

Happy Monday!

SEMESTER EXAMS: See the bottom of this email (“Upcoming Events”) for dates and times of the band/jazz band/music theory finals. Our semester exams will cover the following:

BAND: Computer Assignment Material from the 1st and 2nd Quarter, as well as terms. (See study guide)

JAZZ BAND: Basic Jazz Theory (covered in class- see study guide), a Rhythmic Patterns performance evaluation, and Jazz Terms. To access the study guides for the two exams, go to the “Communications” Page, click on “Student Materials”, and then click the appropriate link under “Semester Exam Materials”.

CONCESSION HELP NEEDED: The Music Boosters need some help in the concession stand for the following days: they have openings in the concession stand on January 3rd for one person 5:30 to close; January 5th one person 5:00 to close; January 7th one person 11- 3:00 and two people 12:30 to close. If you are available and interested in helping out, please contact Jody Moeller at 563-284-6588 or niamoe1985@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

DINING TOUR BOOKS! We will only be selling these through this week! 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"). I have attached it as well, but you may download a list of participating restaurants from the "Communications" page on our webpage (scroll down to "Fund Raising"). 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 2013 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.

PEP BAND: As stated in the 2nd Quarter Cheat Sheet, students are required to attend FOUR pep band performances. The schedule has been chosen to avoid as many conflicts with other events/activities as possible. If any of the pep bands get canceled due to weather, we will alter the requirements accordingly to remain fair to the students. (NOTE: All double-headers will count as TWO). They will receive credit toward their Band Letter (see handbook on webpage) for every Pep Band performance they attend. For those involved in activities/sports with direct conflicts on Pep Band nights, we just ask that they let us know and to attend as many as they are able. The schedule is now posted on the website (on the “Full Calendar” page).

MEDICAL FORM: ****PLEASE use the 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/number!! :) It is posted on the webpage (click on “Communications” at the top middle of the main page). Please return those to us ASAP!

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!

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.nsbands.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.

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.nsbands.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.

Thanks, and Have a great week!

~Mike and Bill

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 21- Jazz Band Final, 9:28-11:01 am

Thursday, December 22- Band Final, 7:50-9:23 am; and Music Theory Final, 9:28 am- 11:01 am.