

Ada Music Boosters News

Ada Music Boosters, Inc.

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Let's Feast!

Ada Music Feast Show Choir Competition is Nov 11th

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Music Boosters President

If you're from Ada, Thanksgiving isn't the only feast in November. One of our biggest events of the year is Saturday, November 11 when we host Music Feast!

Like Turkey Day, it's a day-long over indulgence of all the great things experienced at a show choir competition: strong voices, precision dance moves, touching solos, great live band music, cheers and tears. Welcome to the 29th annual Ada Music Feast!

It all began in the fall of 1978 when Ada students were greeted by a new music staff: E. Lynn Knoble as vocal director and Dean McDowell as instrumental director. That year brought changes to the department including a flag corps and an honor's choir called The Varsity Singers. Music Feast was born to showcase these and other Ada groups and help bring community support for the purchase of new band and choir uniforms. Mr. McDowell coined the name "Music Feast" to celebrate an evening of good food, good friends and good music! And, it's been a resounding success ever since.

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Varsity Singers On the Grow

30 singer/dancers, plus band & crew – now at 50 strong!

The Varsity Singers were hard at work before school started. Their summer retreat was the week of July 24 where they learned the majority of their show. Lindsey Baumgartner is the group's director, Bill Ruhlen is the conductor and Antwon Chavis is the choreographer. There are 30 singer/dancers (15 men/15 women), 11 members of the band and 9 members on the stage crew. The traveling/competition season begins soon.



This year's dance captains are Emily Cingolani and Trevor Kline. They were picked by the choreographer during the retreat. The theme for this year's show is "Space". The songs include *Twilight Zone* by Manhattan Transfer, *Danger Zone* by Kenny Loggins, *Moondance* by Michael Buble, *Written in the Stars* by Elton John and Timothy Rice, *Space Cowboy* by N'Sync, *Major Tom* by Peter Schilling and *Final Countdown* by Europe. The band's been doing a great job providing supporting music and the stage crew always goes above and beyond behind the scenes.

The V.S. trip to West Clermont on Nov. 18 has been cancelled. See the Calendar of Events on page 3 for newly added trips. Competition season begins with exhibitions at Findlay Oct. 28 and Kenton Nov. 5 – Come out and support Varsity Singers!

Varsity Singers rehearse first period and also one night a week. All members are also either in men's or women's choir and many other sports and activities.

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Music Feast, con't.

Over the years, Music Feast has changed in many ways, but the basic idea remains the same: to showcase the talent of today's young musicians!

Today, Music Feast has grown into one of the longest-running and most well-known show choir competitions in the Midwest. Ada was the first to divide schools into "classes" based on school enrollment. Now almost every other music competition follows this model. Ada set the standard for how a quality show choir competition is run. We're proud of the fact we consistently host a high quality event which runs on time, is reasonably-priced and uses some of the best judges available. All of this would not be possible without the involvement and dedication of our great chair and her volunteers!

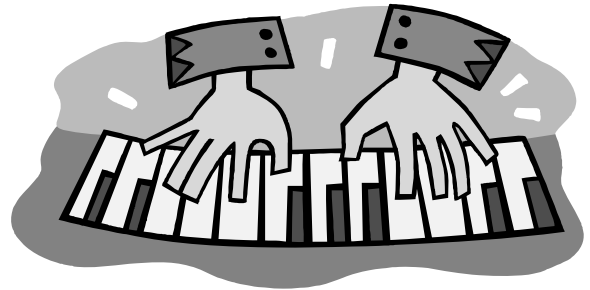
To **Volunteer** for Music Feast, please contact chair Marcia Prater at 634-1435; m-prater@onu.edu.

Ticket-takers and **Greeters** as groups arrive are needed. To work **Concessions**, contact Janet McInturf at 419-634-9695; patrick@wcoil.com. To work in the **Cafeteria**, contact Todd or Jennifer Fincher at 419-634-3039; TodFincher@aol.com. Help will be needed both Friday evening and Saturday from before daylight until after Midnight. Please remember, this is a **major** event for our school. Every family in the music program will be asked to assist in some way. Many helpers will be needed. You will be asked to work **2-to-4 hour shifts**. Thanks for volunteering—please help our coordinators by contacting them now—don't wait to be called (but, you will be...) **Card tables** and chairs are needed for cabaret-style seating; contact Patty Cribley at 419-326-8681; cribleyp@kenton.k12.oh.us. Thanks to Sigma Theta Epsilon Christian Fraternity for providing day-long **Security**; some parents may also be needed. **Reserved seating** (\$10 a seat; 4 to a table) goes on sale Monday, October 16 at the school; all **Tickets** go on sale to the public Tuesday, October 17. **Performances** begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday; this group will arrive prior to 6 a.m.! **Ada** will perform at 5:30 p.m. **Awards** begin at 6:15 p.m. Evening **Finals** will begin at 8:00 p.m., with the six best schools vying for "Grand Champion". Evening awards will conclude about 11:30 p.m. **Cleanup** then begins! Please plan to stay to help cleanup so a few don't have to do it all.

Seventeen participating schools are confirmed this year: *The Association* from Van Buren; *Impressions* from Cory-Rawson; *Knight-Vision* from Crestview; *The Company* from Piqua; *Soundsation* from Riverdale; *The Limited Edition* from Mayfield; *Soundsation* from Vermillion; *The Buccaneers* from Perry (Lake Co.); *Harding Singers* from Marion; *New Wave* from Lakeland (Indiana); *Prominent Rendition* from Teays Valley; *Center Stage* from Milton-Union; *Illusion* and *Mirage* both from Kettering Fairmont; *First Edition* from Findlay; *Touch of Class* from Grove City; and, *The Main Event* from Coopersville (Mich.). We look forward to welcoming them to our school for this special event!

Also, parents, companies or organizations may sponsor **Plaques/Trophies**; please call Marcia to purchase.

Lastly, if you are, or know, **Ada V.S. Alumni** contact Kim Smittle 634-1475 or Arlene Allison 634-1144 (smittlek@ada.k12.oh.us or allisona@ada.k12.oh.us) for details on special day-long pricing and an alumni reception/reunion to be held at Music Feast. 🎵



Thanks—Ada Board—for Purchase of New Clavinova Electronic Piano!

Heartfelt thanks are extended to the Board of Education for recently purchasing a new, state-of-the-art electronic piano for the music program. Called a Clavinova, it provides professional quality sound with easy-to-use features (including Internet connectivity). It reproduces the experience of playing an actual grand piano. You can have song lyrics shown on a display or even output to a separate TV monitor. It even has a 16-track recording studio, letting you craft complex songs and arrangements one track at a time. Digital audio can also be recorded. Music Boosters paid for the rolling cart it sits on and Mr. B's grandfather is building a nice protective cabinet to use when transporting it. Thanks, again, to the members of the Board for this piece of equipment which will offer exciting educational opportunities in the music department for years to come. 🎵

SUPPORT THE RENEWAL LEVY

Please support the renewal levy for Ada Schools at the polls on Tuesday, November 7th. This is a renewal of the school income tax first approved in 1992. It has been successfully approved twice previously and the current request is for another 5-year continuation at the present rate. This is not a new tax; it goes towards current operating expenses—in fact, it's 12% of the budget. Please vote "For" Ada Schools.

KEEP SAVING RECEIPTS/LABELS

The band and choir room are collection points for Community Market green sales receipts, UPC labels from "Our Family" brand products and Tyson chicken A+ points. Please remember to save these and turn them in.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VARSITY SINGERS REHEARSALS

10/16, (10/19 cancelled), 10/23, 10/26, 11/2, 11/6, 11/8, 11/10, 11/16, 11/27, 12/5 (12/6 perform 12:30 for Senior Citizens luncheon), and 12/11; time is usually 6-8:00 p.m.

CENTURY RESOURCES SALE DELIVERY DATE / \$ DUE

Product delivery will be Wed. 10/18; money's due by 10/25!

V.S. COMPETITIONS

10/28 FINDLAY; 11/5 KENTON; 1/20 GARFIELD HEIGHTS; 1/27 CUYAHOGA FALLS; 2/17 CAPITOL (WV-OVERNIGHT); 2/23 TWINSBURG (OVERNIGHT); 3/17 ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

SWANTON H.S. OMEA COMPETITION

10/21: PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:00. IT'S NEAR TOLEDO. Parents—travel north and support your band! ☺

SENIOR NIGHT AND REHEARSAL UNDER THE LIGHTS

10/27: SENIOR RECOGNITION DURING L.C.C. GAME
Parents, students, football players and coaches are invited to stay after to watch our competition show under the lights!

RUDIMENT 14 – ADA HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR DRUMLINE

CLINICS (HELP PREPARE FOR AUDITIONS) ARE @ 3:45 ON 10/31 AND 11/1. AUDITIONS ARE 11/7 @ 3:45. PRACTICES ARE 3:45-5 ON : 11/14, 20 AND 28; 12/4, 12 AND 18; 1/3, 8, 16, 22 AND 29; 2/5, 12, 19 AND 26; 3/5, 12, 19 AND 26; AND, 4/2, 10, 16 AND 23.

MARCHING BAND

PRACTICE 6-8:00 ON 10/17. 10/24 HALLOWEEN PARADE AT ADA PARK, THEN PRACTICE. 10/27 SENIOR NIGHT, PRACTICE AFTER GAME UNDER LIGHTS. 11/27 SANTA PARADE TO DEPOT.

CHOIR AND BAND

11/29 SING AT DEPOT; WEEK OF 12/11 AUDITIONS FOR MUSICAL; 12/14 FOURTH/FIFTH GRADE MUSICAL; 12/18 VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT GRADES 7-12 @ 7:00; 2/3 OMEA H.S. SOLO & ENSEMBLE @ LIMA SENIOR; 2/22 SECOND/THIRD GRADE MUSICAL; 3/9-10 OMEA LARGE GROUP CONTEST @ BATH; 3/30-31 WIZARD OF OZ PERFORMANCES; 4/26 FIRST GRADE MUSICAL; 5/11 SPRING FEVER FOLLIES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

<http://calendar.ada.k12.oh.us> <http://calendar.ada.k12.oh.us/band>

It was previously reported the first competition would be at West Clermont on Nov. 18, but this trip has been cancelled. Additional competitions are being scheduled at Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Capitol (WV), Twinsburg and St. Clairsville. [See dates in Calendar of Events at left.] The "competition season" really begins this month with exhibition performances at Findlay Fall Fest on Oct. 28 (held at Central Middle School) and Kenton on Nov. 5 in the Middle School (old high school) auditorium. Come out and support the Varsity Singers! It's a great source of entertainment and they'll appreciate the crowd noise! Shirts for parents/others can be ordered from Mrs. B.

Meet the Varsity Singers!

There are 30 singer/dancers this year, as opposed to 22 last year! We're glad for the good growth seen over the past year and thank Mrs. B for her enthusiasm last spring which encouraged more students to audition. The band and crew are also an important component.



Members of the 2006-07 Varsity Singers are: Sopranos: Ashley Cramer, Hannah Gunn, Eleni Guyton, Sammi Raines, Hope Risner, Abbi Tarr and Kaitlin Young. Altos: Emily Cingolani, Paige Dirmeyer, Malary Dumbaugh, Kristin Elliott, Megan Elliott, Hannah Lomax-Vogt, Holly Musser and Ashley Wagner. Tenors: Jacob Adams, Trevor Kline, Shaun Laubis, Garrett Oestreich, Zach Simon and Doug Smittle. Bass: Caleb Agner, Jayse Bassitt, Jake Benson, Ethan Collins, Aaron Cross, Trent Dysert, Tommy Him, Wes Houx and David Yankee. Band: Sarah Smith, saxophone; Leah Lehman, saxophone; John Beaschler, trumpet; Kim Howard, trumpet; Myles Johnson, trombone; Amanda Cribley, trombone; Kinsey Ring, bass guitar; Kyle Elliott, lead guitar; Claire Romanowski, keyboard; Progga Das, piano; and, Michael Reese, drums. Stage Crew: Travis Dysert, Matt Flower, Kyle Hibbard, Annalisa Hughes, Sarah Mowery, James Sheldon, Britney Woodruff, Max Yankee and Denny Hempker. Please show your support for the Varsity Singers at upcoming exhibitions and competition shows. They'll appreciate it very much! 🎵

KUDOS, TIDBITS, SHOUT-OUTS...

V.S. ALUMNI CLUB ► ADA MUSIC ALUMNI CLUB

V.S. Alumni Club has been a Patron level of membership for some time. Alumni who've supported us in this way are appreciated. At the October Music Boosters meeting, a motion was passed to rename this Patron category to the **Ada Music Alumni Club**. We encourage all Ada alumni to support Music Boosters and their alma mater in this way. Thanks!

BULLDOG BAND @ A-E; DIRECTOR DELLEFIELD HONORED

Ada played well at the 25th annual Mustang Brass Invitational, Sept 16. They were the smallest band there, but big on pride! Congrats to A-E director Dennis Dellefield as he begins 40 years of music education!

THANKS TO BOARD FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING

The Board of Education has granted permission to use the new south/west parking lots for Music Feast. This will allow for more parking for spectators and equipment vehicles. Thank you, Board of Education.

TRUCK/TRAILER FUTURE-NEEDS COMMITTEE

Thanks goes out to Mike Lenhart, Gary Cribley and Jeff Oestreich for comprising a committee to consider future needs for transporting band and show choir equipment to events. Goal is to have recommendations to consider in January. Contact the committee if you have suggestions.

H.H FEST QUEEN/COURT

The Harvest & Herb queen and court were all ladies involved in the Ada music program. Many congratulations to Queen Emily Cingolani and her court: Britney Woodruff, Tiffany Jenkins and Megan Elliott.

HOMECOMING QUEEN WOODRUFF / KING BENSON

It was exciting to crown Queen Britney Woodruff & King Jacob Benson at the Homecoming game! Both are Ada music students. Congrats royalty!

MRS. WILSON ELEMENTARY UPDATE

5th grade band enrollment is 35 at this time. They are well into their third week of instruction. The 4th/5th grade musical *I Need a Little Christmas Vacation* performances will be Dec. 14 at 1:00 and 7:00 in auditorium.

6TH GRADE BAND – WE CAN LEARN ANYTHING!

Mr. Ruhlen reports these kids can work, play and read anything he can come up with. They are hard workers. They've started on their first actual piece of music and will be out of the red book by the end of October!

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Patron Support Essential

Annual membership and Patron-level giving needed

A big "thank you" goes out to those who've already joined Ada Music Boosters through your Patron-level membership for 2006-07. Your patronage helps us continue to meet our annual operating budget and provide meaningful support for all of Ada's music programs. We do appreciate your support! There's still time to join Boosters and be a Patron again this year!

Please join Ada Music Boosters as a Patron for 2006-07! We need your support again this year.

Please reply by Oct. 21 to be included in the Patron Listing in the Ada Music Feast program!

Patron giving helps provide choir robes, musical sets, new instruments, costumes for V.S. and Jazz Band, drumline equipment and Colorguard uniforms (have you seen the new ones—they're sharp!). We provide assistance at all educational levels, from elementary through junior/senior high school. Patron-level giving categories are:

Production Team (\$150 and above)	
Director's Club (\$100)	Top Hat (\$50)
White Gove (\$25)	Purple & Gold (\$10)
Ada Music Alumni Club (\$5)	Extra Booster Membership (\$5)

All patron-level gifts include a booster membership. To join, send your check to treasurer, Jennifer Fincher, 119 West Montford Ave. If received by Oct. 21, we can list you as a Patron in the Ada Music Feast Program. Thanks, again, for your support of Music Boosters. It allows us to help all students excel in vocal and instrumental music education at Ada Schools. ♪

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