



From *The Podium*

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

-N. Kazantzakis

Don't forget –
*Breakfast with
Santa is
Saturday,
December 2nd!*

Welcome to issue no. 1 of From *The Podium*

Thank you for taking the time to read our first issue of "From *The Podium*," our monthly newsletter for all things related to the Northmont Band Program. It is our goal to highlight all the great things our band and guard students accomplish daily at Northmont High School. If you would like to see something in a future issue, please email Mr. Wissman or Mr. Johnston. As always, thank you for your continued support of our students!

2017 Marching Band completes its final 'Animation'

The 2017 season came to a close with our 'Last Blast' performance on November 9th. Again, we would like to thank everyone who had a helping hand bringing *The Art of Animation* to life. There were many highlights to the season from the early success at Bellbrook, the Ohio State Skull Session, the Guard outperforming both AAAA and Open Class groups, and breaking a score of 80 to place 7th in MSBA Class AAAA finals. The hard work of the students has really paid off this year and we are excited to see what the future holds. Mr. Wissman and Mr. Johnston have their first design meeting for the 2018 show Friday, November 17th.

Disney Rehearsals

If you or your student is joining the marching band for their trip to Disney this winter break, please make sure you are aware of rehearsal days and times. We look forward to putting our Disney parade tune (the music of Frozen) together during these rehearsals. Also note that there is a brief meeting for everyone going on the trip Wednesday, December 20th at 7pm.

Rotary Student of the Month

A big congratulations to senior marching band member, Emma Bodiker (piano, front ensemble) for being selected as November's Rotary Student of the Month. We are proud of Emma's accomplishments on and off the marching field are being recognized by the community. Emma is planning on attending Indiana University next year.

Winter Concert

We are only a few short weeks away from the December 10th winter concert for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Wind Ensemble. This year every high school music group (band, orchestra, and choir) will perform throughout the day. A more detailed schedule of times will be sent home, but for planning: Concert Band performs during the 2pm concert, Symphonic Band performs the 4pm concert, Wind Ensemble performs the 6pm concert, and Jazz Band will perform before both the 4pm and 6pm concerts.

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From our band family to your family...

Happy Thanksgiving



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: 12/5, 12/8, 12/12, 1/12, 1/20, 1/23, 1/30, and 2/16.

Capital University Honor Band

Congratulations to sophomore trombone, Vincent Moniaci on being selected for the Capital University Honor Band. Vinny will be on campus rehearsing and performing with world-renowned composers and clinicians November 17-19.

Flute Recital

Congratulations to senior flute, Jenna Powell on a successful recital performance on November 15th. Jenna takes private lessons from Mrs. Christina Condon and is also a member of her studios flute ensemble, The Twisted Trillers. Jenna performed Concerto in G Major by W.A. Mozart at Southminister Presbyterian Church in Centerville, OH.

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!!!

Baby Wissman

Mr. Wissman would like to thank everyone for the cards and notes of congratulations on the expectation of he and his wife's first child in April. They are both excited to raise their little girl surrounded by the wonderful students and families of the Northmont Band program.

Wreath Sale

The Winterguard is selling Yuletide Fresh Evergreen Wreaths. All orders must be submitted by November 20th. Delivery is Saturday, December 2nd. See a guard member to get your wreath!

Winterguard

The end of marching season means one thing... Winterguard season! The guard staff is looking forward to building off of the success the students had this marching season. Winterguard is open to any in high school, no previous training needed! Rehearsals to prepare for Auditions are 6-9pm on 11/13, 11/15, 11/20, 11/27, and 11/29. Auditions are Saturday, December 2nd.

Booster Board

A huge thanks to both outgoing and incoming members of the Northmont Band Booster Board. We would not be the program we are without all of you!!!