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"In order to succeed,  
we must first believe  
we can."

-N. Kazantzakis

**Don't forget –**  
Northmont  
MEPA Show  
February 4<sup>th</sup>!

## Happy New Year!!!

From everyone involved with the Northmont High School Band Program, we would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2018. We are excited about all of the performance opportunities for our students this year!!!

## Fun in Florida

The Northmont Band represented our school and community in Disney with an outstanding parade down Main Street, USA in the Magic Kingdom on December 30<sup>th</sup>! Besides the parade, the band was able to enjoy Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and Epcot. Great food, rides, shows, and an awesome hotel made for a wonderful trip! Thanks to everyone who helped make this trip a reality!

## Winterguard to present *Unrequited Dream*

In this year's show, *Unrequited Dream*, many different themes and concepts will appear throughout the work. The main song used is a cover of "I Dreamed a Dream," from *Les Miserables*, but sung in a minor key, which gives the music a slightly eerie edge. The show opens with a male and female performer appearing in front of a French café, sitting at different tables. They start to notice each other's presence and gain interest in one another. As the show progresses, the performers take us on a journey of the first impression, dreaming of future possibilities, and how things can quickly change thereafter.

## Northmont MEPA Show set for February 4th

We will be hosting a MEPA Winterguard/Indoor Drumline/Winter Winds competition on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Lots of work is going into making this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual competition a success, but we need EVERYONE to help! Come see your Northmont Winterguard, as well as other incredible performances including World Champions, Pride of Cincinnati and Rhythm X.

## Northmont Musical

Northmont is presenting *The Little Mermaid* on 1.26, 1.27, 1.28, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3. Come support the band/guard students who are performing on stage, playing with the pit orchestra, and working tech and back stage. It is sure to be a great time for both adults and kids of all ages. Special congratulations to the following students who received lead roles: Tai Tran - Flounder, Gabe Markins - Sebastian, Briennon Saddler - Aquata, Meliissa Lambert - Andrina, Lexi Barrett - Atina, Micah Via - Adella, Brooklyn Philander - Ursula, and Alex Henderson - Chef Louis. "Break a Leg"

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family to your  
family...*

*Happy New Year*

## **Pep Band**

If your student is a member of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble, they are responsible to perform at two varsity basketball games with the pep band as part of the performance grade for the class. Sign ups for the games are posted in the classroom the week before each game. There are games on the following dates: 1/20, 1/23, 1/30, 2/16, and 2/17.

## **Steven Greenwalt performs with Muse Machine**

Congratulations to sophomore saxophone Steven Greenwalt, who just finished up performing in the Muse Machine's production of "Hello Dolly". Performances ran at the Victoria Theater in downtown Dayton on January 11-14. 150 students from Western Ohio schools spent three months working towards production.

## **Private Lessons**

As was stated at Last Blast, we challenge students and families to get more involved in private lessons on your instrument. The next step for us as a program, both competitively and musically, is for more people to be involved in private lessons. Mr. Wissman and Mr. Johnston would be happy to help get you in touch with a QUALITY lessons teacher!!! Help us take this program but in and out of the classroom as well as on and off the field, to the next level!!!

## **Students of the Week**

The high school has started a student of the week program for each administrative section of the alphabet. Congratulations to Melissa Lambert and Ian Underberger for both being selected as Students of the Week this past month!

## **Jacob Mahran receives contract with Rhythm X Winds**

Congratulations to senior saxophone Jacob Mahran, who received a contract to return to the World Champion Rhythms X Winds. Make sure you check out Rhythm X at the Northmont MEPA show on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Band Tower...Coming soon**

We are excited about the new permanent band tower that is being installed next to our practice field. The foundation has been poured and as the weather gets nicer they will start to construct the tower. Many thanks to the district for providing this tower for us!

## **2018 Marching Band Show Reveal Event**

The staff and design team have been hard at work since November to design an incredible show for the 2018 Marching Band season. We are about a month away from being able to share these exciting ideas with everyone! Make sure you mark your calendars for the evening of **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Students can expect food and fun, and parents can expect to get questions answered by veteran parents! We look forward to kicking off this upcoming season with an awesome evening!

