

NorthWood High School Bands September 2, 2021

S.U.D.A.: SPIRIT * UNITY * DISCIPLINE * ATTITUDE

Welcome: Trevor

Director report: Mr. Criss

- Band is going great. Getting re-accustomed to pre-Covid procedures
- Volunteers and Parent Helpers:
 - Pit Parents: move equipment during FB games and comps, onto and off field
 - 30 needed
 - There will be practice sessions; watch for info from Trevor and Steve
 - Chaperones: ride buses, keep kids safe and assist with hair or needs
 - 4 per event
 - Passes to get in to comps provided
 - **Helpers Must Sign up** before the event.
 - Watch for email or Facebook announcement from Laurie to sign up
 - Field Setup will require a lot of extra help this year
 - Scaffolding and tarps will be set up by parent helpers
 - Front Ensemble / Percussion will handle their equipment this year
- September Practice Schedule
 - Mondays moving to 5-8 pm
 - Thursdays remain after school
 - Parents welcome to watch at the end of practice
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 3-5 pm during rehearsal 9/20 in band office
- Rehearsal Attendance per the nurse:
 - If able to attend school, then members should attend practice.
 - No fever, cough, covid symptoms
 - Remember: if you have a fever, stay home.
- Fall Break
 - Plan accordingly! Practice, Football Game & Senior Night, and ISSMA Regionals over break.
- Local Comps lead up to ISSMA Regional, which is qualifying event to move to Semi-State
 - Top 10 move on
 - **Important Note:** *Scores of ISSMA Comps are not to be shared, even if the band members are told.*
- Thank you to Vickie M and Vickie S for handling uniforms and shoes
- Thank you to Steve & Ray for the tower sound system
- Spirit Wear info yet to come
- Bands of America is a Friday Performance this year
- Question from Parent: Can we have a Fan Bus to state?
 - Band execs will discuss the possibility

Mr. Grabill: Percussion / Middle School

- MS is bursting at the seams in a good way
- Percussion is doing great!
 - They will have a 3-4pm practice on Mondays, then a break before the 5pm full-band practice
 - Any conflicts, let Mr. Grabill know

Stephanie: Color Guard Report

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President report: Trevor

- Semi driver needed - Sept. 18
 - Apple Festival Parade and competition at Concord
 - Reach out to Trevor if you know of anyone / call or text 574-575-2355
- Props update
 - More help needed for props
 - Mondays, 5:30 pm - have been added to band calendar
 - Skills unnecessary - plenty of things to do
 - See Steve if you have questions
 - Practice times with Pit Crew will be announced later

Vice President Report: Laurie

- Parent Volunteers- Apple Festival
 - Walkers for water will be needed, watch for sign up info
- Upcoming Comps
 - Entry tickets for comps is provided by band
 - Watch for sign-up info from Laurie after the weekly schedule is emailed from Mr. Criss
 - Friday night football is a great way to get involved and learn how things go
 - Consistency is good; if you aren't always available, you can still help
 - Consistent crew members will be going to Regionals and State

2nd Vice President Report: Dawn

- Chili supper: stay tuned
- Band Buddy Gifts:
 - Mr. Criss assigns a buddy for the week's comp.
 - Spend about \$5 per buddy gift.
 - Socks, toys, trinkets preferred over sugar or caffeine
 - If a member doesn't want to participate, they can pass their gift to their buddy

Next meeting will be: October 7, 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