

NorthWood High School Bands October 5, 2023

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Welcome: Mark

Director report: Mr. Criss

- Italy trip: projected trip dates are May 10-18, 2025. The registration link has been sent to everyone. On the link the original dates are still posted.
- Spiritwear update: our order has been placed! We are waiting on delivery.
- Cost for state performance: final numbers will be coming soon, but expect it to be around \$100 per student. This amount includes:
 - a "Christmas" dinner at semi-state
 - a pizza dinner on Friday evening at state
 - and the hotel at state.

Mr. Criss has done an excellent job at getting this cost lowered from what he thought it would be!

- ISSMA is cautious about posting scores and video of performances. Please don't do it! They have the power to remove the band from Solo & Ensemble (performing and hosting), and from the rest of the band season.

Middle School Report: Mr. Shepherd

- The NWMS Fall Concert is next Tuesday, October 10, at 6pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. They are also offering a family ticket for \$15 (two parents and siblings). Come out and support some current and upcoming Red Regiment members!
 - *they still need parents that evening to sell/take tickets
- Step Up Program: this provides an opportunity for current 7th and 8th grade students to graduate from their 6th grade/beginner instrument to a slightly more complex instrument. This will be the instrument they will play throughout high school.
- Playing quizzes are now happening in middle school. This helps prepare the students for a successful high school band experience. Mr. Shepherd will accept playing quizzes up to two weeks late.

Guard Report: Stephanie

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President report: Mark

- Props: More are coming! The show is continuing to grow and become a visual feast. Help is always appreciated to assemble and paint. Keep checking the Red Regiment facebook page for dates and times.
- The 5th wheel is being replaced and has officially traveled its last trip with us. It has served us well but is no longer able to pass DOT inspection. The new trailer should be ready for use next week. There will be advertising logo spots available on the sides of the trailer. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing one of these spots, please contact Mark.
- THANK YOU to:
 - the band dads who have put a lot of time into preparing props
 - Travis for driving the semi

-Vicki for all the work she does with the uniforms

-AutoPark and Gen-Y Hitch for all their donations to make the new trailer possible

Vice President Report: Katrina

- There will be a pit parent meeting on Saturday morning with Mr. Criss.
- If you are a chaperone who will be rooming with the band at state, please let Katrina know. There are limited rooms available and she would like to make sure everyone has a place to sleep.

2nd Vice President Report: Michan/Andrea

- Christmas dinner at semi-state: keep your eyes peeled for a sign-up genius for help with sides and desserts.

Next meeting will be: September , 2023

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: Joey Shepherd President: Mark Nave;

1st Vice President: Katrina Macias; 2nd Vice President: Michan Eby/Andrea Golden; Secretary: Ruth Sheaffer