

**NorthWood High School Bands October 3, 2024**  
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**Welcome: Mark**

**Director Report: Mr. Criss**

- This weekend is the first ISSMA event. This one is an invitational, so no bands will be eliminated. Some things you might notice that are different with ISSMA events:
  - ~penalties will count toward the score
  - ~there are no placements, (1st, 2nd, 3rd), only Gold, Silver, Bronze, and participation
  - ~there are captions awarded, (music, visual, etc), some with distinction
  - ~there will be no scores postedNext weekend is ISSMA Regional, where the top ten bands will advance to semi-state.
- For Fall break/BOA; on Friday the band will travel to Lucas Oil and perform. They will NOT perform at the football game that evening! There is practice on Monday evening 5:30-8:30.
- November 2nd is a possible mini-camp. Watch your email for more information.
- Spirit wear should be available by the end of next week, in time for regionals!
- There are several NorthWood Bands social media pages/profiles. Go to [northwoodbands.com/socialmedia](http://northwoodbands.com/socialmedia) for a full explanation of all the different mediums and their uses.

**Middle School Report: Ms. Bradley**

- Middle School Band is going great! There are approximately 85 6th graders in band this year.
- Middle School Band Night is Oct 11. There will be 80 middle schoolers joining the high school at the football game that evening. The MS will be playing with the HS in the stands for the first half of the game, then watching the HS performance at halftime. They will all be dismissed after the halftime show.
- Since the Oct 11 events are technically the first performance for the Middle School and no tickets will be sold to directly support the band, there will be a donation bucket at a table by the entrance. Principal Bowser from the middle school will be manning that table. Please share this information and support our Middle School Band!

**Guard Report: Stephanie**

- Winterguard tryouts are coming up! Clinic dates are Nov 18, 19, & 21, with tryouts on Friday, Nov 22nd. It's open to grades 6-12, no experience necessary.

**President Report: Mark**

- Thank you!!!
  - ~Donors. In response to the brochures mailed to area businesses, there were several donations made of sums large enough to get them recognition as supporters of the band on a banner that will be displayed throughout the year. Those businesses are:
    - A & E Building Supply, Inc
    - InTech Trailers
    - Subway Wakarusa
    - Schwartz Electric
  - ~Nelsons. They made a large donation of water bottles to the band.
  - ~Travis Martin, our semi driver. We would get nowhere very quickly without his help!
  - ~Vicki Sprague, the uniform master. She is responsible for keeping the kids looking sharp! There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that she does, particularly after a rainy performance day.

- At semi-state, we hold what we lovingly call “Christmas Dinner”. We serve a hot meal, have Christmas decorations, and give the kids small Christmas gifts. In order to do that, we need some parent help, a hopefully quiet running generator among those needs. If you have one that we can use, please contact Mark. There will be an email with more information coming soon.
- We need someone to help with the teeters for the show. The initial grip is wearing off and they are becoming slippery. This poses a potential fall risk for our students. Please let Mark know if you have experience in this area.
- Since Mark has a senior, this will be his last year as Band Boosters President. We are on the hunt for a replacement! If you are interested in helping the band run successfully, please talk to Mark. You will have the opportunity to shadow him and learn what goes into being an amazing president!

### **Vice President Report: Katrina**

- Thank you parents for stepping up to help! We have had a great response this year.
- Since Oct 11 is a busy night for us, we will need a few extra hands. With the Haystack Dinner happening and the middle school joining us for the evening, we will need as many parents helping as possible! Even if you're not signed up to help with the dinner, but you are available, please contact Katrina. We might need people to replace chaperones helping inside so they can go out and chaperone Middle School students during the halftime show.

### **2nd Vice President Report: Michan/Andrea**

- There are still a few openings for servers for the Haystack Dinner. We are expecting around 550 diners, so we need all spots filled.
- Michan also needs to be replaced this year, due to her student being a senior. Now is the time to speak up to be her replacement! You will be able to work with her and Andrea to learn the ropes before she is done.

### **Next meeting will be: November 7, 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