

Happy Tuesday!

We hope everyone enjoyed the extended weekend! Thanks to the students and parents for a successful first performance Friday night! We were VERY happy we made the decision to not wear uniforms, and would like to thank the Wall family for donating bottles of water to keep our students hydrated! Anyway, the next performance is HOMECOMING!

PIZZA SALES: It has been brought to our attention that Party Time mistakenly put conflicting information on the brochure and order form. There is a discrepancy on pizza sizes and some of the pricing. The numbers on the ORDER FORM are CORRECT. The numbers on the color brochure are not, so please remember that when selling the product. Tom from Party Time sends his most humble apologies! Anyway, we hope everyone is out there selling and taking advantage of this fundraising opportunity!

JAZZ COMBO JAM SESSION scheduled for this Thursday has unfortunately been cancelled. Mojo's has decided to move their renovations up a week from the originally planned date, which put it on top of our jam session. Sorry!

CONCESSION HELP NEEDED: The Music Boosters need some help in the concession stand for the Volleyball Invitational this Saturday. If you are available and interested in helping out, please contact Jody Moeller at 563-284-6588 or niamoe1985@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

LESSON SCHEDULE for this week is attached!

HOMECOMING WEEK: (Next week) As stated in the band handbook, all band members are required to march in the homecoming parade except varsity football players, varsity cheerleaders, and varsity silver shakers. The parade and pep rally (immediately following the parade) on Thursday are both required performances, which means students will face a grade reduction if they fail to participate. This is a policy we MUST enforce to ensure a well-instrumentated band performing in the parade. We DO understand that everyone is involved in many activities, and we encourage that! However, the Marching Band is an essential part of the parade, and if we let everyone ride in their respective floats, we wouldn't have enough students left to form a quality ensemble. Thank you for your understanding!

JUNIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY/BAND T-SHIRTS! The Marching Band will again be performing for the entire Junior High Student Body on Thursday, Sept. 15 during band rehearsal. We will be marching over and packing into the gym for a spirited assembly!! Anyway, the uniform for that will be jeans and a North Scott Band t-shirt. If your son/daughter does not own one, PLEASE HAVE THEM PICK ONE UP FROM US (\$8). We have placed an order for more shirts to guarantee that we will have enough. NOTE- if paying the \$8 is going to be a problem, please let us know.

***We also want to show the Junior High students how involved our band students are, so we are inviting students who are involved in another activity to wear their uniform (or part of it- jersey, maybe?) to the Junior High Assembly if possible. This includes Football, Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Silver Shakers, etc. We DO have some swimmers in the bunch, but it would be a "no" for wearing THAT "uniform" because I'm pretty sure that would annihilate the school dress code! ☺ Anyway, if you have any questions, please give us a call or send an email!

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!

BAND GRADES ON POWERSCHOOL- Due to the nature of our grading system (needing to have a certain number of lessons by the end of each quarter), we have to try to give an accurate reading of where the students are throughout the grading period. At this point, we have entered zeros into the first column if they have not had a lesson yet (causing the band grade to read "F"). Those zeros will obviously be replaced with a grade as they complete their first lesson and each one thereafter. *They need to have two band lessons in by FRIDAY, September 16 (and are only allowed to do ONE lesson per week). The sight-reading portion of our 2-part Chair Auditions (see handbook for more info about these) will start on Monday, September 19. Attending those two audition portions will fulfill the remaining lesson requirements for the first quarter, given they have completed the two initial band lessons previously mentioned. Please check Powerschool regularly- if they show a zero or no score under lessons or computer assignments, that means they have yet to complete them.

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS: As stated in the 1st Quarter Cheat Sheets, each student is required to do one computer assignment each quarter (except Freshmen- they have two to do during the 2nd and 3rd quarters). 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 4:00 pm on school days. Doing them during study hall is ideal- we can't pull students out of class to do them. 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 SIX grades in the lesson/computer assignment category (4 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!)*

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.

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.

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.

Thanks, and Have a great week!

~Mike and Bill

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Sept. 15- Junior High Assembly- During band rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 15- Homecoming Parade/Assembly- 5:30 pm, Band report by 4:45 pm.

Friday, Sept. 16- Homecoming Game- 6:00 pm report.