Niceville High School Band New Parent Meeting


Dan Wooten Director of Bands, NHS

Doug Woodley<br>President, Band Boosters Association

## Agenda

- Welcome
- Director's Overview
- Communication
- Band Procedures and Policies
- Band Boosters Association
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Welcome to the Niceville High School Band


## Performing



## Band Boosters




Director Dan Wooten

## Meet the Directors



# NHS Eagle Pride Over 50 Years of Excellence 

"The NHS Band program has but one mission...to create educated consumers of music and welladjusted citizens through participation in band."

# NHS Eagle Pride Over 50 Years of Excellence 

66\% of all medical school applicants who have their undergraduate degree in MUSIC are ACCEPTED into medical school

This is higher than accepted math and biology applicants combined!

## NHS Eagle Pride Over 50 Years of Excellence

## Michigan State University's Law

 School claims that "students with undergraduate degrees in music are better at time management, public speaking, studying, and...are overall more successful in their first year Law Brief Writing classes."
## NHS Eagle Pride Over 50 Years of Excellence

## "Band Takes Too Much Time"

## NHS Eagle Pride Over 50 Years of Excellence

2003: 2,400 students enrolled at NHS. 225 in the band

2016: 2,000 students enrolled at NHS 310 in the band

School's enrollment decreased 17\% Band enrollment increased 7\%.

Our highest achievement - we have created an environment of retention and growth!

## NHS Eagle Pride

 Over 50 Years of ExcellenceOur program has a national reputation for performances of the highest level.

However, it is our belief that that our highest achievement lies in the greater than 98\% yearly retention rate in our enrollment.

## Communications

About 300 students in our program this year. There are 14 coaches for 65 players on the football team. There are three of us!

We have the work in our department divided for the highest level of efficiency possible.

## Communications

## Basic "Chain of Command" in the Band Office

Wooten<br>Budget<br>Curriculum<br>Community Relations<br>Honors Credit<br>Wind Ensemble<br>Percussion

Tenore<br>Attendance<br>Absence Requests<br>Admin Support<br>Community Relations<br>Eagle Pride Support

TBA<br>Absence Requests<br>Color Guard/Majorettes<br>Symphonic Winds<br>Jazz

## Communications

## No paper handouts!

- Class Announcements to Students
- Information posted on board or doors
- Band website (nicevilleband.com)
- Facebook, Instagram
- Remind app (@nhseagpr)
- Emails via Charms


## Communications

- General Questions: questions@nhseaglepride.com
- Email from the links in Charms
- Call for the Directors for student specific concerns
- Band Room number is 833-4261


## Who Makes Up the "Eagle Pride"?

## Eagle Pride Marching Band

## Wind Instruments

- Wind Ensemble (aka "1st Band")
- Symphonic Winds (aka "Second Band")
- Concert Band (aka "Third Band")


## Drum Line / Percussion

- Battery (snares, quads, bass drums, cymbals)
- The Pit (mallets, keyboard, guitars)


## Auxiliaries

- Color Guard (Flags)
- Majorettes (Twirlers)


## Typical Travel

- Marching Band - Football Season
- Travel to most out of town football games
- Full band typically travels within the district
- Pep Band typically travels outside the district
- Big Marching Band trip every 4 years, e.g., Rose Parade
- Concert Band and other ensembles
- Travel varies depending on opportunities
- Troy Alabama, MPA, etc


## Attendance Policy

- Attendance at practices and performances is mandatory!
- Any student who misses any portion of a rehearsal is subject to replacement for an indeterminate length of time if a qualified alternate is available
- Notify the director in writing at least 4 weeks in advance for marching band and 8 weeks in advance for concert band of the time you want your request to be considered.
- "Considered" does not necessarily mean granted.


## Excused Absence Criteria

BAND

1) Personal illness
2) Death of a relative
3) Observance of a religious holiday
4) College Visits - ONLY for rehearsals (not performances) IF prior arrangements have been made with the Director.
5) Emergency circumstances which, in the judgment of the band director, constitute good and sufficient cause for absence from band.

WORK IS NOT a valid excuse to miss school therefore it is invalid for missing rehearsals or performances.

## Absence Request

A written ABSENCE REQUEST is required in advance of an absence, a tardy, or an early dismissal.

A completed and signed ABSENCE REQUEST FORM is required to be turned in:

- 4 weeks in advance for marching band
- 8 weeks in advance for concert band.

Absence Request Forms are Located:

- In the wall files outside the Band Office
- Online at www.nicevilleband.com


## Alternate Policy

- Any excused absence from a rehearsal/performance will result in being placed on alternate status for a minimum of one additional week's performance.
- Any unexcused absence from a rehearsal/performance will result in being placed on alternate status for one additional week'.
- Note: if you are sick, you should not attend a rehearsal or performance just to "keep your spot." We do factor types of excused absences into the speed of your return to performing status.
- Alternates will shadow another performer during all practices.


## Alternate Shadows vs Shared A/B Pairs

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- Unfortunately in the "heat of battle" (aka marching season) we use the term "shadows" interchangeably. This can create inadvertent messages.
- There is a HUGE difference between a shadow that is an alternate and a "shadow" that is a shared pair.
- Shared pairs are equal performers in the spot
- Typically we either alternate weeks or split each show's performance time.
- Alternates are NOT potential performers until their alternate status has been removed.


## Why Have Shared A/B Pairs?

BAND

- Impossible to anticipate enrollment changes over the summer OR to predict attendance issues.
- As a result, we write the show for less performers than we have on paper.
- This means that we always start the season with shared pairs. (All sports teams have a "bench!")
- Majority of the group is not in a shared pair but, most shared pairs start out as freshmen.
- Do not be concerned if your student starts the season in a shared pair. ALL STUDENTS WILL PERFORM DURING THE COURSE OF THE SEASON!


## Band Grading Policy

## It is expected that members of any performing ensemble in the Department of Bands will attend every rehearsal and performance in its entirety.

Each student will start the 1st quarter with 100 points. The following is a breakdown of point deductions for each infraction:

- Unexcused absence from practice.......................... 12 pts
- Unexcused absence from performance................. 32 pts
- Tardy to practice................................................. 3 pts
- Tardy to performance ........................................... 6 pts
- Unprepared for rehearsal ..................................... 5 pts (i.e., no instrument, music, flip folder, drill coordinates, etc.)


## Band Boosters Association



Band Boosters President Doug Woodley

## 2020-2021 Executive Board and Chairpersons

| Executive Board of Directors |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| President | Doug Woodley |
| Vice President | Jimmy Carter |
| Ways \& Means | Samantha Zaydman |
| Treasurer | Claire Erk |
| Student Accounting | Lisa Fleischman |
| Head Chaperone | Kim Hodges |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Deb Olson |
| Secretary | Stephanie Merz |


| Key Chairpersons |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Equipment | Jesse Barefield |  | Uniforms | Andra Welde |
| Concessions | Danielle Duque |  | Charms | Lisa Rackley |
| Publicity | Doug Woodley |  |  |  |

## Band Boosters Association

- Purpose
- Support the Band Director's vision
- Manage the non-student band business for the directors
- Interface to the band parents for non-student issues
- Fun
- Membership
- All parents are automatically members
- Boosters meet first Monday of every month at 5:30-6:30
- Location usually NHS band room


## Typical Budget

Income
Other


Expenses


## Student Fundraising

| Event | Timeframe |
| :---: | :---: |
| Citrus | Fall |
| Worlds Finest Chocolate Bar Sales | Fall/Spring |
| Restaurant Spirit Nights | Throughout Year |
| Band on the Run 5k | Spring |
| Super 50/50 | Spring |

- The band general account typically receives a portion of all fundraisers
- Fundraisers increase significantly during big trip years (e.g. Rose Parade)
- Designed to offset student fees and expenses


## Volunteer Opportunities

| Activity | Comments |
| :---: | :---: |
| Concessions | $\sim 50$ people per home game |
| Chaperone | Band rehearsals, games and trips |
| Equipment crew | First to arrive, last to leave |
| Fundraising chair | Several volunteer opportunities |
| Uniforms | Uniform maintenance and upkeep |

- Recommend every parent/guardian work concessions at least 1 game
- All volunteering requires online OCSD Volunteer Affidavit
- Sign up to volunteer on Charms
- No long-term commitments
- Need shadows for next year
- Equipment, Ways and Means, Vice President et.al.


## Charms


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## Charms

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B B USING THIS PRODUCT YOU AGREE THAT YOUR USE OF OUR WEBSITE AND ANY SERVICES ARE SUBJECT TO OUR TERMS OF USE AND PRIVACY STATEMENT

Student Area Password: (Case Sensitive!)
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If this is the first time you have logged in to Charms, your password is your ID number.


Email Staff
Handouts \& Files


Website
(2) NHS EAGLE PRIDE - SECTION PICTURE DAY THIS SATURDAY

## Charms



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Volunteer Opportunities - August 22, 2019

Enter Student Password

EVENT: EAGLE PRIDE REHEARSAL

START TIME: 6:00 PM END TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: EAGLE PRIDE FIELD

DETAILS: LDR 062419

Please enter your name, email address and phone to signup for one of the needs listed below. Contact information will be hidden once you sign-up - only your name will be visible to other volunteers


## Dates to Remember

| Date | Time | Event |
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| May15 | See Charms | Rookie Day |
| May 19/20 | See Charms | New Student Sight Reading Auditions |
| May 23 | $3: 00$ | Concert and Senior Awards Night (MKAC) |
| May 24 | $7: 00$ | Concert (MKAC) |
| May 28/29 | See Charms | Drumline Tryouts |
| June 1 | $2: 00$ | Jazz 1 Auditions |
| June 7 | $5: 30$ | Band Booster Meeting |
| July 12 -16 | $8: 30-4: 00$ | Percussion Camp |
| July $19-22$ | $5: 00-9: 00$ | Eagle Pride Pre-Camp |
| July $26-30$ | See Charms | Eagle Pride Band Camp |

## Director's Overview



Associate Director Matt Tenore

## Band Room Drop-Off \& Pick-Up



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## "Our Practice Field Challenge"



## Eagle Pride Field



## "Parent Taxi" Drop-Off



## Agenda

## Closing Comments

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## Questions?



