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The Official E-newsletter of the Northmont High School Band

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2022-2023 School Year in Full Swing

August marked the beginning of another school year here at Northmont. We are excited to get started on concert preparations with all the ensembles. For the second year in a row, we are extremely proud of the many students who have joined us for multiple ensembles. Many of these students are taking either a secondary instrument or peer leadership role within the younger ensembles.

There are several great plans in the works for the year and the literature being performed will sure make for an exciting school year and even more exciting concerts.

Parents of students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Percussion Ensemble should have received, signed, and returned a handbook form that was given out the first week of school.

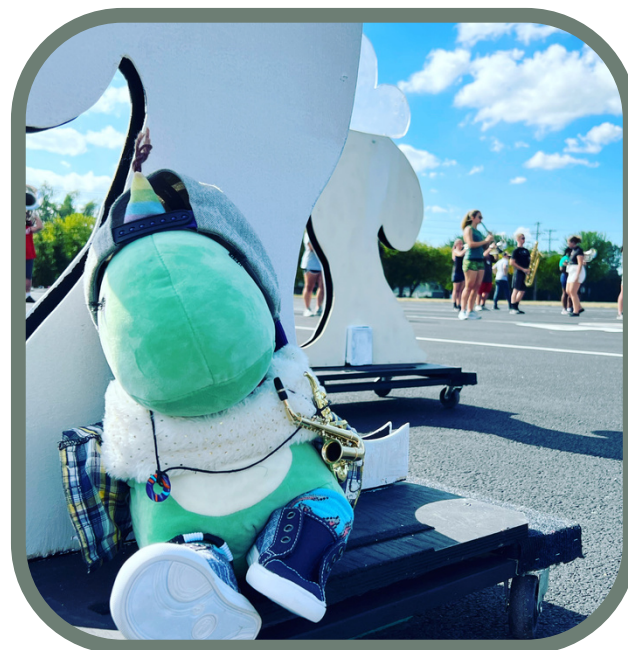
As a reminder, all high school performing ensemble students need to purchase a concert outfit through their music ensemble. Order information will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

Band Camp Recap

Strong summer for 2022 Marching Band

The past couple of months were full of hard work and fun by members of the 2022 Marching Band. Relatively mild summer weather help students and staff push hard through a week of rookie and pre-camp followed by two weeks of band camp. The students were able to get the first half of their competition show, "Any Way the Wind Blows," on the field as well as our football pregame routine. Time was also spent getting ready for the 2022 Fine Arts Parade and Concert, which went incredibly well.

Several highlights of the summer were the adoption of Pico, our stuffed dinosaur, who was awarded to the hardest working section from the previous day. The Englewood Fire Department cooled down the band during the final week of Band Camp. Karaoke, student vs. staff dodgeball and kickball, and the scavenger hunt also provided a lot of great memories for all. Many thanks to everyone who helped make these summer rehearsals so productive and enjoyable.



Band Premiere survives rain scare

Exceptional first performance of "Any Way the Wind Blows"

On Saturday, September 3rd, Northmont welcomed eight bands from as far north as Troy, to as far South as Cincinnati. After having to cancel in 2021 due to weather and in 2020 for Covid, we were anxious to be able to perform at our home show. Though radar showed impending weather doom all evening, the rain was able to hold off enough to get all bands in for many outstanding performances. We were all surprised to realize that the last time the senior class had marched in our Premiere was their Freshman year.

We want to thank the many people who helped make this event a reality. Shelly Shafner for her leadership, Wendy Torrence and Stephanie Tracy for chairing the event, Northmont Catalyst for providing the National Anthem, Jeffery Blair for announcing, The Gossers for hosting the hospitality house and program design, and the Pahls and pit crew for the outstanding work on the props thus far.

We can't wait to perform again for everyone at MSBA Bellbrook on September 17th.



Welcome Mrs. Sloboda

We are pleased to announce Mrs. Tabatha Sloboda as the new Middle School Band Director. Mrs. Sloboda comes to Northmont from the Benjamin Logan school district. We have enjoyed working with Mrs. Sloboda to continue to create a culture of excellence between the high school and middle school programs. We look forward to many years of supportive collaboration.

We also want to congratulate Mrs. Swank on a well-deserved retirement at the end of last year. We wish her and Mr. Swank the best in retirement and thank her for everything she has done for the Northmont district music department.



Top Ensemble Concert in October

On Wednesday, October 5th. The Northmont Wind Ensemble will join the Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Chorale for an evening of music. This top ensemble concert will begin at 7pm and take place at the Northmont Community Auditorium. It is sure to be a great evening of music and a wonderful start to the year of curricular ensemble performances. All concert for the year can be found on our website at <https://www.northmontband.org/concert-band-calendar>



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