



Weekly Band Newsletter

October 28 - November 1

Important Information

Fan-Pledge Fundraiser - Ends Today (10/25)

Our Fan-Pledge Fundraiser officially ended today and we are right at \$30,000! We can continue to accept check or cash donations at any time, but online payments will close tonight. Thank you all so much for your support of our band program!

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 6:00 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 was sent out Thursday, October 17th and can be found [here](#).

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.

Beginner Band Rehearsal - 11/5, 11/12, 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 rehearsal 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.

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 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 (Mock Auditions in Class)

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

Students may still come after school next week on Monday and Tuesday if they want help.

Symphonic Band

Upcoming Assignments:

10/25: Concert Bb Scale in Thirds (Blue Book pg. 11)

Monday will start Scale Memorization Pass-offs for students planning to try out for Region Band. We will have Mock Auditions on Thursday and Friday in class!

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Students may still come after school next week on Monday and Tuesday if they want help.

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.

Students need to bring all supplies to class as soon as possible. Please see the **supply list** if you have any questions.

Beginner Band

Upcoming Assignments:

10/29: Beginner Woodwinds - Twinkle Twinkle
Beginner Brass - No playing test this week!

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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

11/2: 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)

- Required for ALL beginner band students

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

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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