

FROM THE PODIUM

The Official E-newsletter of the Northmont High School Band



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Marching Band Season Wrap Up

Line - Form - Color came to a close after a GREAT trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 2021 Bands of America Grand Nationals competition.

After a year off of competition, it was great to get back on the field and travel around showcasing the great efforts of our students! While it was a season of ups and downs (as you can image coming back from a year off) we want to highlight a couple key moments!

1. Top 5 in AAAA at MSBA Championships
2. Two Best Percussion Awards
3. 2nd place in Percussion and Guard at AAAA Championships
4. Each performance improved upon the previous
5. Being back together doing this activity we love

Show and letterman patches will begin to be distributed over the next couple weeks.

Disney Trip

Rehearsals

Monday, November 29 - 6pm-8pm
Wednesday, December 1 - 3:30pm-5:30pm
Monday, December 6 - 6pm-8pm
Thursday, December 9 - 6pm-8pm
Monday, December 13 - 3:30pm-5:30pm
Thursday, December 16 - 3:30pm-6pm

Thursday, December 16 6pm Meeting

We are getting so excited to represent our school, community, state, and program while marching down Mainstreet U.S.A. at Disney's Magic Kingdom on January 1st!

We have a limit number of rehearsals to get the music and parade routine learned and memorized. Please make sure you are doing everything in your power to be at each rehearsal.

If you have a conflict, please communicate that in advance.

More information will be coming out about the trip in the coming weeks, but make sure you have the December 16th meeting marked on your calendars.



*"If you can dream
it, you can do it."*

-Walt Disney

December Concert

Concert - Prep Rehearsals - Concert Outfits - Commission Piece

We are gearing up to showcase the hard work of our three concert bands during our winter concert in December.

The date of the concert is **December 15th** and will start with Concert Band at **7pm** in the Northmont Community Auditorium.

Symphonic Band will follow and then we will conclude the concert with Wind Ensemble.

Each ensemble has a concert prep rehearsal after school on **December 9th** in the Band Room. The schedule for those rehearsals is as follows:

Concert Band (Period 1): 3:15pm-3:45pm
 Symphonic Band (Period 2): 3:45pm-4:30pm
 Wind Ensemble (Period 7): 4:30pm-5:30pm

Make sure you have tried on your concert outfit before the concert. These outfits are each size fits many and will probably need to be slightly altered in the length through hem or hem tape. We want each student to look and feel their best that evening so we have the best possible look to match our best possible sound.

A reminder that concert outfits are \$60 and payment should be sent in to Mrs. Lewis ASAP. If not paid by second semester, the cost will be moved to school fees.

Lastly, the Wind Ensemble will be performing a new piece my world renowned composer, John Mackey, entitled "Some Treasures are Heavy with Human Tears." This piece was commissioned by a group of local bands led by Bellbrook High School to commemorate the Oregon District Shooting and the lives lost (including a Bellbrook band alum).

Northmont was a proud member of this consortium and we are looking forward to performing this piece for all.



*"The piece isn't trying to sound like WHAT happened; it's trying to convey what it feels like to KNOW that it happened."
 -John Mackey on his piece Some Treasures are Heavy with Human Tears*

Fine Arts Reports

Fine Arts Reports are due for all students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble by Friday, December 17th.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Percussion Ensemble are responsible for 50 points, while Wind Ensemble is responsible for 100 points.

The easiest way to get 50 points this quarter is to go to one concert (other than our band concert) and write a short one page reflection.

Indoor Percussion

Indoor Percussion is open to all students 8-12th at Northmont. They compete in Mid East Performance Association and Winter Guard International competitions.

Auditions are Tuesday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 1st from 6pm-8pm.

Percussion Director, Abby Almanrode, can be reached at nmindoorpercussion@gmail.com for any additional information

Much more information will be shared in future issues as the season gets underway.

Pep Band

Every student in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble are required to attend two pep band performances.

Dates for Pep Band are:

December 17th and 18th
January 14th, 15th, and 31st
February 11th

Report time for Pep Band is 5:30pm

Winter Guard

Varsity and JV Guard is open to all students 7-12th at Northmont. They compete in Mid East Performance Association and Winter Guard International competitions.

Audition spots for JV Guard are still available.

Guard Director, Gina Roberts, can be reached at ginanicg@gmail.com for any additional information

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