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The Official E-newsletter of the Northmont High School Band

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Happy New Year!!!

Looking Forward to a Great 2023

This past year held many great moments for the Northmont band program. Some of the most notable experiences included being named a Best Community for Music Education by NAMM for the 3rd year in a row.

Performing John Mackey's *Some Treasures are Heavy with Human Tears*, as part of the consortium that brought this new piece into existence as a memorial for those lives lost in the Oregon District shooting. Our Varsity Winterguard was named 4th place WGI World Championship Finalists and MEPA Class A Champions with their show *88*. Lastly, the marching band had a highly successful season, being named MSBA Class AAAA Silver Medalists this past November.

We are extremely excited about the many things we have planned for 2023 and look forward to creating the same lasting memories and building on the past year's successes.

We want to take time to thank all of those students, families, community members, and district employees who had and will have a part in the growth of our program!

Welcome Ms. Mitchell

Wright State student teacher to spend the second semester with program

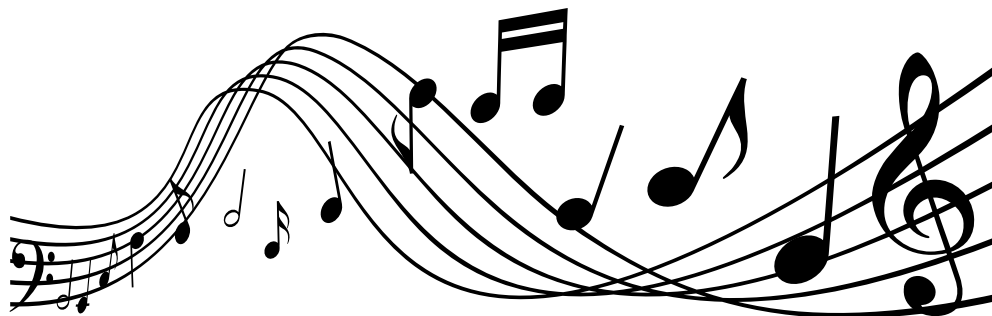
Mr. Wissman and Mrs. Lewis are excited to have the opportunity to work with Ms. Sierra Mitchell as she finishes her college degree with her student teaching experience. We, as well as many of our students, had the opportunity to work with Ms. Mitchell during the fall marching band season and look forward to working with her this semester.

Ms. Mitchell will be working with all high school band classes and traveling with Mrs. Lewis to several sixth-grade band classes throughout the week. We hope you all get a chance to meet her during her time with our program.

The following is an introduction from Ms. Mitchell:

Sierra Mitchell is in her final semester at Wright State University. She is a senior music education major at Wright State with an applied study in clarinet. Ms. Mitchell is an alumnus of Eastern Brown High School in Winchester, Ohio, and currently serves as the visual caption manager for the Eastern Brown Marching Band.

Since working with the Northmont High School Marching Band as a woodwind tech last summer and fall, Ms. Mitchell is excited to return to the area! She is eager to continue to work with Mr. Wissman and Mrs. Lewis and to learn from the students. Outside of music, Ms. Mitchell enjoys reading, drinking coffee, and spending time outdoors with friends and family.



Winter Guard Programs prepare for 2023

Excitement mounts for the MEPA and WGI season next month

The Varsity Guard is excited to compete this season in Open class in MEPA and WGI after being promoted following their extremely successful 2022 season. We look forward to their official show reveal and their debut performance on February 5th. We wish them all the best this season and look forward to cheering them on in local and national competitions. Continue to watch our social media pages for more information on their competitive season and show announcements.

The JV guard is fielding their largest group in 3 years. They will also be debuting their 2023 program on February 5th. We are excited to see the growth in the program and look forward to the positive things it will bring the program in the near future. We wish them the best and look forward to cheering them on as well during the upcoming competitive season!

Pep Band

We have had a great start to the pep band season, and it is hard to believe we are down to our last four games. To remind you, all students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Percussion Ensemble must attend two games as part of their curricular performance grade for quarter 3. We also invite any alumni of the band program to participate with the pep band. The call time for the remaining four games is 6 pm in the high school band room (1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3).

Jazz Band

Jazz Band will begin in the near future. Jazz Band plans to meet Wednesday after school for roughly an hour. All instrumentalists are welcome to join. We will perform on the May 4th concert with Percussion Ensemble.

Honor Band Festivals

Our Students have been hard at work auditioning for, preparing for, and participating in honor band festivals this year. Allison Fletcher was selected for the Capital University Honor Band and participated in the Wright State Saxophone Festival. Jacob Hobbs will perform with The Ohio State Honor Band on January 14th.

Allison Fletcher and Brandon Shafner will perform with the Wright State Honor Band Wind Ensemble on February 18th.

Solo and Ensemble

We want to wish A.J.'s trumpet students the best of luck at OMEA District 12 Solo and Ensemble contest on January 28th. Brandon Shafner, Michael Goffinet, Megan Michel, and Rylen Dellinger will perform at Vandalia-Butler High School on the solo they have been working on in their weekly lessons!

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