

NorthWood High School Bands September 5, 2024

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Welcome: Mark

Director Report: Mr. Criss

- We are anticipating a rise in band fees since the school isn't covering as much of band costs as before.
- There will possibly be an adjustment in Monday night practice times. Right now it's 5-8, with a probable move to 5:30-8:30. Watch for that email from Mr. Criss.
- Make sure to thoroughly read the email from Mr. Criss entitled "Weekend Agenda". There are tips from former band parents about dress code and ways to make this a successful band season for your student.
- Another tip: have a designated duffel/bag just for band. It will make your life much easier to keep everything contained in one place and avoid the mad scramble on competition mornings of finding all the under uniform clothes and deodorant needed.
- Bring water jugs and supper! While we do provide snacks on competition days, it will not be enough to completely satiate students. We also do not want anyone dehydrating and passing out.
- Parent pick-up after football games and competitions: please park in the parking lot, not the circle drive.
- Spirit wear orders and money are due Wed. Sept 11.
- DO NOT POST COMPETITION VIDEOS ONLINE! There are copyright laws in place for some of our music pieces and if there are videos found online, there could be negative repercussions for the band. You might occasionally see clips posted to the private school pages by a staff member. Those will never be made public, and are only posted at the discretion of the staff.

Middle School Report: Ms. Bradley

- All-Region Honor Band Application deadline is Sept 13. 6 applications in already! It will be held at Penn High School Nov 16-17.
- Jazz members are getting t-shirts this year!
- MS 7th and 8th grade Pep Band was recently 'unofficially' (verbally) approved.
- Jazz Band performed "Louie, Louie" for 8th grade Select Singers on Wed and did outstanding!

Guard Report: Stephanie

- The guard will be wearing all black for games and competitions until their uniforms arrive.
- Practice flags are being used for now until the show flags are completed.

President Report: Mark

- Flyers were mailed seeking business donations. We have brochures about the band. If you would like to give one to your boss or a business that you have connections to, please see Mark.
- Pit shirt orders: the Giddings designed shirts for the pit crew. If you have not been contacted by them about a shirt, please talk to Scott or Robin.
- We need a welder! There are a few pieces of band equipment that need some welder attention. If you know someone who has skills in this area, let Mark know.

- As you might have noticed, the trailer is logo'd! It's looking nice and professional. Also, the semi passed DOT inspection.
- The teeters need to be painted white. We'll be sending out more information about times to help paint.
- Our volunteers are amazing!
 - ~Thank you Band Dads. You showed up in a great way for the first meeting.
 - ~Thank you Travis for driving the semi.
 - ~Thank you Vicki for all the work you do in getting the uniforms looking sharp.

Vice President Report: Katrina

- Football Fridays-need volunteers to transport pit. Ideally these will be the same people helping as on Saturdays, but all help is appreciated.
- As we move on through the season, there will be a need for more Pit Parents. Contact Katrina if you are able to help on Saturdays.

2nd Vice President Report: Michan/Andrea

- Friday, Oct 11 is the Haystack Fundraiser. Tickets will be going home later this month. The students will have two weeks to sell their required 5 tickets. You can also choose to buy out their tickets. There will be prizes awarded for the students who sell the most tickets in each instrument family. If you buy out the tickets, that student will not be eligible for prizes.

Next meeting will be: October 3, 2024

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: Faith Bradley President: Mark Nave
 1st Vice President: Katrina Macias 2nd Vice President: Michan Eby/Andrea Golden Secretary: Ruth Sheaffer