

Happy Monday!

Welcome to the first week of school! It was great to see all of the students again, and it seems like they all had exciting summers! Tomorrow in band, we will (since it is first period) be distributing class schedules to all band students, as well as going through the normal “first day of band” stuff.

CALENDAR(S)- The band calendars are all posted on the webpage (www.nsband.com, click on “Full Calendar” at the top of the main page) in different versions. There are printable list versions, an interactive webpage version, and printable calendars that you can print off as a whole or by month and use as actual calendars! Either way, it is ALL THERE!

HELP NEEDED: We could use a couple of band moms to help out with uniform fitting before/after school on Monday-Wednesday, August 22-24. Please let us know if you are available! (From 7-7:45 am, and then from 3:10-4:00 pm). Thanks!

CONCESSION HELP NEEDED: The Music Boosters would like some help in the concession stand on Tuesday, August 23 at 4:30 pm. Four people are needed. If you are available and interested in helping out, please contact Jody Moeller at 563-284-6588 or niamoe1985@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

MARCHING BAND “STUFF”- just a reminder that your son/daughter will need the following for marching band:

INSTRUMENTS!!! (duh!)

Comfortable shoes- NO FLIP-FLOPS!!!!

Lyres/Flip-Folders (excluding drumline members)

Comfortable clothing/sunglasses- we will be outside a fair amount of the time!

REMINDER: NO FLIP-FLOPS for rehearsals! “Grubby” shoes recommended!

FORMS- We will need the following forms returned to us ASAP: The Medical Form and the Handbook/Uniform Size Form. The Handbook/Uniform Size Form was included in the summer band letter, but for your convenience we have attached it (along with the Medical Form) to this email in case they have been misplaced or not received. ***PLEASE use the attached electronic MEDICAL FORM. It was created so you can type right into it and print off a nice, easy-to-read copy for us. There is very important information on there, and we want to be able to read every letter!! :) If you are unable to open these .pdf files, they are also posted on the webpage (click on “Communications” at the top middle of the main page). Please return those to us ASAP! The HANDBOOK FORM states that you have read the contents of the NSHS Band Handbook (and Summer Letter), which may be found on our webpage- just click on “Handbook” on the top of the main page. If you are unable to view the handbook online, we can mail one to you- just let us know! And if for some reason you did not receive the Summer Letter, you will also find it on the webpage under “Communications” at the top.

DINING TOUR BOOKS are now available for the students to sell. For those who are unfamiliar with these, they are books full of "two-for-one"-type coupons for QC area restaurants. They are VERY hot items (we have people calling and asking us when we will be selling them) and pay for themselves many times over. They sell for \$35 and the students must bring in money first before we give them the book (checks made out to "North Scott Band"). You may download a list of participating restaurants from the

"Communications" page on our webpage (scroll down to "Fund Raising"), and we have hard copies of the list available at the school as well. You may show these to potential "buyers" so they can see what a great deal it is. Students will get \$10 profit for each book they sell (which goes directly into their account for the March 2010 Band Trip!), so we highly encourage them to get involved! We have had some students completely pay for their trip in one year's time by selling these! **IMPORTANT NOTE:** these Dining Tour books are fund-raisers for the band trip only- the choir and orchestra do separate fund-raisers for their trip.

UNIFORM FITTING: All band members are to get fitted for a uniform on one of the following dates: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (August 22-24). They can come in before or after school (after 7:00 am and before 4:30 pm) to get this done. Returning members who wish to have the same uniform as last year need to specify that on the attached Uniform Size sheet. *They are issued on a first come, first serve basis, so those who come on one of the earlier days are more likely to get a uniform that fits!

MARCHING BAND RECORDINGS- Full recordings of the marching band music currently being worked on can be found on the webpage (www.nsband.com). On the main page, scroll down to where it says "Download Marching Band Recordings HERE". This will take you to a page where you can download/listen to the mp3 files. This serves as a valuable practice tool for the students, since we put shows together quickly and rely a great deal on their at-home practicing to get the music ready.

MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING next Monday, August 22, in the HS Band Room at 7:00. This is a great chance to meet people and show your support for our music program here at North Scott. Remember: your attendance is NOT a commitment to be involved. We just hope to see as many people there as possible to show what the Music Booster organization is all about. Looking forward to seeing you there!

BAND T-SHIRTS: Our awesome "North Scott Band" T-Shirts are available for purchase from the Band Department. They are \$8 for band students (junior high AND high school), and \$10 for all others. We have S, M, L, XL, and 2X available. The cost for 2X and larger (we can order 3X if needed) goes up \$2 for the special order. We sell them to the students at cost, so we just follow the rates from GT Sports. The sizes run fairly true (if anything, maybe *slightly* smaller) and they are a 50/50 blend. To view the T-shirts, go to www.nsband.com/merchandise.htm. Long-sleeved NS Band T-shirts will also be ordered (gray or red), so let us know if you would like one, and what size is preferred.

In the case of warm temperatures during the football games, we do allow students to take off their uniform jackets in the stands as long as they are wearing a RED t-shirt underneath. This is the PERFECT opportunity to wear a band T-Shirt! If you would like to purchase one, please email us with the size you would like. This is to help ensure we have enough. We order more every year, so this will help expedite the process and give us an idea of how many of which size to order.

ALL-STATE AUDITIONEES- The materials are now posted at www.ihsma.org (click on "All State Music Festival", and then "General Audition and Concert Information"). As always, start hitting those scales if you haven't done so already!

INSTRUMENT RENTAL FEES- To help offset the cost of yearly instrument maintenance/repair, we are asking all students who are using school instruments (including percussionists) to pay the yearly rental fee of \$40. This covers less than half of the cost to send it in over the summer, due to wear and tear, etc. We also ask that the students TAKE CARE OF THE EQUIPMENT! If there is any excessive damage done due to

carelessness or neglect (such as not putting the instruments in the cases before putting them into lockers), we will be asking the parents/students to cover the cost. We understand that accidents will happen, but we also expect the students to do their best to avoid situations that might create problems (i.e. setting the instrument on the floor in a room full of people, setting it on a music stand, not putting it back IN THE CASE before putting it in their locker, etc.).

Many questions can be answered by visiting our webpage (www.nsband.com). ALSO- the “Communications” page (link is on the top of all pages) features any information we give to the students, including forms, itineraries, links to calendars, etc. This page could also be called “find out what your child forgot to bring home”, because we created it for that very reason. We know that sometimes the info does not always make it home. We will also alert you (via the weekly emails) to anything we will be sending home with the students so you know to either expect it or go right to the “Communications” page to download it.

We are looking forward to a very exciting year!!!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, August 16: First day of school.

Monday-Wednesday, August 22-24: Uniform fitting, before and after school.

Monday, August 22- Music Booster Meeting, HS Band Room, 7:00 pm