



Weekly Band Newsletter

January 6 - 10

Important Information

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

9:45 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. Make checks payable to NBMS Band. 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

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser - 1/10

We are kicking off our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser in class on January 10th! We will be selling chocolate for two weeks and we will stop checking out boxes of chocolate on January 24th. The final date to turn in fundraiser money to count for prizes will be January 24th.

The profits earned from the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will go directly towards your student's band account. This money can be used for the end-of-the-year Typhoon Texas trip or towards owed band fees. There are a few important things to remember when raising money for your student's account:

1. Each box of chocolate sold will earn \$25 towards your student's spring trip cost.
2. Funds cannot be transferred to another student except for a sibling.
3. Funds cannot roll over to another year. Any excess money earned will go towards the full band account.
4. Students can NOT use funds earned in band to go towards their trip if they choose to go on the trip with choir or orchestra. Students also cannot use choir or orchestra fundraisers to go towards their trip if they are going with band.

IMPORTANT:

The band cannot accept partially sold boxes of chocolate back after students sign out the box. When signing out a box of chocolate, the student and parent understand that they are responsible for returning the full \$60. The band and its directors are not responsible for lost/stolen/damaged products.

Fine Arts Picture Day 1/15

We will be taking band pictures on Wednesday, January 15th, during our regular class time! ALL students will take the group photo with their class and will have the option to take individual pictures upon request. An order form will be sent home with students soon so you can purchase these photos.

ALL students need to either wear their band uniform to school that day or pack it with them to change at the beginning of class:

Beginner Band: Red band t-shirt, blue jean pants, closed-toe shoes

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble: Black button up band shirt, black pants, LONG black socks, black closed-toe shoes

All-Region Jazz Auditions - 1/24

Jazz band students that are eligible and prepared will audition for the All-Region Jazz Band on January 24th. A parent letter will be handed out to students after returning from Winter Break with more information.

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:

1/10: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Permission Form Due
(chocolate can get checked out when the form is turned in)

Sectionals will start the week of January 13th! These are MANDATORY rehearsals from 4-5 pm and count as a grade. Thank you for making sure your student attended their after school practice.

Wednesday: Wind Ensemble Brass Sectionals

Friday: Wind Ensemble Woodwind Sectionals

Percussion will have their sectionals during class time.

Symphonic Band

Upcoming Assignments:

1/10: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Permission Form Due
(chocolate can get checked out when the form is turned in)

Sectionals will start the week of January 13th! These are MANDATORY rehearsals from 4-5 pm and count as a grade. Thank you for making sure your student attended their after school practice.

Monday: Symphonic Band Woodwind Sectionals

Tuesday: Symphonic Band Brass Sectionals

Wednesday: Wind Ensemble Brass Sectionals

Friday: Wind Ensemble Woodwind Sectionals

Percussion will have their sectionals during class time.

Concert Band

Upcoming Assignments:

1/10: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Permission Form Due (chocolate can get checked out when the form is turned in)

At this time, we will NOT have after school sectionals for Concert Band. If students are struggling with learning their music, we may request them to come in after school on Thursdays. We will communicate with parents on an individual bases as the need arises. Thank you!

Beginner Band

Upcoming Assignments:

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 ORANGE 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

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



Assistant Band Director
Lake Belton High School
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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



Percussion Director
Assistant Band Director
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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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