up and review with high school teachers in the areas they wish to improve upon. If the student took the Writing Test, the writing prompt, the scoring rubric, and the scores assigned to the essay by two readers will also be provided. The TIR costs an additional fee of \$18.00. How do you register for this option? Go to the website ACT.org; click on "scores" and tab down the left side and click on "Order a copy of your test questions and answers." The TIR information will not be sent at the same time as the student's score report; rather, it will come separately.

"Life isn't a matter of milestons but of moments."

(Rose Kennedy)

103.0-R NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Waterloo Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district Equity/Affirmative Action Officer, Dr. Beverly Smith, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources/Equity, 1516 Washington Street, 319-433-1800, smithb@waterloo.k12.ia.us.

Verbal Abuse or Respectful Discussion?

Have you ever badmouthed a teacher, an administrator, a secretary, a police officer?

Some students (and parents!) actually curse and yell at them. Of course, they are professionals and cannot yell or curse back. They could lose their jobs, not to mention that most people are taught that it's simply wrong to be so disrespectful of others.

I wanted to encourage all of us to consider what's in the hearts of those professionals. Most teachers, administrators, secretaries and police officers do what they do because they truly care about kids and our community and want to help the next generation be successful. Respectful, well-behaved students and parents are a delight, but they're becoming fewer and fewer. Students and parents who badmouth, curse or yell can wear down the spirits of people who are trying to help.

What will happen if these people get so discouraged that they quit? Who will teach our kids if our teachers lose hope? Who will lead our schools if they have to put up with verbal abuse from students and parents? Who will protect our community if no one wants to become a police officer? The thought of losing the dedication of good people is scary to imagine. What about our grandchildren?

Of course, nothing is perfect; there always have been and always will be misunderstandings and conflicts. But if these problems are handled with mutual respect, a lot more will get accomplished.

Parents: please join me in thanking the people who work hard to make our children's schools a positive place. Thank a teacher, thank a secretary, thank an administrator. Thank our police officers at school and in the community. They put up with a lot and they don't get a lot of positive feedback from those of us who appreciate them. We need them, our kids need them, our community needs them.

Sharon Porter, WHS parent and teacher

Highly Qualified Teachers

Parents/Guardians in the Waterloo Community School District have a right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program.

All Waterloo teachers are highly qualified, as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. Your child's teacher's qualifications and licensure information is available on-line by going to the Board of Educational Examiner's website: www.state.ia.us/boee

*Click on Search for Information on a Teacher's or Administrator's License or Assignment.

*Review the note and then select Click Here to Continue.

*Enter your search criteria. You must enter three characters of the school or district number (Waterloo is 6795), or school name, and at least one letter of the teacher's last name to perform a search.

*Click on Search to see the results.

*Click on practitioner's name to view license information.

Parents/Guardians may also request this information from the Human Resources Office by calling 433-1800 or sending a letter of request to the Human Resources Office, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50702.

Safety in the Waterloo Schools

A federal grant has allowed us to purchase "Raptor" Visitor Monitoring Systems and Software for each of our schools and Education Service Center. It provides an effective and affordable way to help schools keep unwanted visitors out and keep your children safe. We started using Raptor last spring and will continue using this system to keep our students and staff safe. If you had your license scanned last year, your information will still be in the system this year.

The systems are in the Main Office of each school, where visitors go to check in already. Building staff help visitors check in by scanning a driver's license, or other state-issued ID, and the software instantly screens for registered sex offenders. A badge prints with the visitor's name, photo, date, and time. If a potential threat is identified, designated officials are instantly notified. If you don't have a government issued ID, the district can provide a Visitor Approved Card with proof of your name and date of birth. Please contact your counselor, family support worker, or district translator for more information.

Raptor systems have been in schools since last March. Schools are using the system and working through any issues that may occur. We appreciate you helping make our buildings safer for staff and students.

PBD Academy Plans 2nd Year Student-Led Conferences

For years parent-teacher conferences have been the primary means of communication between teachers and parents. Traditional parent-teacher conferences often exclude students from the process. In an effort to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their performance and take greater control of their academic progress, the Performance Based Diploma Academy piloted student-led conferences during the 2010-2011 school year.

Every PBD Academy student developed the his own PowerPoint presentation. For each academic area, students were asked to reflect on their achievements and make a plan for maintaining or improving academic progress. Students were also asked to set personal learning goals for each class. Finally, each student outlined his current credit standing and discussed the credits still needed for graduation in each academic area.

During conferences, students presented their PowerPoint to parents and PBDA staff members. The response from parents was very positive. Instead of sitting and getting information from the teachers, the parents were able to learn about their students' progress from the students themselves. PBD Academy staff members felt this conference format allowed students to take greater ownership of their progress. It was also a great way to facilitate students' organization and oral communication skills and provided the opportunity for open dialogue among students, teachers and parents.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held October 20 and 21. Once again, PBDA students will lead their own conferences by presenting a self-developed PowerPoint to their parents and the PBD Academy staff. Parents will be asked to sign up for specific conference times. Questions may be directed to Beth Wagner, PBD Academy Coordinator.

**Don't let one bad egg make you feel rotten.
Break the silence, speak out against school violence.**

Music Research Project

Dear 8th and 11th grade students and families,

Description: You and your family are invited to participate in a research project investigating the connections between family, school and community and the associated music connections. The title of the project is Investigating Relationships among Teacher, Parent and Student Perceptions of School, Family and Community Music Connections. This research is sponsored by the University of Northern Iowa and the purpose is to examine perceived connections of family, school and community and their relationships to school activities and academic achievement. Explanation of Procedures: Participation in this research project includes completing an online survey at <http://www.uni.edu/droe>. Completion of survey takes about 5 minutes.

Confidentiality: The answers you provide will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. Special precautions have been established to protect the confidentiality of your responses. There are no foreseeable risks to you or your child as a participant in this project; nor are there any direct benefits. However, your participation is extremely valued.

Questions: If you have any questions about the survey, please contact me at (319) 273-3073 or by e-mail at droe@uni.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this research project, please contact the UNI Institutional Review Board (IRB) Human Protections Administrator at 319-273-6148 or by e-mail at osp@uni.edu Online survey: <http://www.uni.edu/droe>

Thank you for your help. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kevin L. Droe, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Music Education
University of Northern Iowa
Online survey: <http://www.uni.edu/droe>

Changes to West High Student Parking

Start date: October 3, 2011

In an effort to enhance building security and support the use of one main entrance at West High, we will be making changes to student parking procedures. Beginning Monday, October 3, 2011, the West High Staff parking lot will be changed to student parking. All West High Staff will begin parking in the back parking lot located on the west side of the building. Students will no longer be able to park in the back of the school. All students will park on the east side, or Baltimore St. side, of the school building.

Parking on school grounds requires a West High Permit. A permit requires a valid driver's license as well as proof of insurance.

The staff lot will be available after school for student athletes.

The Bully Problem

1. Every day, 60,000 students miss school due to fear or intimidation by a bully.
2. Almost 30% of teens in the United States (or over 5.7 million) are estimated to be involved in bullying.
3. 10% of students drop out of school because of repeated bullying.
4. Bullying increases through elementary grades and peaks in middle school.
5. Bullies are six times more likely to commit a crime.

Purchase this year's ALL COLOR yearbook and add-ons in the Business Office for \$50.

Seniors - get senior pictures in by November 1st. This includes both the picture for the senior section and the picture for the inside cover.

Purchase this year's yearbook in the Business Office for \$50. Price goes up to \$55 December 1st.

You may also purchase your book online at www.yearbooksonsale.com

You can create four custom pages to add to your copy of the yearbook. Personalized yearbook pages can be purchased at www.yearbookyourself.com

Freshman Field Trip

On Friday, August 26, 372 Waterloo West 9th graders traveled to the Cedar Valley Air Show's "Youth and Media Day." These students were given a firsthand look at many of the aircraft that flew in the actual air show on Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28. In addition, students were able to interview the pilots, military personnel, medical personnel, and other professionals who were present about their job requirements, the education and training they received, and their favorite parts of their jobs. The 9th graders were exposed to a variety of professionals whose jobs represent the different Career Interest Academies. Due to time restraints students were not able to watch the entire air demonstration that afternoon, but they were able to see some of the planes in action before returning to the school.



Important Dates from Student Services

October 4- Last day to sign up for Pass/No Pass Option

October 12- PSAT

October 24-College Planning presentation for all parents at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theater

October 25- Jostens in lunchroom 11:00-1:00 displaying graduation announcements and momentos, class rings

October 26-College Planning presentation for juniors during Futures

November 1- Jostens in lunchroom 11:00-1:00 to take orders for graduation items and class rings

November 22- Herff-Jones in auditorium foyer taking orders/measurements for graduation gowns and caps

December 12-College Financial Aid presentation for parents of seniors at 6:00 p.m. in the Little Theater

December 14-College Financial Aid presentation for seniors during Futures

May 7-11 and May 14-18: AP Exams

May 16- Honor's Assembly

May 25 - Graduation

PSAT:

The PSAT is the qualifying test for National Merit Scholars and will be administered on Wednesday, October 12th. Students have received invitations to take the test. Invitations are based on scores from previous district-wide assessments and last year's PSAT results. Only juniors can qualify to be a National Merit Scholar, but we also invite sophomores to take the test as practice for their junior year. Cost is \$15, and deadline for signing up is Monday, October 10th. Students must pay in the Business Office.

National Honor Updates:

Every fall, new members are invited to join National Honor Society. This organization focuses on academics, leadership, character and service. Juniors and seniors with a 3.25 GPA or higher will be receiving a letter of invitation to submit activity forms for consideration for membership. Passes from the Student Services office were sent to these students on September 12 or 13. These passes allowed the students to pick up their letter of invitation and the activity form in Student Services. A timeline was given to each interested student regarding deadlines for submission of forms and essays. All students who are interested in membership must agree to be involved in several volunteer group activities as well as individual service.

Success Street News

Welcome to Success Street! We are located at 3 sites: West, East, and Carver. Please visit a Success Street site in these schools and meet our staff. If you don't have a site in your building, you can assist your students by calling the numbers below. You can come to Success Street Sites for:

- ◆Health Care including physicals, immunizations, sick care, and prescriptions
- ◆Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Nutrition Counseling
- ◆Tobacco Cessation
- ◆Confidential Sexual Education services such as abstinence information, pregnancy testing and prevention, STI counseling, testing, and treatment services
- ◆Coping and Life Skills support
- ◆Legal services support

We welcome anyone who has any kind of need or concern. Success Street is here to assist so every individual can be successful. Hope to meet or see you in our sites.

Locations:

West Success Street

433-2780; Fax 433-2799

East Success Street

433-2446; Fax 433-2447

Carver Success Street

433-2530; Fax 433-2531

Academic Boosters 2011-2012

Name _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

- Basic (\$15.00-\$24.00)
- Patron (\$25.00-\$49.00)
- Benefactor (\$50.00-\$99.00)
- Scholar (\$100.00+)



Make check payable to:
West High Academic Booster Club
Return form and contribution to: Ann Richter,
154 Woodlawn Road, 50701

WHS Band Boosters 2011-2012

Parent/Company Names _____
Address/Phone _____



- Friend of the Band (\$10-\$24)
- Red Star (\$25.00)
- Silver Star (\$50.00)
- Gold Star (\$75.00)
- Patron (\$100.00+)
- Corporate (\$200.00)

Checks payable to West High Band Boosters
c/o Janice Hewitt, 6249 Eldora Road, 50701

WHS Speech and Drama Boosters 2011-2012

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

- \$10 Usher
- \$25 Footlighter
- \$50 Spotlighter
- \$75 Director
- \$100 Producer



Return form and contribution to:
West High Speech and Drama Boosters
c/o Teesha Peters, 1201 Hammond Ave., 50702

Athletic Boosters 2011-2012

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____



- \$25 Spirit Club
- \$50 WHS Club
- \$100 Wahawk Pride
- \$200 Wahawk Family
- \$500 Champions Club
- \$1000 Sponsor Club

Make check payable to WHABC
Return form and contribution to:
Lynn Rousselow, 530 Olympic Drive, 50701

Orchestra Boosters 2011-2012

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

- \$10 Musician
- \$25 Section Leader
- \$50 Concert Master
- \$75 Soloist
- \$100 Maestro
- \$200 Corporate



Return form and contribution to the West High School
Business Office

Dance Team 2011-2012

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____



- \$10-\$49 BRONZE
- \$50-\$99 SILVER
- \$100-\$199 GOLD
- \$200+ DIAMOND

Return form and contribution to Jean Horan,
203 Hillside, 50701

Vocal Music Boosters 2011-2012

Name: _____
Please print name exactly as it is to appear in the program

- Friend of the Choir (\$10 - \$24)
- Musician (\$25.00)
- Jazz It Up (\$50.00)
- Heart Felt Singing (\$100.00 +)
- Corporate Choir (\$200.00+)



Return form and contribution to West High c/o Shannon
McGuire

Cheer Boosters 2011-2012

Name: _____



- Bronze (\$10-\$49)
- Silver (\$50-\$99)
- Gold (\$100-\$199)
- Platinum (\$200+)

Return form and contribution to
Amy Burch, 2425 Kayser Ct., 50701

Conferences

All parents are encouraged to attend conferences.

Thursday-October 20 (NO School) 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday-October 21 (NO School) 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Duty, Honor, Service

"Duty, Honor, Service" is Waterloo West High School's version of the district-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative. Duty, Honor, Service is a system of defining desired behaviors for students, informing students of the desired behaviors, and rewarding students for exhibiting these behaviors. Students are rewarded with "Wahawk Code" cards. Wahawk Code cards are given to students when they are observed displaying positive behaviors at West High School and West High School activities. Students who receive Wahawk Code cards are then entered into a monthly random drawing for prizes and rewards.

In the Duty, Honor, Service system, behavior issues are classified as "majors" or "minors." Minor behavior issues are managed by teachers and staff by utilizing interventions prior to involving administrators. Teachers and staff use positive interventions in the form of conversations and explanations that help students understand how to behave appropriately in various settings and situations. If these direct interventions for the minor behavior issues do not work, teachers and staff can involve parents and outside resources like Success Street and/or their Academy Counselor. Recurring minor behavior issues require the involvement of an administrator, as do all major behavior issues. Duty, Honor, Service is a program that helps make Waterloo West High School a more positive environment by ensuring that students are aware of the proper positive behaviors and that they are recognized for exhibiting positive behaviors.

West High Theatre Proudly Presents... A Night of Not So Typical Tales

...the stories of Rapunzel & Robin Hood

Rapunzel Uncut

A Comedy by Mariah Everman

The story of Rapunzel is told by dueling narrators, with a misunderstood witch, an off-pitch Rapunzel, and an unimaginably stupid Prince.

The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood

A Comedy by Mary Lynn Dobson

It sure is hard to be humble when you're a swashbuckling, ego-centric super-hero. But our gallant guy-in-green tries his best as he swaggers through The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood, a frantically funny, Monty Pythonesque retelling of the classic.

Keep track of the calendar. You don't want to miss these upcoming dates!! October 28, 29, and 30, 2011. Evening performances begin promptly at 7 p.m. Saturday, October 30th, matinee begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. in the West High School Little Theatre.

The nominal price of \$5.00 per ticket admits one to this magical evening of theatre.

The West High Dance Team is sponsoring a Halloween Dance

October 29th in the Commons from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Tickets will be \$5.00 and may be purchased in the Business Office a week before the dance.

Come dressed in costume and have some fun. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- Best Female
- Best Male
- Best Couple
- Best Group

See you there!!

Wahawk Code

Name: _____ Date: _____

Academy: Human Health ACB ETM PBDA

I noticed you following the Wahawk Code :
Duty ——— Honor ——— Service

Staff Member: _____

I appreciate your efforts to make West High School a positive learning environment.

Thanks for being Wahawk Proud!



Parents!

Check out what your teens are reading
Burned by Ellen Hopkins
A Child Called It by Dave Pelzer
Dreamland by Sarah Dessen
Hoops by Walter Dean Myers
Hunger Games by Susan Collins
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

October, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SAT Five Seasons Marching Band Invite @ Kingston 9th F/Ball (H) V/Ball @ Colum- bus
2	3 Food Drive Kick- Off 10th V/Ball @ East JV F/Ball @ Ma- son City	4 B District Golf 9th B/Ball @ Peet V/Ball (H) G Swim (H) Last day to sign up for Pass/Fail	5 1:15 Dismissal	6 B/G CC Super Meet	7 B State Golf F/Ball (H) vs CF	8 B State Golf State Marching Band Festival @ Memorial Stadium Day - Valley Fest Showdown @ Evening 10th V/Ball @ CR Kennedy 9th F/Ball (H) V/Ball @ Jefferson Invite
9	10 Blood Drive 9th V/Ball @ Co- lumbus JV F/Ball @ CF Athletic Boosters Orchestra Concert	11 V/Ball @ East	12 1:15 Dismissal PSAT	13 B/G CC Divisional Meet 9th F/Ball + 5th Qtr @IC City High	14 F/Ball (H) Senior Night	15 Show Choir Can Drive Marching Band Championships @ Ankeny 9th V/Ball @ Charles City G Swim @ CR Jefferson V/Ball @ IC West
16	17 Vocal Concert	18 V/Ball (H)	19 1:15 Dismissal	20 No School B/G CC District/ Regional Meet TBA F/Ball @ CR Was- hington Conferences	21 No School Conferences	22 All State Music Auditions ACT G Swim @ CR Kennedy
23	24 College Planning Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.-Little Theatre	25 Career Fair	26 1:15 Dismissal	27 Fall Play G Diving Meet TBA	28 Fall Play	29 Fall Play Halloween Dance Show Choir Dance Camp B/G CC State Meet
30 Fall Play						

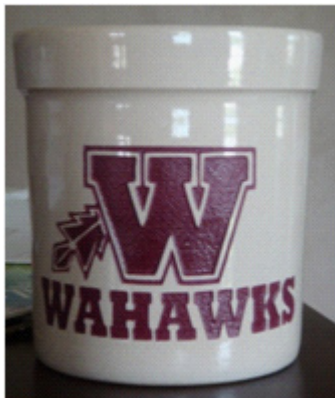


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 West High School
 425 East Ridgeway
 Waterloo IA 50702

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Waterloo, Iowa



WAHAWKS CROCK

West High CHOIR proudly offers you a WaHawk commemorative.
 Use order form below or inquire to LeaAnn Wendling - email lasski02@mchsi.com

WHS Vocal Music program is growing in numbers. Proceeds will pay for much needed choral performance attire: Black Choral Gowns, Tuxedos & Robes. To order, please fill out and return form with payment to Ms. McGuire at the West High Vocal Music Office. Thank you for supporting West High Choirs!

Yes! I WANT TO ORDER! (please print) Maroon and Black printing are available.
 Cost is \$21.00 each. Indicate how many of each color you want to order by the color below.

_____ MAROON _____ BLACK Total amount enclosed \$_____ (Checks to WHS Vocal Music)

NAME: _____ Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____