

North Scott Band Department

4th Quarter "Cheat Sheet" for Parents

Lessons: Each student is required to do five lessons this quarter. Those students studying privately on their primary band instrument will receive credit for two of those lessons by having their instructor fill out the LESSON VOUCHER. These may be found on the webpage under "communications"

CONCERT WRITE-UPS: Students *may* elect to write a paper on a band concert they attend, and that grade will take the place of one lesson. IT MUST BE A CONCERT THEY ARE NOT ALREADY PERFORMING IN and MUST FEATURE BAND INSTRUMENTS. It should be 500 words, typed, and treated as an English paper. In other words, we will be not only grading on content, but also grammar, form, spelling, etc. They are to take notes at whichever concert they attend and include detailed, specific information about the performance. These reports must have substance, as they are taking the place of one band lesson. If there are any questions as to which concerts are acceptable, please call or email us. We have had some papers in the past that we have been unable to accept. This is an option we have provided for our students to not only help them get their lesson grades in, but also entice them to attend some outside concerts.

Students participating in the Local Solo Festival (required for all Sophomores and older, as well as Symphonic Band Freshmen) and State Solo/Ensemble Festival (they have signed up for that on their own- it was not required) will receive one lesson credit for each solo performance. The State Festival is at Davenport West HS on Saturday, April 17.

Students are only allowed to come out of the same class twice per quarter to minimize the amount of time taken away from instruction.

Students can only sign up for one lesson per week.

Lessons are on the materials assigned in their LESSON BOOK. If there is time, the band music will also be worked on.

Computer Assignments: Each student is required to do the following grade-specific computer assignments for the fourth quarter:

Freshman/New Members:	Volume 1, Unit 6 (they only have to do ONE this quarter)
Sophomores:	Volume 2, Unit 10
Juniors:	Volume 3, Unit 14
Seniors:	Volume 3, Unit 18

These must be done in the music computer lab (the program is on the network) and can be done at any time between 7:00 am and 3:45 pm on school days. The scores from these assignments count as part of their lesson grade. REMINDER: They can re-do the computer assignments as many times during the quarter as they want to improve their grade. These scores count twice, giving the student SEVEN grades in the lesson/computer assignment category (5 lessons + 2 Comp)

HINT: If the students go through the lessons before taking the review, they have an opportunity to take notes. These notes may be then be used when they take the review. (In other words, they can do as well as they want- they just have to take the time!)

Scale/Arpeggio Lessons: These are required lessons, during which the students will play the assigned six scales from memory. The scale sheets are available on the web page (Communications)- just scroll down to "Scale Lesson Sheets" and click on the appropriate instrument for the 4th Quarter. **IMPORTANT:** These are not the scale sheets they used for auditions- they have different scales, plus arpeggios.

Band Web Page: Please check the band webpage (www.nsband.com) if questions arise. Between the on-line handbook, the "communications" page (where most schedules, downloads, etc. are found) and the calendars, the web page provides 95% of the information parents need to stay on top of things in the band department. If questions are not answered via the webpage, please feel free to call us (Kessinger: 285-3316; McMann: 285-3317) or email us (bill.kessinger@north-scott.k12.ia.us, or mike.mcmann@north-scott.k12.ia.us)

4th Quarter Band Events

3/19/2010	Swing Show	Aud	7:00 PM
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4/7/2010	Local Solo Festival	Band Room	4:00 - 7:00 PM
4/8/2010	NIU Road Trip (Optional)	DeKalb, IL	Leave after school
4/17/2010	IHSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival	Dav. West HS	all day
4/19/2010	Music Booster Meeting	Band Room	7:00 PM
4/22/2010	Jazz Combo Jam Session	Mojo's Cafe	7:00 - 9:00 PM
4/28/2010	Music Booster Senior Salute	Commons/Café	5:30 PM
5/2/2010	North Scott Band Showcase	Aud	1:30 PM
5/8/2010	IHSMA State Large Group Festival	Bettendorf HS	TBA (AM?)
5/13-15/2010	Iowa Bandmasters Conference	Des Moines	
5/18/2010	Spring Jazz Concert w/ Sean Jones	Aud	6:30 PM
5/20/2010	Jazz Combo Jam Session	Mojo's	7:00 - 9:00 PM
5/30/2010	Graduation	NSHS Pit	1:00 Concert

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