

# NPHS Concert Band Syllabus

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## Philosophy

*The band program here exists for the Newbury Park H.S. community. Our first priority will always be to support the school and the city we live in. This includes performing at all home football games, putting on 3-4 concerts a year on campus, and attending to the traditional functions of a high school band (concert band festivals, homecoming, rallies, community events, and occasional travel). Competition is a valuable teaching tool for us to measure our musical success relative to other schools, but it cannot be allowed to overshadow our mission of being a vital part of Newbury Park.*

## I. Classroom Expectations

1. Be to rehearsal on time – Concert band will rehearse everyday from 7-8am. This is different than in previous years, but is necessary to ensure that the group has sufficient time to rehearse. Students must be in place with their music and instrument out by 7:00 or they will be considered tardy. Tardies/Truancies will be dealt with according to the school policy. This will allow us to dismiss earlier so everyone has an opportunity to put instruments and equipment away properly and make it to class on time.
2. All instruments and equipment need to be clearly labeled with the student's name. Please use a luggage tag or some other durable means to identify your instrument.
3. Come prepared with all necessary supplies (reeds, valve oil, music, pencil, sticks)
4. Cubbies are to be used for instrument and music storage only. No personal effects or school supplies should be stored in the band room. Mr. Crystal is frequently out of the room and you will not have access to what you need during the day. If you need help getting a locker on campus, speak with Marilyn Zaslow in the attendance office.
5. Do your very best and have a good attitude!!

## II. Annual Expenses

District Transportation Fee	\$118 payable to NPHS
District Uniform Replacement Fee	\$100 payable to NPHS

These fees are mandated by the district to be collected from all band members each year and need to be paid with separate checks.

IMD Lab/Materials Pledge	\$100 payable to Panther Band Parents
<b>\$318 Total Due by Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009</b>	

The lab/materials pledge is paid once per year by all students participating in the Instrumental Music Department to offset costs paid by the department to maintain, repair and purchase instruments and equipment. Students can fundraise this portion of their expenses through a variety of means. Contact Mr. Crystal ([dcrystal@conejo.k12.ca.us](mailto:dcrystal@conejo.k12.ca.us)) or Vic Koler ([vic.nphsband@verizon.net](mailto:vic.nphsband@verizon.net)) for more information on fundraising opportunities available.

## II. Annual Expenses (cont.)

### Apparel

#### For Gentlemen

Band Pep Shirt	\$15
Tuxedo Shirt	\$15
Bow Tie	\$5
Dinkles (for MB uniform and tux)	\$30
	<b>\$65 Total Apparel Cost</b>

#### For Ladies

Band Pep Shirt	\$15
Concert Dress	\$55
	<b>\$70 Total Apparel Cost</b>

All students in the program will need a Pep Shirt over the year to wear as an informal uniform, under their marching band uniforms, after performances, and when working fundraising events.

## III. Fall Uniform Needs

*All students* will be fitted for uniforms to be worn at home football games and for the Conejo Valley Days parade. Even though you are not in period 5 Marching Band, you will still be required to march occasionally over the course of the year. Period 5 Marching Band is treated like a varsity sport. It has a much more demanding schedule, much higher expenses, and is for those students who choose to compete with the band in the fall (similar to Indoor Drumline or Winterguard in the Spring semester).

## IV. Concert Attire

The concert dress for the group this year is formal attire. Please ensure that you have the appropriate clothing necessary as it is an important reflection on our group.

Gentlemen: Tuxedo Pants, Jacket, and cummerbund will be provided by the band this year. Students will need to purchase their own Tuxedo Shirt, Bow Tie, and black patent dress shoes (Dinkles) through the band. (approx. \$50)

Ladies: All ladies will need to purchase a black concert dress through the band to ensure uniformity. (approx. \$55)  
Black dress shoes (either flats or pumps, no platforms please)

## V. Grading

Grades will be based on points accumulated through playing tests, performances, written work, and participation.

### -Playing Tests

In class assessment of assigned work (scales, arpeggios, sections of our repertoire). Individual grades of Full, Half, or Zero credit will be assigned based on their individual performance of the assignment. Any student not receiving full credit can retest any time and as many times as necessary without penalty until the end of the grading period.

### -Performances/Rehearsals

There is a substantial co-curricular requirement associated with participation in the band program. All performances and extra rehearsals are mandatory and are graded. You will

receive full credit for the event assuming you are on time, have all required materials, and are not a disruption. Any absence from a performance or rehearsal must be excused by Mr. Crystal at least 48 hours before the event. Excessive absences from rehearsals or performances could result in being removed from the band program.

-Participation

A quarterly grade based on your active and positive contributions to class. Being tardy, disruptive, or unprepared will cost you participation points for that quarter.

## 2009-2010 Performance Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri. 9/11	6pm in Band Room	Home Football
Wed. 9/16	6:30pm in Band Room	Back To School Night
<b>Thur. 9/17</b>	6pm in Band Room	Home Football
Fri. 9/25	6pm in Band Room	Home Football
Fri. 10/2	6pm in Band Room	Home Football (Homecoming)
Fri. 10/9	6pm in Band Room	Home Football
Fri. 10/23	6pm in Band Room	Home Football
	Middle School Band Night	
Tue. 12/8	7pm in PAC	Winter Concert
	Students need to be on stage no later than 4:30pm for mandatory rehearsal/setup	
Fri. 12/11	All Day	Disneyland Performance
	\$80 per student due no later than 12/4	
Tue 3/16	7pm in PAC	Spring Concert
	Students need to be on stage no later than 4:30pm for mandatory rehearsal/setup	
Thur. 3/25	TBD (during school)	TOHS Concert Band Festival
Thurs. – Sun. 4/29-5/2	Joint tour with NPHS Choir to Heritage Festival in San Diego	
	Cost of this trip is being finalized but will be at or near \$450-\$525	
	\$50 Deposit due by 10/1/09 with final payment due 4/1/10	
5/24	7pm at Civic Arts Plaza	CVUSD All District Band Festival
	Tickets are \$5/person for this event to be purchased in advance online ( <a href="http://www.conejoschools.org">www.conejoschools.org</a> ) or at the door	
Tues. 6/1	7pm in PAC	Spring Concert
	Students need to be on stage no later than 4:30pm for mandatory rehearsal/setup	
Wed. 6/9	7pm in Cafeteria	IMD Awards Banquet
Fri. 6/11	5pm-8pm in Stadium	Graduation
	Graded and mandatory for all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.	

This calendar is subject to change. For the latest information on scheduled performances, event itineraries, or rehearsals, go to the band website ([www.nphsband.org](http://www.nphsband.org)) to see our calendar.

## **Concert Band Syllabus Acknowledgement**

I have read and understand the syllabus for this class. I will contact Mr. Crystal in the event that I have any questions or concerns. Please go to [www.nphsband.org](http://www.nphsband.org) to complete the online registration survey if you have not already done so this year.

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Student Name

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Parent Signature

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Date