

Happy Monday!

**THANKS** to everyone who helped make our Jazz Concert Friday night a success: the Boosters and Jazz Band parents for helping out with the evening meal; the awesome stage/light crew of Steve and Andy Owings, and Steve Parmley; and all of the energetic people in the audience! The students (and directors of course!) really appreciated your support and enthusiasm in the crowd!

**THANKS** to all involved in our annual Pizza Day on Saturday! We had a ton of great help from students and parents alike, and we really appreciate it!

**JAZZ 1 MEMBERS:** Please be here TONIGHT by 6:10 to warm up/tune for tonight's Honor Society performance. We will be playing before the ceremony as people are arriving/mingling (between 6:35-7:00). We are very happy to provide the entertainment this evening, and always have students in the band who are participating in the ceremony as well, so we will give you time to "bounce back and forth"! Attire-dress up (like concerts).

**PIZZA PAYMENTS** are due to the directors by Friday, November 18. They should be sealed in the large white envelopes they received Saturday with the name and total dollar amount written at the top.

**JAZZ COMBO JAM SESSION:** It's that time again for our monthly Jam Session at Mojo's Café in the River Music Experience! Join us THIS Thursday evening from 7-9:00 pm for some great music and great company!

**LESSON SCHEDULE** for this week is attached!

**MID-TERM REPORTS:** Mid-Term grades will be recorded next Friday, November 18. We have plugged zeros into the first two columns and will be doing the same to the third column next week, as mid-term grades will be based on THREE grades (between lessons and computer assignments) this quarter. Keep in mind that if a student has one lesson and their computer assignments completed, this will give them enough for a good mid-term grade. HOWEVER, they will still need to complete 4 more lessons in the remaining four weeks to maintain that high grade at the end of the quarter.

**BAND GRADES:** We only have 5 ½ weeks left for students to get their 5 lessons in before the end of the semester (and a couple of them are partial weeks due to All-State and Thanksgiving break). We have been reminding the students each day about the MANY open lesson slots that didn't get filled during the first few weeks of the quarter, and how we would be reminding them of that at the end of the quarter when they want to get an extra lesson in and we are unable to accommodate. For any of the little dears that tell you that there were no slots left, they have ample opportunity to sign up if they do so at the beginning of the week, rather than waiting until the end (the lesson slots don't usually fill up until at least the middle of the week). \*\*\*If they do happen to fill up right away, students should see us immediately so we can schedule a time to fit them in. PLEASE check Powerschool regularly to make sure your son/daughter is making it to their lessons (we will try to keep them updated daily- if you have a question, or if your son/daughter said they had a lesson but it wasn't reflected on Powerschool by the end of the day, please email us). We have had parents email/call us the last day of the quarter, saying that they had just noticed that their son/daughter did not complete their lessons, and could we do something to help them out. In most cases, we were unable to

because of time, etc. As parents, you are able to check student grades 24/7, which should hopefully eliminate any surprises. PLEASE do not wait until the end of the grading period to check their grades.

**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER “CHEAT SHEETS” FOR PARENTS:** Check these out on the “Communications” page! This should give you all of the basic information you need going into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. There are a few differences between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters, so please read it carefully. Anyway, we thought it might be handy for you to use. \*\*The end of the semester brings more test/projects/presentations, so we urge the students to get their lessons done early to avoid the “pile-up” at the end of the semester. Ideally, they should try to get their 5 lessons in and computer assignments completed by December 10 so they can focus on those final projects and study for final exams for the remaining week and a half (that would just be our recommendation for their own sanity/stress levels). The official completion date for lessons/computer assignments will be at the end of the day on Friday, December 16. The proposed NSHS final exam dates are December 20, 21, and 22)

**CONCERT/SYMPHONIC BANDS:** The Chair Placement Auditions we had last quarter only determined who will sit where at the *first rehearsal*. After that, it is completely up to the students! For those wishing to earn a better chair, we have a challenge system set up. Please visit the band webpage and click on “Handbook” at the top of the main page- you will be directed there, and may then click on “Audition Procedures / Challenges” to learn more. We will explain it to both bands, and anticipate some challenges happening fairly quickly! Again, please visit the webpage/handbook for specific info on challenging.

**COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS:** As stated in the 2nd Quarter Cheat Sheets, computer assignments are again required for all band students. Freshmen have TWO to complete this quarter, while sophomores and older have one. 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!)*

**REQUIRED ATTENDANCE DATES:** Please note the required attendance dates for the 2nd Quarter:  
Friday, Nov 4- (Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 members only) Jazz Concert: NSHS Aud, 6:45 pm  
Monday, Nov 7- (Jazz 1 members only) Performance at Honor Society Ceremony: Aud, 6:30 pm  
Sunday, Dec 4- Winter Concert: NSHS Aud, 1:30 pm.

**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.nsbands.com](http://www.nsbands.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!

**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"). 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.

**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](http://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](http://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:

Monday, November 7- Jazz 1 performance at Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:10 pm report

Thursday, November 10- Jazz Combo Jam Session: Mojo's Cafe, Downtown Davenport, 7-9:00 pm  
Friday, November 18- Pizza sales money due