



8/10/2010

Greetings Panther Band Families!

I hope that the summer break has been great for everyone! It certainly has been very nice to have a little down time after a busy last year, but it is time to embark again on another exciting year of musical growth and awesome performance opportunities. There is a lot to be excited about for each of the ensembles this year and I look forward to taking the journey with all of you!

Marching Band

Marching Band is almost here!! Hard to believe we are on the doorstep of another camp, where has the year gone? Band Camp II, which starts next Monday at 8am, is a two week performance academy intended for those folks that will be competing with the Marching Band in the fall. Anybody in the band program (or who would like to be in the band program) is welcome to attend this camp as we prepare for our fall competitive season. We always have plenty of room for more players! This is a great way to get involved, make a lot of fast friends, and grow musically! You can also knock out the 2nd half of your P.E. requirements at the same time. See the enclosed checklist for the items you will need to bring with you on the first day of camp to be turned in.

Just a quick note to clarify, participation in the 5th period Marching Band class is optional. This class includes after school practices and Saturday competitions as well as an additional participation pledge. However, all students in the department are required to participate in Marching Band as a part of the curriculum in 1st period Concert Band. This includes all school and community performances (local parades, home football games, campus pep rallies, etc.).

Uniform Fitting

We will begin uniform fittings on Tuesday, 8/17 at 9am with the Marching Band students only. On Wednesday we will finish with Concert Band students (starting at 9am as well) who are not participating in Marching Band competitively. Please have your apparel form (enclosed) ready with a check payable to Panther Band Parents for any apparel items you will need to order. If for some reason you are not able to attend one of the fitting days, please contact Wendy Beverage as soon as possible to arrange for a time to be fitted bradbeverage@hotmail.com. We have a home football performance right away and will need to have everybody in pep shirts at a minimum for this game.

Paperwork and Payments

I know you all will have a lot of hoops to jump through as the school year starts and I'll try to keep ours to a minimum, but unfortunately there are a few things that we just have to take care of to keep the wheels turning. Enclosed in this packet is a checklist of forms and payments that will be coming up at the beginning of the year.

All of these forms are available on the band website if you look under the *Available Resources* link. Please take a moment if you need to get more information.

District Transportation Fee – *There has been a recent change though to the process for this payment.* Effective last week, all transportation fees are now paid via the student store. The easiest way to do this is to go to the NPHS website (www.nphs.org) and then follow the link to the *Student Online Store* and then follow the links for transportation. Print the confirmation page after you make your payment (there is NO transaction fee for this service...yay!!) and then turn a copy in to the band office by Sept. 3rd.

Physicals – To participate in the 5th period Marching Band class, you must have a current physical (within 12 months as of 11/20/10). The physical packets are available on the Athletics page of the school website (www.nphs.org). Jan Spaulding will be available the morning of the 16th collecting physical packets. If you have not yet had a physical done, the Wellness Clinic is doing them for the school over the summer on a walk-in basis or you can go to your family doctor to have everything signed off.



IMD Registration – If you have not done so yet, we really need you to complete our online survey as soon as you can. This registration survey has nothing to do with your course requests, those are handled through the counseling department. This survey is simply a way for the Instrumental Music Department to collect important details about the folks planning on participating in the band program this year (contact info, what ensembles you are participating in, volunteer data, etc.). There is an *IMD Registration* link on the homepage of the band website (www.nphsband.org)

Community Enhancement Grant

Each year we receive a grant from the City of Thousand Oaks for our participation in their Community Enhancement program. For one morning, each August, we supply volunteers to help with a project of their choosing. We will need students and parents to help out on Saturday, August 21st from 8am-12pm. Afterwards, we will gather for a BBQ lunch in front of the band room and some swimming in the NPHS pool! Please sign up as soon as you can with Julie Della Ripa at (805) 375-0130 or via email at: dellaripar@aol.com.

Rehearsal for our first Performance

With the first home game of the season happening on just our second day of class, it will be necessary to hold an additional rehearsal for the band to prepare. We'll meet with everyone on Wednesday evening from 6-8pm on Sept. 1st. There is no first period that day (there never is on the first day of the new term), so we'll need to meet later. All students should bring their flip folders and a lyre that evening (except percussion) so we can rehearse a few things for the game as well as teach everyone the pregame show. This rehearsal is mandatory and will be graded. Please wear closed toed, athletic shoes as we will do some marching and a lot of playing. Our first morning rehearsal will be Thursday, 9/2 starting promptly at 7am in the band room.

Instruments and Equipment

For students needing school instruments, I will check them out at our first rehearsal. Rental contracts will go home upon checkout; please sign them and return them to school as soon as you can. All students (except percussion and colorguard) will need a flip folder and a lyre to hold their music while we play at the games. Take your instrument into the music store with you to ensure that the lyre you get will work alright with your horn.

That should just about do it for the business end of getting band kicked off. Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation in getting everything in on time. It makes my job and the job of our Booster Coordinators much easier if we can process all of the payments and paperwork at once. Take a look at the webpage if you need help with forms as well as a copy of the handbook, a breakdown of anticipated expenses for this year, and other helpful documents.

I am really looking forward to another great year with some very exciting trips and performances. If there are any other questions you have, please do not hesitate to call or email; I'm always happy to help however I can. Otherwise, enjoy what remains of the summer break and I look forward to seeing you all back in the band room very soon!

Musically yours,

Mr. Crystal



2010-2011 Beginning of the Year Checklist

Due by 1st day of Band Camp II

These forms need to be turned in by Marching Band students only

_____ Physical Forms from Athletics
Available for download from band webpage

_____ 2nd Payment for MB (\$400)
Payable to **Panther Band Parents**

_____ Receipt for Transportation Fee
Paid through Student Store online

_____ Completed IMD Online Registration

_____ Marching Band Commitment Form
Available for download from band webpage

Due on 8/17 and 8/18 at Uniform Fittings

These items need to be completed by all IMD Members

_____ Completed Apparel Order Form
Available in this packet or for download from band webpage

_____ Signed Uniform Policy
Available for download from band webpage

_____ Check for apparel order
Payable to **Panther Band Parents**

Due no later than Friday, 9/3

These items need to be completed by all IMD Members

_____ District Transportation Fee Receipt
Form Available for download from band webpage
Paid on NPHS website through Student Store

_____ District Uniform Maintenance Fee
Form Available for download from band webpage
Check payable to **NPHS**

_____ IMD Lab and Materials Pledge
Form Available for download from band webpage

_____ Instrument Rental Contract
Available in band office from Mr. Crystal

_____ Have flip folder and lyre ready for rehearsal on Wednesday, 9/1 at 6pm in the band room
These can be purchased at any local music store. Take your horn with you just to be sure the lyre fits properly and then don't lose them!!

