

NorthWood High School Bands August 12, 2021

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Welcome: Trevor

Director report: Mr. Criss

- Update on props
 - There will be tarps this year; chains will be sewn into the perimeter to prevent issues with blowing or shifting.
 - Mondays at 6pm - meet at the trailer if you want to help Steve with props. Many hands are needed; it's fun to meet other band parents and contribute to the show.
 - We are looking for scaffolding to use in the show; it may be painted. Email Mr. Criss if you have some available for use.
- Update on uniforms
 - Thank you to Vickie M and Vickie S for measuring and help with uniforms
 - New show tops are ordered and will be in for next week's band photos
 - FB games: polos and tan shorts; when weather changes, jackets and shakos
 - Guard uniforms are ordered
 - Shoes being ordered 8/13; send payment in unless using last year's
 - Vickie went over under-uniform information: black shirt with sleeves, black shorts, black crew socks (no logos). No fingernail polish, no jewelry.
 - Black gloves will be provided and can/should be sent home for washing. Extra pairs available for \$5
 - Band moms can help with hair, etc
 - Color guard is wearing black shorts with polos
- Band Photos - see email sent this week with order form and basic information for next Friday's photo shoot (8/20).
- First Football Game - Friday 8/20; Students will need change of clothes; band photo order forms and payment, dinner... watch for email early in the week with details.
 - Band will be back in the stands!
- Mr. Criss and Mr. Grabill work hard to recruit middle schoolers to HS band. There is a misconception in community that band requires more time or a greater commitment than athletics. It doesn't!
 - Please represent, educate that every fall sport or competitive team is a commitment; band is no different: not more; not less. All high school teams put in time and work to be competitive
 - Be proud of our kids; try not to imply like they work harder or put in more time than other athletic programs
 - Be aware of how your social media posts sound in the community
 - Fear of time and commitment are the biggest obstacles we face recruiting freshman even though for half our season, Red Regiment only practices twice per week.
- Spirit Wear: logo is done; waiting on final color decisions to be made and then a Spirit Wear order will be available
 - Anyone with the link to the merch store is welcome to place an order; if you know of middle schoolers who would like to wear a spirit shirt share the link & order deadline with them.

Mr. Grabill: Percussion / Middle School

- Massive amount of 6th graders coming into band (112)
- 220 kids this year - retention is high
- Hope is that many of those 8th graders will continue with band in HS

Stephanie: Color Guard Report

- Makeup and Hair class was 8/12

President report: Trevor

- Calendar on NorthWoodBands.com: good way to keep up on what is happening.
 - Note: Labor Day means a Tuesday practice that week
 - Note: Sept. 27 has two practice times listed; final decision will be made at later date
 - Parent / Teacher conferences has evening practice
- Facebook groups:
 - Red Regiment page is for current members and parents; communication for upcoming events, deadlines, important information shared here.
 - Northwood Bands page is for current & past members and family. Photos of events are shared here.
 - Both are private groups and entry is approved by admin; see Mr. Criss if you have issues seeing the pages.
- Volunteer forms - Differences between pit crew and chaperones:
 - Chaperones help with kids; ride the bus; keep the kids safe
 - Pit Crew: moves equipment for performances; sets up on field. Football games are a good place to learn the ropes. Props added throughout the season.
- We are in need of a CDL driver for September 18. Please reach out to Trevor if you know someone willing to help

Vice President Report: Laurie

- Parent Volunteers (www.northwoodbands.com/parent-volunteers/)
- Fill out forms right away if you'd like to help this season (available on <http://www.northwoodbands.com/documents/>)
 - Chaperones
 - Background check necessary; this does have a cost involved however an expanded check is good for 4 or 5 years.
 - Even if you have this status, you need to fill out the School Volunteer Application yearly; send this to Amber Pauls (apauls@wanee.org) in the Performing Arts office
 - Pit Crew
 - Fill out the school Volunteer application
 - Prop Construction - fill out school volunteer application
- If you signed up to volunteer at the meeting, you will receive emailed information from Laurie when volunteers are needed.
- Parades require walkers to keep band hydrated and help as needed
 - Apple Festival Parade (12 volunteers) September 18

- Volunteering is a great way to contribute, get to know the kids and other parents. Please consider helping and reach out to Laurie or other board members if you have questions.

2nd Vice President Report: Dawn

- Fundraisers
 - Kona Ice 8/20 FB game - fundraiser. They run the entire thing and 20% of sales will go directly to the band
 - Update from summer fundraisers
 - Thank you to the volunteers at this summer's events.
 - The Kountry Woods picnic raised \$1,200!
 - The Dairy Bar at the Fair raised \$1,000!
 - Amount yet to come on the Lemon Shake Up Booth
 - Chili Supper Oct. 15
 - This is also Senior Night
 - Dawn is looking for a volunteer to help head-up this fundraiser

Next meeting will be: September 2, 2021

Meetings of the NorthWood Band Boosters are held on the 1st THURSDAY of the month in the NWHS Band Room, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the NorthWood Band Boosters is to advance the best interests of the NorthWood High School Bands by giving support as requested by the Band Director. All parents/guardians of students enrolled in the Band and Guard Program are members of the NorthWood Band Boosters. Maintaining an active Band Program requires support and funding beyond that provided by the school system. The band parent organization has been formed to provide this support!

BOARD MEMBERS

Director of Bands: Eric Criss Assistant Director: Jacob Grabill President: Trevor Wendzonka

1st Vice President: Laurie Schmucker; 2nd Vice President: Dawn Morey; Secretary: Mary Wendzonka