



Weekly Band Newsletter

October 14 - 18

Important Information



Fan-Pledge Fundraiser - Ongoing!

Our Fan-Pledge Fundraiser is still going strong! We will accept donations through the website until October 25th, but can continue to accept check or cash donations at any time. This fundraiser is how we help pay for social events, provide scholarships, purchase instruments, maintenance supplies, binders, music, etc. Please share the graphic on your social media pages to help generate support!

<https://www.fpfans.com/137b82>

Region Band Auditions - 11/2

Region Band Auditions will take place on November 2nd at College Station Middle School. Students need to meet at NBMS in the band hall by 6:15 am. We will provide dinner at Cici's pizza, but students need to bring money for concessions or a sack lunch for during the auditions. A parent letter will be sent out soon with more information.

Please remember that Region Band Auditions are REQUIRED for all Wind Ensemble students, but are open for any Symphonic Band student that has been attending sectionals and passing off their Region music and scales.

We are still looking for two more parent chaperones to ride the bus and help monitor students. Please let a director know if you are able to chaperone this event!

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:

10/18: Tempo Checks See Assignment Calendar for required tempos.

Please don't forget about sectionals! These are required for all Wind Ensemble students and will help prepare them for the All-Region Band auditions in November. Sectionals are from 4-5 pm one day a week unless otherwise stated. If your student is an 8th grade athlete, they will go to sectionals on their day from 4:00-4:30 pm. The coaches are aware of this split, but please have your student talk to their coach so they know to include your student in their plans.

Afternoon Sectional Schedule:

Monday: No School, No Sectionals

Tuesday: Clarinets and Horns

Thursday: Bass Clarinets and Trumpets

Friday: Saxophones and Trombones/Baritones

Morning Sectional Schedule:

Tuesday: Bassoons

Wednesday: Oboes

Thursday: French Horns

Symphonic Band

Upcoming Assignments:

10/18: ENTIRE region etude (as described on your Pass-Off Calendar)

Please don't forget about sectionals! These are optional for the Symphonic Band in the fall, but are required if your student plans to try out for the All-Region Band in November. Sectionals are from 4-5 pm one day a week unless otherwise stated. If your student is an 8th grade athlete, they will go to sectionals on their day from 4:00-4:30 pm. The coaches are aware of this split, but please have your student talk to their coach so they know to include your student in their plans.

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Concert Band

Upcoming Assignments:

10/18: Concert Bb Scale in Thirds (Blue Book pg. 11)

Please don't forget about sectionals! These are optional for the Concert Band in the fall, but are required if your student plans to try out for the All-Region Band in November. Sectionals are from 4-5 pm one day a week unless otherwise stated. If your student is an 8th grade athlete, they will go to sectionals on their day from 4:00-4:30 pm. The coaches are aware of this split, but please have your student talk to their coach so they know to include your student in their plans.

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Beginner Band

Upcoming Assignments:

10/18: Beginner Woodwinds - Lightly Row

10/18: Beginner Brass - Lightly Row

Our first beginner concert was last Wednesday and Friday! Thank you so much to everybody that came out to support our students in their very first public performance. The students all performed amazingly and we are so proud of how far they have come in only 9 weeks! Videos and pictures from the concert are now on the Facebook page, but feel free to tag NBMS Band in any pictures you took during the concert!

Please continue supporting your student and encouraging them to practice. Our next performance will be the Winter Concert on December 3rd at LBHS.

Students should be practicing between 10-20 minutes daily or around an hour for the entire week.

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

11/2: All-Region Band Auditions @ College Station Middle School

- Required - Wind Ensemble
- Optional - Symphonic and Concert Band

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

- Required for ALL beginner band students

11/9: All-Region Band Clinic/Concert

- Only qualifying students

11/12: Beginner Band Rehearsal (4:00-5:30pm)

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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

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
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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
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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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