



Weekly Band Newsletter

December 2 - 6

Important Information

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 before the break, 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.

Spare Time Social - 12/20

Our next social event will take place at Spare Time on December 20th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Social events are always optional, but are a great opportunity for students to decompress after working hard!

Itinerary:

6:45 pm - Arrive at Spare Time

9:15 pm - Parents MUST sign their students out with Mr. Wurman or Ms. Pineiro

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE. Students that wish to stay with friends or family after the event is over MUST be signed out by a parent/guardian before returning to Spare Time.

Students will receive one hour of bowling, a one hour blitz game card, one round of laser tag, two pieces of pizza, and unlimited drinks. Please let a director know immediately if your student has any special dietary restrictions.

The cost per student is \$20, and cash or check is acceptable. All payments are due by the end of the school day on Wednesday, 12/11. Students will sign up for which group they will rotate with after that date.

****We still need at least 7 parent chaperones to help with this social event! If you are interested, please respond to this message or email Ms. Pineiro so you can reserve your spot****

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 using 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

12/3 WINTER CONCERT (major grade)

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:

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

12/3 WINTER CONCERT (major grade)

We will NOT have any assignments due after Thanksgiving break until after Winter Break!

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:

12/3 WINTER CONCERT (major grade)

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:

12/3 WINTER CONCERT (major grade)

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.

Most beginner band students have at least earned their YELLOW tag on band karate! Please check with your child and see where they are! They are welcome to make recordings with a metronome and send them to their director in Schoology. (Percussion beginners do not participate in band karate)

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

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

- Please see the above parent letter for times

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

Assistant Band Director
North Belton Middle School

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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