



Weekly Band Newsletter

November 18 - 22

Important Information

Beginner Band Rehearsal - 11/19

The beginner band's next performance will be the Winter Concert on December 3rd at LBHS. Because each class will come together to perform, we will have three MANDATORY after school rehearsals in November to prepare. Those rehearsals will be on November 5, November 12, and November 19th. Please note that these dates are different than the Band Calendar handed out at the beginning of the year. Sorry for this change, but our band has grown so much that we now need a larger rehearsal space! Students need to stay after school and the rehearsal will take place in the NBMS Cafeteria from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

If a student **MUST** miss rehearsal, your child's director must be notified at least 48 hours to the rehearsal to gain approval for the absence. These are the only chances we get to bring all of the students together and learn how our parts fit within the band, so it is crucial that all students are in attendance.

Winter Concert - 12/3

Our Winter Concert will take place on December 3rd at Lake Belton High School! A parent letter was sent home with students today (Friday 11/15), but it is also attached to this newsletter.

The schedule will be as follows:

Beginner Band

Arrive: 5:30 pm

Perform: 6:00 pm

Concert Band

Arrive: 6:00 pm

Perform: 6:30 pm

Symphonic Band

Arrive: 6:30 pm

Perform: 7:00 pm

Wind Ensemble

Arrive: 7:00 pm

Perform: 7:30 pm

Cases will be stored in the LBHS Band Hall. After each performance, students and parents will need to leave to make room for the next band's families. Parents please enter through the main PAC entrance. Students may enter through the door marked A40 next to the band hall.

Uniform:

- Beginning Band: BAND T-Shirt (tucked in), BLUE jeans, CLOSED toe shoes
- Concert Band, Symphonic, & Wind Ensemble: BLACK button down band shirt (tucked in), BLACK pants, LONG BLACK socks, BLACK shoes

Remember that **ALL PERFORMANCES** are **REQUIRED**, count for a grade and toward end of the year trip eligibility. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's band director.

Jazz Winter Concert - 12/9

The Jazz Band Winter Concert will take place on December 9th at Lake Belton High School. A parent letter and more information will be coming out soon!

Spare Time Social - 12/20

THIS IS A DATE CHANGE!!!!

We will have our next band social at Spare Time on Friday, December 20th from 7:00-9:00 pm. More information will be given out as this event gets closer.

Required Documents and Payments

Forms Needed:

If you have not already done so, please go into **CutTime** and make sure you have signed the Handbook Form, BISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct Form, and Instrument Usage Agreement (if applicable). We need these forms back as soon as possible.

Everything Day Orders and Payments:

Band t-shirts, Long-Sleeve Shirts, and hoodie orders have been placed. If you have not yet turned in your payment please do so.

If you would like to pay online, you may use the following links:

[**Red Band T-Shirt**](#)

[**Long-Sleeve Button-up Shirt**](#)

[**Instrument Rental Fee**](#)

Class Information

Wind Ensemble

Upcoming Assignments:

No Assignment this week

Sectionals are over until after Thanksgiving. Thank you for making sure your student attended their after school practice.

If students wish to practice after school, they need to speak with a director to arrange an available time.

Symphonic Band

Upcoming Assignments:

11/15 Concert F Scale Pattern 1 (Blue Book page 12)

11/22 Warm-Up Set 1, Option 1 (Blue Book page 6)

12/3 WINTER CONCERT (major grade)

12/6 Chorale 1 (Blue Book page 30)

12/13 Chorale 3 (Blue Book page 32)

Sectionals are over until after Winter Break. Thank you for making sure your student attended their after school practice. These rehearsals will be MANDATORY for all Symphonic Band students!

If students wish to practice after school, they need to speak with a director to arrange an available time.

Concert Band

Upcoming Assignments:

There are no weekly recorded assignments at this time. Please make sure you are turning in your daily Bell-Ringer from www.musictheory.net.

If students wish to practice after school, they need to speak with a director to arrange an available time.

Beginner Band

Upcoming Assignments:

Beginners should be working on their Winter Concert music at home! Each class will be given playing assignments during school based on what sections need extra work.

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Students should be practicing between 10-20 minutes daily or around an hour for the entire week. The best way to ensure student success is to create a regular practice schedule with your child in a location with minimal distraction that allows for proper posture.

Important Band Links

Calendar

The band calendar can be found on our website at <https://nbmsband.net/calendar/>. Many of our dates are already locked in. However, there are times that an event date is changed to due to conflicts. Either way, we try to send out reminders at least two weeks prior to each event with details. A weekly newsletter is also sent out with upcoming dates for the month. Please check the band calendar regularly for updates.

Band Handbook

A copy of this year's updated handbook can be found on the band website at <https://nbmsband.net/resources/>. Please look over it. An electronic signature page is available on CutTime. If you have any questions about anything in the handbook, please ask.

Upcoming Events

11/19: Beginner Band Rehearsal (4:00-5:30pm)

- Required for ALL beginner band students

12/3: Winter Concert @ LBHS (6:00pm)

- Itinerary will be provided as the concert gets closer

12/9: Jazz Band Winter Concert @ LBHS

- All NBMS, LBMS, and LBHS jazz band students

12/13: Holiday Winter Tour

- Wind Ensemble Only

12/20: Spare Time Social (7:00pm-9:00pm)

- All NBMS band students and families are invited, cost and other information TBA

1/10: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Begins

- All students, during class time
- In order to participate, students must return a signed permission form!

1/15: Fine Arts Picture Day

- All students, during class time. Students must wear or pack their band uniform!

1/24: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Ends

- Students must return all money by 1/31

1/24: Jazz Band Region Auditions

- Prepared Jazz Students Only

2/4: NBMS 5th Grade Instrument Try-Out Night

- Only for students trying out for band for the first time or approved Student Volunteers

2/11: Pre-UIL Concert @ LBHS

- Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble Only

3/1: Region Jazz Clinic/Concert

- Qualifying jazz students only

3/3: UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest

- Concert Band Only!!! Time TBD

3/4: UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest

- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Only!!! Time TBD

3/21: Temple Jazz Festival

- Jazz band only

3/29: Solo Contest @ NBMS

- All students, times assigned individually

Meet The Directors



Dane Wurman

Director of Bands
North Belton Middle School

Mr. Wurman is starting his eighteenth year of teaching and his eleventh year at North Belton Middle School. He teaches the Wind Ensemble, as well as the beginner trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, and tuba classes. Mr. Wurman also assists with the Symphonic Band.

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Kaitlyn Pineiro

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Ms. Pineiro is starting her thirteenth year of teaching and her sixth year at North Belton Middle School. She teaches the Symphonic and Concert Bands, as well as the beginner flute, oboe, bassoon, and clarinet classes. Ms. Pineiro also assists with the Wind Ensemble.

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Jacob Guerrero

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Mr. Guerrero is starting his fifth year of teaching. He is one of the Assistant Band Directors at Lake Belton High School. Mr. Guerrero teaches the Jazz Band and the beginner saxophone classes here at North Belton Middle School. He also assists with the Concert Band.

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Craig George

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Mr. George is starting his twentieth year teaching public school and his fourth year in Belton ISD. He is one of the Assistant Band Directors at Lake Belton High School and teaches percussion at both North Belton and Lake Belton Middle Schools.

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