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In the News!

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Warren Central announced as Grammy Signature School

Warren Central High School's Music Dept. has once again been selected as a Grammy Signature School! This marks the eighth year that our school has been awarded this honor. WCHS is the only Indiana school to earn consecutive finalist honors. WCHS is also one of only six Indiana high schools selected this year, with 126 schools nationwide.

As the Grammy Award signifies excellence in the music industry, the Grammy Signature School Award signifies excellence in music education. The award is sponsored by the NARAS (National Academy of Recording Artist and Sciences) Foundation and Target Stores. The award was created to reward excellence in our country's high school music program. It is designed to advance music education and to spotlight music teachers, principals and school superintendents who feature music education as a basic element in their curriculum. The detailed application was submitted in September, describing our music program. Application materials (curriculum, enrollment figures, recordings, budget information, concert programs, photographs, contest results, lists of honors and awards, judges' critique sheets, and information about our facilities and booster organizations) were reviewed by a national panel of top music industry and music education professionals.

The Warren Central Performing Arts Dept. staff wishes to thank the MSD of Warren Township School Board and Administration for placing value in arts education. The school also recognizes the importance of parents and booster organizations for their support and encouragement. Credit must also be given to the students involved in the Performing Arts Dept. for their talent, intelligence and enthusiasm. The WCHS Performing Arts Dept. includes Grady Emmert (Orchestra/Piano), Ed Meckes (Band/Guard/Music Theory/Piano), Matt Verplaetse (Band/Jazz Band), Dustin Podgorksi (Choir), Sheila Semersheim (Choir), Cheryl Davenport (Choir), Randy Auble (Piano), Jeff Cleveland (Band/Percussion), Jeffrey Dalstrom (Technical Theatre/WPAC Director), Carrie Reiberg (Theatre), Ron Peckham (Music Appreciation/History), Jill Wynalda (Piano/Dept. Sec.), Becky Schломann (Assist. Auditorium Manager), and John Hilmer (Band/Piano/Dept. Chair)