

Happy Halloween!

Hard to believe that November will be finding us this week already!

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAME TONIGHT: Like the last playoff game, students who participate will receive one lesson credit for the 2nd Quarter, as well as earning more performance points towards their band letter. We will NOT be wearing uniforms, so students are encouraged to wear weather-appropriate clothing! Report time will be 6:00. FYI- If/when the students return to the game for the second half, they will NOT have to pay admission. We will provide a list of students PERFORMING that night to the ticket booths. To get an accurate idea of numbers for our concert formation on the field, we need all interested students to sign up ASAP.

YEARBOOK PICTURES TOMORROW: We will be taking a picture tomorrow of Sophomore football players and cheerleaders who were unable to make the photo for the yearbook. They should wear BLACK SHOES, BLACK PANTS, AND THEIR RED NORTH SCOTT BAND T-SHIRT for the picture. It will take place at the beginning of band, so please come dressed.

JAZZ CONCERT FRIDAY!! We will be hosting the Late Nite Blues Brothers Band (www.thelatenitebluesbrothers.com) at our Fall Jazz Concert THIS Friday, November 4. The concert starts at 6:45 pm and features NSHS Jazz 2, Jazz 1, and The Late Nite Blues Brothers (HS jazz students will also be joining them for a few numbers!). This high-energy band guarantees a great time will be had by all, so we hope to see you there!!

LESSON SCHEDULE for this week is attached!

PIZZA DAY- THIS Saturday, November 5. We have posted sign-up sheets in the band and choir rooms for students who would like to help. Those students who sign up to help will need to meet in the commons no later than 7:45 AM. ALL PIZZAS/ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 10:00 AND 11:00 ON SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 5th!!!! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICK THEM UP, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO GET YOUR ORDER FOR YOU, AS WE HAVE NO STORAGE AVAILABLE FOR PERISHABLE ITEMS!!!

JAZZ 1 MEMBERS: Jazz 1 will be performing at the Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Monday, November 7 in the NSHS Auditorium. We are very happy to provide the entertainment that evening. We will play before the ceremony (roughly 6:30-7:00), and do one number during the ceremony as well. We 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). Please be here by 6:10 to warm-up/tune!

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 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.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!

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.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.

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.

Thanks, and Have a great week!

~Mike and Bill

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 31- Playoff Game- 6:00 report time

Friday, November 4- Jazz Concert featuring Jazz 2, Jazz 1, and The Late Nite Blues Brothers. 6:45 pm, NSHS Auditorium.

Saturday, Nov. 5- PIZZA DAY! 7:45 am in the HS Commons

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