



High School Band Student Handbook 2018-2019

Symphonic Band
Concert Band
Marching Band
Jazz Ensemble
Jazz Lab

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Mission Statement

North County Bands strives to create a family atmosphere, placing emphasis on service to others while pursuing excellence in music.

Band Compass

Items of Value

1. Service
2. Respectable
3. Positive Attitude
4. Punctuality
5. Organization

Leadership Principles

1. We will make our purpose to serve others, not ourselves.
2. We will operate in a character that is worthy of respect.
3. We will maintain an optimistic atmosphere.
4. We will always be on time (EARLY)!
5. We will keep our materials orderly.

Non-Negotiables

1. Opposing the band's direction
2. Negativity
3. Lack of effort

Course Descriptions

Raider Regiment Marching Band

Duration: One Semester

Prerequisites: Director Approval and MSHSAA performance eligibility. Members will complete a playing audition to demonstrate performance proficiency at a 7th grade level. Participation in summer marching camp activities are required. Students must be able to attend all outside of school rehearsal times. Percussion and color guard have additional audition and summer camp requirements to obtain those positions within the band. Some sections may have additional levels of auditions due to instrument availability.

Description: The Raider Regiment Marching Band is a competitive marching ensemble that performs at home football games and a variety of marching competitions and parades. Due to the physical nature of marching band, this group regularly completes physical conditioning throughout the summer and fall. There are possible fees incurred as part of the course including but not limited to equipment rental/repair, uniform cleaning, music software, competition fees, etc. Students may participate in fundraising events to offset these costs.

Symphonic Band

Duration: One Semester (Second Semester)

Prerequisites: Audition

Description: Symphonic Band is the top audition concert instrumental ensemble in the band program. Emphasis is placed on the performance of advanced instrumental music literature and the understanding and use of advanced music theory. This ensemble will perform concerts and at other area festivals. Auditions take place after the Marching Band concludes its competitive marching season. There are possible fees incurred as part of the course including but not limited to equipment rental/repair, music software, competition fees, etc. Students may participate in fundraising events to offset these costs.

Concert Band

Duration: Two Semesters

Prerequisites: A minimum of 2 years of band experience or Director approval.

Description: Concert Band is a concert performing ensemble open to students who wish to continue participation after middle school in the instrumental music program, but are unable or do not wish to participate in Marching Band 1st semester, and do not audition into or wish to participate in Symphonic Band second semester. The Concert Band will perform at concerts and in other area festivals. There are possible fees incurred as part of the course including but not limited to equipment rental/repair, music software, competition fees, etc. Students may participate in fundraising events to offset these costs.

Jazz Bands

Jazz Ensemble (Jazz 1) and Jazz Lab (Jazz 2)

Course Description

Duration: Two Semesters

Prerequisites: Audition

Description: This is an advanced music course for the instrumentalist who, in addition to his study of legitimate concert band literature, wishes to study and perform in a jazz oriented ensemble. Study will include literature from the swing era as well as the more modern forms of jazz and jazz-rock. Techniques of improvisation will be a major part of class work and the student should have an opportunity to perform in small combos as well as the large ensemble.

Other Program Information

Requirements

- To be a part of this program, students must meet eligibility standards set forth by MSHSAA and the North County School District.
- Students are responsible for providing all personal instrument accessories. Because the success of an ensemble depends on the full participation of its individuals, students must attend all scheduled rehearsals.
- PLA- This Proficiency Level Assessment will be used to assess students for placement in Symphonic Band or Concert Band. Music will be passed out at the end of marching season (late October) and 2 weeks later testing will begin. After testing has been completed rosters will be set for the second semester Symphonic/Concert Bands.

Daily Materials Needed for Every Class

pencil

paper

music and other resources that are to be passed out in class

band folder

Foundations for Superior Performance Book

Standard of Excellence - Book 3 (Concert Band Only)

Equipment

All woodwind and brass players are being asked to invest in a Snark Chromatic tuner for use during rehearsal. Anyone using a school owned instrument are expected to purchase all accessories for regular use. (oils, grease, etc) These accessories are NOT FOR SALE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM. There are a variety of convenient purchasing resources available to our students.

ALL instrument cases must have a name tag, especially school owned horns that are checked out to students. Please see the band office to receive one.

Everything in the band room has a place. Please keep your personal items in your cubby and not around the band room.

Eligibility

If a student fails any grading period in any band class, the directors will determine the eligibility of that student to participate in marching band, symphonic band, or any jazz band. If a student is deemed academically ineligible at any point in their high school career, the directors will determine the eligibility of that student to participate in marching band, symphonic band, or any jazz band.

You must be at school for the full day on the last day before an event. **If you are 20 minutes late for first hour you are counted absent and will be ineligible.** Students should not leave school early on the day of an event without contacting a director first. Excused medical absences may be excused at the director's' discretion. You **MUST CONTACT** a director and explain the situation.

On performance weeks, if a student is absent **more than two rehearsals**, you will **not** be allowed to participate in that performance in any ensemble. Students ineligible due to absence will be allowed to attend most performances and support the band to earn points toward the performance grade. Excessive absence or not fully participating in rehearsals can result in a loss of playing eligibility at the Directors' discretion.

MSHSAA GUIDELINES:

The Missouri State High School Activities Association requires that a student be enrolled in a minimum of 5.5 classes of credit to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. The students must have earned 5.0 units of credit the previous semester to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Students who attend part time class must take 4 hours per day at the high school to be eligible. Students who attend community college part time and attend class on the high school campus may count up to 2.-credits in coursework per semester. This credit cannot be transcribed to the high school. It should be understood that 5.0 credits must be recorded on the high school transcript in order for students to remain eligible.

Additional Rehearsals

Scheduled - Any scheduled additional rehearsals will be scheduled a minimum of two weeks in advance.
Emergency - An additional emergency rehearsal due to weather or last minute festival preparation will contingent on the availability of the ensemble members.

Tardies

Tardies are defined as: Student is not in the appropriate workplace, ready with all needed materials when bell rings. Consequences for tardies in this class align with the NCHS Tardy Policy.

Hall Passes

Hall Passes will be issued to students only for rare and unique circumstances. Hall passes will not be issued for visits to the restroom, one's locker, etc. These things should be taken care of before class.

Conduct and Discipline Procedures

Discipline not governed in the student handbook will be handled on an individual basis.

Examples include;

Gum chewing

Food or drink in the band room (water with a spill-proof cap is acceptable)

Improper care of equipment

Unauthorized use of phone during instructional time

Failure to follow classroom rules.

PDA

NO public display of affection will be allowed in the band room or during instructional and performance time. It is NCHS policy that no PDA other than hand holding will be allowed at any NCHS sanctioned function. Remember, you are representing our district. Respect yourselves, each other and the program, and act responsibly and modestly.

Social Media

Social media etiquette should be noted and taken seriously. There is absolutely zero tolerance for inappropriate comments, pictures, or conversations on any social media outlets. Anyone not following this guideline will be dealt with immediately.

Discipline

Many expectations are outlined in this handbook under different headings. These discipline procedures will be in place for all categories.

The following procedures will be followed as listed unless a director sees that the conduct is extensive enough to warrant immediate action as necessary.

- Verbal Warning
- Reduction of Daily Points
- Parents Contacted
- Parent Teacher Conference
- Office Referral
- Band Probation Status
- Temporary or Permanent Removal of Playing Eligibility
- Removal From the Band Program

Band Office

The band office may not be entered by students without director permission. There may be some students designated as “office staff” during specific class periods to help assist students with band office needs.

Golden Rule

The golden rule of our band program: DO NOT oppose the direction of the band program. Negative talk of ANY kind will NOT be tolerated! We are a large number of people coming together to achieve a common goal of excellence. Leave your personal feelings out of band. If you have issues, communicate them clearly at the right time and place.

Remember that everyone is here to learn. Don't take it personally when an instructor gives you advice. Remember, they're trying to help you look better in performance.

Substance Abuse

Students should not engage in behavior that jeopardizes their health. Possession and/or use of illegal substances at anytime is forbidden; includes, but not limited to tobacco, controlled substances, alcohol.

Allergies / Medical Info

If a student has any allergies or medical history concerns, they should fill out the confidential Allergy / Medical Info form on the marching tab of the band website.

Grading Procedures

Some areas in which grading will occur are as follows:

Punctuality, Check-In/Check-Out, equipment at hand (breather, apron, all poker chips, pencil, drill charts, music in flip folder, instrument), sectionals, rehearsals, uniform/dress code.

1. Class Participation – (30% of total grade)

- Includes attendance at all scheduled rehearsals, adherence to classroom policies, musical participation, out of class preparation and positive social contributions to the ensemble.

2. Performances – (40% of total grade)

- Includes attendance and participation at all scheduled performances and events.

3. Classwork – (20% of total grade)

- Includes any test or quiz including written or playing assignments, practice journals or exams.

4. Final Exam – (10% of total grade)

- A comprehensive final worth 10% of the semester grade will be given near the end of each semester. Final format and material may vary depending on current coursework.

Make-up Work

- Classroom participation points may not be made up for missed classes. The rehearsal setting cannot be re-created for any type of make-up assignment.
- Students will have two days for each class period missed to make up written assignments. After this time no work will be accepted.
- If a student is inevitably going to miss a performance for irreversible circumstances, the director must be informed three weeks in advance in an attempt to create other options. The student will then be assigned written work for partial credit of this performance. (excluding emergencies such as family death, illness etc.)

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be available for those students who desire to show effort above and beyond daily classroom requirements.

- Completing optional extra credit assignments or opportunities when made available by the director

Standard Band Program Awards

John Philip Sousa Award - Nationally recognized award chosen by the directors as a student that demonstrates superior character, dependability, loyalty, cooperation, and instrumental success. The recipient of this award will have his or her name added to the perpetual plaque on the band room wall.

Louis Armstrong Award - Nationally recognized award chosen by the directors as a student that demonstrates superior character, dependability, loyalty, cooperation, and jazz success. The recipient of this award will have his or her name added to the perpetual plaque on the band room wall.

Woody Herman Award - Outstanding Jazz Lab member

Outstanding Musicianship Award - Outstanding contribution by a Concert Band member

District/State Level Auditions

Check the band calendar for specific dates once we have reached that “season”.

Timeline will modify based on the scheduled date of District and State Contest

Deadlines are strict. Schedule your director meetings in advance. Timelines may vary slightly each year.

All District / State Concert Band APPROXIMATE Audition Deadlines and fees (official dates and fees will be posted in classroom):

Chromatic and Major Scales (memorized) - 1st week of October

Approval of all items - 3rd week of October

All District Audition Fee (\$10)- 3rd week of October

All District Audition Date - First Tuesday in November

All State approval of all items - Mid November

All State Audition Fee - One week before auditions

All State Auditions - First Saturday in December (Leave Friday afternoon)

All District / State Jazz Band Audition Deadlines:

First Meeting - 1st week of October

Approval of all items - 3rd week of October

All District Audition Fee (\$10)- 3rd week of October

All District Audition Date - First Tuesday in November

All State approval of all items - Mid November

All State Audition Fee (\$15) - One week before auditions

All State Auditions - First Saturday in December (Leave Friday afternoon)

District / State Solo & Small Ensemble Contest

Check classroom for specific dates once we have reached that “season”.

Timeline will modify based on the scheduled date of District and State Contest

Deadlines are strict. Schedule your director meetings in advance.

Solo / Ensemble information and estimated timeline.

Registration - 2nd week of December

First Meeting with director - 3rd week of January

Notes and Rhythms approved by director - 1st week of February

Approval with accompaniment by director - 2nd or 3rd week of February

Mandatory Contest Preview Performance - 3rd week of February

DISTRICT CONTEST - Early March

STATE CONTEST - Late April / Early May (for those who receive a 1 rating at District)

Miscellaneous Solo / Ensemble Information

Accompanist:

If you choose to use a school provided accompanist, you must pay the \$40 accompanist fee by the designated deadline for each contest performance. Those who are eligible and choose to play at state contest will be responsible for accompanist fees for both District and State.

If you choose to hire an outside accompanist, they must be director approved in advance so that they may be contacted on specific contest expectations by a director. Students will be responsible for any and all costs for hiring private accompanists.

Google Classroom/Student and Parent Communication

Good communication is key to the success of this program. As directors, we will do everything possible to ensure that parents stay informed. We will be using “remind” as a one way source of communication to offer announcements from directors to students and parents. Each ensemble will have a different address.

Parents - Email Mr. Carroll if you would like your email to be added to receive regular email reports of your student’s Google Classroom activity.

To receive important information instantly, either use the remind app or:

For Raider Regiment Marching Band, text @8b8387 to 81010

For Symphonic Band text @aee92g to 81010

For Concert Band, text @4b46cg to 81010

For Jazz Ensemble, text @g8f8h to 81010

For Jazz Lab, text @ef4gc to 81010

If you need to contact Mr. Carroll with an **urgent** need, please call 573-238-8824 and leave a message. Contacting a director via email is the preferred method for any other correspondence.

Mr. Carroll - tcarroll@ncsd.k12.mo.us

Mr. Sikes - asikes@ncsd.k12.mo.us

Mr. Marler (percussion) - jgmarler@ncsd.k12.mo.us

Mrs. Eaves (color guard) - meaves@ncsd.k12.mo.us

Students will be contacted via school email and must check it regularly for the most recent updates. All students will also have access to google classroom and will also use it regularly for communication and assignments.

Charms

This web-based software parents and students to have constant access to financial and other records. It is requested that all parents not only have working access, but also make sure that you have an active email account listed in your student's account to receive program updates.

- Go to www.charmsoffice.com
- Place your mouse cursor over “**Enter/Login**”, then click on “**Parents/Students/Members**”
- Enter your school code “**northcountybands**” (It’s the same as the website!)
- It will then ask you to enter your password.
 - Please be aware that your charms account will only have one password. Parents and students will have to share that information with each other.
 - If there are password issues, you can email a director for a password reset, which will reset your password to your charms ID number.
- On your home screen click “**Update info**”
- When arriving on this screen please update all fields on both sides of the screen
 - A couple of items that are VERY IMPORTANT details
 - Our school email blocks charms email updates. It is recommended that students enter their personal email in their student info to receive charms email updates from the directors.
 - In the phone number fields, make sure if you enter a cell number, you enter it in the second field, “Cell” not under “Phone”. That general “Phone” category should be reserved for home phone numbers if you have one.
 - If you “turn on” the personal instrument option, that allows you to keep a record of your personally owned instrument information. If anything like theft ever happened, we would have a record of the serial number on hand for police reports and to send to local pawn shops.
 - Please fill out your birthdate with the accurate year.
- After filling out your personal information, click “**Add New Adult**” to add parent contact information. Please make sure their phone numbers are under the correct labels as well.
- After your personal info is complete, I would encourage you to check out your “**Financial Statement**”. If anyone has any trouble interpreting the content of your financial statement, contact a director for help.
- Charms also has a smartphone app for easy access of all account information.

Band Website - www.northcountybands.com

For the most accurate, updated dates and all other information, please be familiar with our band website. We work very hard to make that information accessible to you.



Charms Student Detail (Update Info)

Students / Parents must update the following info in their Charms account by the 3rd day of school in the Fall semester.

Required Student Detail Information:

- Address
- Phone Number
 - Cell and Home if both exist
- Email - NON SCHOOL EMAIL if you have one. Our district filter will block emails from Charms.
- Sex (gender)
- Height
- Birthdate
- T-shirt Size (S,M,L,XL,XXL, XXXL)
- Personal Instrument
 - If you own your instrument, please fill out the appropriate information here for records purposes.

Guardian Information (Click the “Add New Adult” button)

Add a new tab for each parent / guardian

- First Name
- Last Name
- Phone Numbers
- Address
- Relation
- Email
- Occupation / Skills

Check-Out and role of Drum Majors

Student leaders will be in charge of “checking out” their section at the end of every event. This includes: attendance, tardiness, uniform, equipment, any problems that occurred will also be documented by the section leader on the form to be evaluated by a director. This is how performance grades are documented and earned. This process is used throughout the school year in all performance ensembles. **Students are not allowed to leave after an event until they have seen their designated student leader and received their approval to check out.**

Drum majors are the hands and feet of the band directors. They have earned and deserve students’ respect. They will be leading rehearsals, conducting from the podium, as well as in charge of many aspects of the program. They need your support, not your criticism. If you have a concern, voice that concern directly to a director.

Role of Leadership

Role of a leader (leadership defined)

“Leadership is not a position. It is a service to another human being or group.”

- Simon Sinek

“All people want two things. They want to be acknowledged and to feel appreciated.”

- from Pathways by Joseph Alsobrook

Our leadership team has spent many, many hours learning the leadership techniques with Mr. Carroll. If we didn’t trust them to do a great job leading, they wouldn’t be here. If you have a concern with a leadership team member, please see a director. DO NOT talk about or bad mouth any band members. That type of behavior reflects poor character. **Be aware of your place on the pyramid.** Keep in mind that you may not approve of the leadership team selections, but they have been chosen to be a part of the leadership team for a reason. You don’t have to be their best friend, but you should respect their role and maintain a good reflection of character within our program.

Travel Etiquette

- Take care of the bus. Pick up your trash and NEVER let your performance attire touch the bus floor. Keep it on the hanger if it isn't being worn and hang it appropriately.
- The buses will be locked after everything is unloaded. NO student is permitted to be on the buses without director approval.
- Do not change clothes on the bus unless instructed to do so, Only when the buses have been assigned "male" and "female" will you be allowed to change at designated times.
- Portable stereos may ONLY be used with headphones unless specifically given permission by a director.
- Clean up the area EVERYWHERE you go, regardless of if you created the mess. Remember to check your "footprint", as it is a reflection of our entire program. "Leave it better than you found it!"
- All band members must ride the bus to an event, however, you may be signed out after a performance by your PARENT or GUARDIAN only. Exceptions to this procedure must be approved by an administrator in advance. If you are signed out, it is YOUR responsibility to have another band member take responsibility for your equipment.
- While you will not always be in uniform, you are however, a direct representation of our program. We strive for an excellent reputation. Do not hurt our efforts with negative talk to other programs, or anyone inside/outside our program. If you have a problem or a concern come to a director immediately.

Performance Attire:

Marching

See Raider Regiment info section for details

Symphonic and Concert Bands

These bands will wear all black, including black dress shoes for everyone and long black socks for guys. (Long black socks may be available for purchase in the band room for \$2) We do have men's formal wear available for check out for a \$20 rental fee. "Guys wear ties" for performances. For this year, you may pick a tie of your choosing. Girls will either rent or purchase our chosen black concert dress. Dress Rental Fees are \$20. Dress purchase price is approximately \$55-65. Students should make sure that they are not wearing any jewelry that distracts from the uniform look of the band.

Jazz

Both jazz bands will wear all black. We do have men's formal wear available for check out for a \$20 rental fee if needed. Boys shirts need to be a long sleeve, button up dress shirt, and dress socks. Girls, make sure your black "dress attire" (doesn't have to be a dress) is in accordance with the school dress code and is respectable.

Basketball game performance attire options:

- Current year NCHS Jazz t-shirt
- Blue North County Bands "parade shirt"
- Any embroidered "NC Bands" Gear shirt
- Other options may be made in advance at the discretion of the director.

North County High School Raider Regiment Information

Audition Information

Members will complete a playing audition to demonstrate performance proficiency at a 7th grade level. In addition to MSHSAA and NCHS eligibility standards, the following areas will be assessed at the discretion of our directors to determine performance eligibility:

- Attendance
- School discipline record
- Basic understanding of your instrument and the ability to play in time with a metronome
- Physical fitness and safety

Please see the attached letter and form for more specifics.

Attendance and Participation Requirements

Students must have a physical on file in the high school office before participating in marching band activities.

Upon receiving parent signature forms and approval of all audition requirements, students' parents' accounts will be charged non-refundable annual marching fees in May, two months before the beginning of summer camps.

The official Raider Regiment roster will be set by 9:00 am on the second day of full camp. All students who have met all requirements by this time will be recorded on the official roster that will be sent to the drill writer at the time of this deadline.

Students are required to attend band camp in its entirety. Vacations, work schedules, and personal trips must be scheduled around all band camp rehearsals. If an emergent situation occurs, direct and prompt communication with a Director is necessary. Any educational/honor camps or events that take place during a portion of band camp may or may not be excused. Again, direct and prompt communication with a Director is necessary and the outcome will be determined by a Director. Please give as much notice as possible. A written assignment may be required.

Students are required to attend their weekly sectional after school. Sectionals will be on the same day and time of the week once scheduled at the beginning of the season. These will be graded.

Evening rehearsals will take place every week that there is a competition on THURSDAY nights. These rehearsals will be graded. The first note will begin at 7pm and students are required to be "IN PLACE" 5 MINUTES PRIOR to this time. Please see the schedule for specific dates.

Attendance Guidelines

All rehearsals, evening rehearsals, and performances, including football games and parades are required. Morning rehearsals are daily and all students must be "IN PLACE on the field by 6:55 AM. The Raider Regiment will perform at all home games and all band members are required to stay for the ENTIRE game in support of our school team. Please reference the band calendar on www.northcountybands.com for the most accurate calendar. If you are a working student, you will need to take initiative and get your band schedule to your supervisor as early as possible to ensure your availability for marching obligations.

Chain of Command

Any issues that arise should be addressed by the Section Leader. If you have a problem or concern see your section leader FIRST. If they cannot help you, they will see a DRUM MAJOR. If the DM cannot assist them, the DM will see a DIRECTOR. Only see a director for emergencies, very urgent needs, or situations that are uncomfortable to direct to another student. We are responsible for 100+ students and cannot directly meet everyone's needs and answer every simple question. Our student leadership team is trained to help out in these areas.

Uniform

Uniforms will be provided for each member. It is very important that students and parents understand how to take proper care of these uniforms. No one is allowed to take their uniform home under any circumstance.

A complete uniform will consist of pants, jacket, gauntlets, hat, plume, garment bag, and shoe bag. Students are required to purchase their own shoes and gloves and **long black socks**. (Long black socks may be available for purchase in the band room for \$2) Student must wear a t-shirt **with sleeves** under their uniform jacket. Shoes and gloves must be ordered through a director at band camp. Front Ensemble members will be responsible to purchase the long sleeve black shirt to wear with their bib pants. The silks will be responsible to purchase their entire performance attire. Information of the cost of silk attire will be available during camp. See the band expenses for a list of items needed for purchase.

- Always hang the uniform on a hanger after a performance. You must hang the pants on the crease, not the seam. Leave the garment bag unzipped halfway after a performance.
- You must not eat food/candy or drink anything other than water while in uniform. This rule is strongly enforced. No food or drink will be permitted in the band bleachers at football games at any time.
- All uniforms will be worn with pride. No one will be permitted to be in the view of the public eye in a partial uniform. (jacket removed, sloppy loosened tie, etc.)
- Jewelry is not to be worn when in uniform.
- No foundation is to be worn on the face while in uniform, as this will stain the collars and hat.
- Keep your shoes clean and your gloves bright white.
- Uncovered fingernails should be unpolished or "nude" color.
- No part of your uniform accessories (shoes, gloves) are to be stored outside of the uniform closet. Everything has a place. Shoes are to be kept in the shoe bag, in your correct uniform cabinet.
- Everyone has an assigned uniform cabinet. You must keep your uniform in the designated cabinets in an orderly fashion.
- For competitions, you are to wear either your blue "parade shirt", the current show shirt, or the current season "Raider Regiment" shirt when you are not in uniform. Any other shirts are considered out of uniform and you will be graded accordingly.

Equipment

The success of this group depends on all members being prepared for rehearsal. Make sure you are doing your part to practice and come to each rehearsal with all necessary materials.

- Positive attitude and a willingness to work hard
- Your instrument
- Your Music (Handed out in May)
- Pencil
- Marching Lyre and Flip Folder to hold music (woodwind and brass players)
- Personal Water Cooler - (Put your name on it. They all look alike)
- Sunscreen
- Proper emergency instrument supplies (Slide/Valve Oil, Cork grease, Reeds)
- Poker Chips (will be sold at camp)
- Marching Apron (will be sold at camp)
- Breather Valve (will be sold at camp)
- **Percussion Students are required to purchase their own sticks for marching.**

It should be noted that physical activity will not be used as a punishment, however it WILL be used as an alternative to rehearsal. If a student does not have the required materials for a rehearsal, they will run up to 2 laps as an alternative warm up.



Raider Regiment Audition

Students and Parents,

Members will complete a playing audition to demonstrate performance proficiency at a 7th grade level. In addition to MSHSAA and NCHS eligibility standards, the following areas will be assessed at the discretion of our directors to determine performance eligibility:

- Attendance
- School discipline record
- Basic understanding of your instrument and the ability to play in time with a metronome
 - This will be assessed by a playing test with use of a metronome. This audition material has been taken directly from a “7th grade” band book. Playing assessments from the current school year may also be used for consideration.
 - There will not be any kind of audition that involves marching ability.
 - Percussionists will have another audition on the first day of percussion camp. At that point, the only way they would not be accepted as a part of the group is an instrument availability issue. We only have so many positions available between our drumline and front ensemble instruments.
- Physical fitness
 - We have no goals of turning the Raider Regiment into an athletic organization, but some level of physical fitness is necessary to participate in a competitive marching program.
 - We need to be able to have physical conditioning activities without worrying about the physical well being of our members that are not physically capable of such activities. Additionally, those who are unable to complete conditioning activities would not likely have the physical endurance to successfully march and play through a competitive show that could reach 10 minutes in length or a parade route in excess of a mile.
 - Students interested in marching are encouraged to try the first day of camp to see if they can safely complete the physical activity and conditioning that is typical of our marching program.

Our intention is not to remove the opportunity to play in band from anyone, but to prioritize the physical safety and music education of our students. High School Concert Band is open to all band students and is a great place to focus on improving individual instrumental playing ability.

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE all current 8th graders to consider entering High School Concert Band if you do not wish to march. Why not continue on and create music instead of enrolling in my music appreciation class and taking notes and writing papers to get your high school fine art credits?

High School Jazz Bands Audition Instructions

Part 1: Bb Blues

Wind Instruments	1st Chorus: Play Melody 2nd Chorus: Improvise
Piano, Guitar, Bass, Vibes	1st Chorus: Play Melody 2nd Chorus: Comp / Walk 3rd Chorus: Improvise
Drums	Be prepared to play up to 3 choruses of time while demonstrating the ability to comp and fill.

Part 2: “The Aebersold Choice”

Play what you can successfully accomplish. You will create a better audition by playing an easier option cleanly with style than you will playing a more difficult option poorly.

Option 1: (will be released by May)
Option 2: (will be released by May)
Option 3: You may choose your own audition piece that is more challenging, but IT MUST BE PRE-APPROVED by Mr. Carroll at least one day prior to your audition and you must be able to provide your own background track and a copy of the music you’re playing.

Wind Instruments	1st Chorus: Play Melody 2nd Chorus: BONUS - Improvise (not required)
Piano, Guitar, Bass, and Vibes	1st Chorus: Play Melody 2nd Chorus: Comp / Walk 3rd Chorus: BONUS - Improvise (not required)
Drums	Be prepared to play up to 3 choruses of time while demonstrating the ability to comp and fill.

Part 3: Drums Only

Be able to demonstrate a rock beat, swing, shuffle (swing), and funk. Any additional patterns from the Missouri All State Drum Set Patterns will be considered as BONUS.

Note to rhythm section students: As we are attempting to create some degree of rotational rhythm sections in the high school jazz bands, any attempt to audition on multiple rhythm section instruments is appreciated and will be reflected positively in the decision making process.

Note to wind instrument players: You may alter octaves in any case that you think better highlights your playing.

Band Calendar

2018-19 HS Band Calendar	The most accurate calendar will always be the Band Google Calendar that can be found at www.northcountybands.com
Date	Event
June 26-28	Drum Major Camp
June 30-July 8	Dead Week
July 9-11	Leadership Camp
July 12, 13, 16-20	Percussion Camp
July 23-27, 30-3	Full Band Camp
August 3rd	Band Camp Picnic / Performance -6:00 picnic, 7:00pm-ish
August 31st	Football Game
September 3rd	Labor Day Parade
September 13th	Evening Rehearsal
September 14th	Football Game
September 15th	Farmington Marching Invitational
September 27th	Evening Rehearsal
September 28th	Football Game
September 29th	Music on the Meramec Marching Festival
October 5th	Homecoming v. Windsor
October 11th	Evening Rehearsal
October 12th	Football Game
October 13th	Semo Band Association Marching Festival
October 18th	Evening Rehearsal
October 20th	Central Rebel Invitational
November 1st	NC Day of Jazz
November 6th	HS All District Concert and Jazz / MS All District Jazz
November 12th	PLA Due / HS Veterans Day Assembly
November 16th	HS All District Jazz Sectional
November 19th	HS Pops Concert
November 30-1	HS All State Band Auditions
December 3rd	Bonne Terre Christmas Parade
December 4th	HS Christmas Concert
December 11th	MAC Community Band Concert
December 15th	Band Christmas Party
December 18th	HS Choir Concert
December 19-22	Mr. Carroll gone to Chicago
December 21-January 2	Christmas Break

January 3rd	First day of Second Semester
January 12th	HS MAAA Honor Band Rehearsal
January 14th	HS MAAA Honor Band Rehearsal / Performance
January 19th & 21st	MAAA Snow Date
January 23-26th	Directors Go To MMEA Conference
Feb 1st or 2nd	SEMO Jazz Festival
February 28th	Silk Audition Paperwork Available
March 1st	Raider Regiment 2018 Show Reveal
March 2nd	MAC Jazz Festival
March 9th	HS District Solo and Ensemble
March - TBD	Leader Interview Deadline
TBD	Drum Major Auditions
March 22nd	Silks Paperwork Due
March 23rd	SIUe Jazz Festival?
March - TBD	Guard Auditions
April 3-5th	State Large Ensemble Contest & Jefferson Band Symposium
TBD	Drum Major Contract / Vision Meeting
April 5th	NC Jazz Spaghetti Dinner
April 6th	NC Jazz Festival
April 23rd	HS Band Concert
April 25th	State Solos And Ensemble
April 30th	MS and HS Jazz Band Concert
May 1st	6th Grade Beginning Band Concert @ MS / MAC Community Band Concert
May 6-8th	NC Jazz Auditions
May 11th	NC Band Car Show
May 17th	Possible Last Day of School
TBD	Graduation



2018 Raider Regiment Marching Band Expenses

There are a number of expenses involved with marching band. All expenses will be recorded into Charms.

Marching Band Fee \$105.00 (Charged to charms account in May)

Marching Camp Supplies

Drill Master shoes \$32.00 size ____ (circle one) Mens or Womens

Sure Grip Gloves 2 pair for \$5.00 size ____

Camp Supplies (For new/past members who need to replace theirs) Please circle what is needed.

Poker Chips \$1.50 for set of 3

Apron \$2.00

Breather Valve \$3.00

Shoe Bag \$3.00

Total _____ Director / Staff Initials _____

NORTH COUNTY BANDS "PARADE SHIRT" is required by all band members. This shirt will be used for all 4 years of marching band. These shirts may be ordered on an online web store that will be posted in classroom and on the marching tab of the band website.

North County Schools cover equipment, entry fees, marching uniforms and transportation. Our High School Band account covers many other things the school does not. The Marching Band Fee goes to helping to cover the cost of extra instructors, a drill writer, show music, props and backdrops for the show, etc.

Please pay for the needed items by Aug. 17th. If you cannot make payment by August 17th, please make payment arrangements with a director. You can make checks payable to the North County Band Boosters. If you have financial concerns, please contact a director.

As parent/guardian, I agree to pay the above total amount by August 17th. Please see a director as soon as possible to make arrangements for payment if this is not financially feasible.

Parent Signature _____

Student Name (Printed clearly) _____

Email Address _____



Band Handbook Signature Page

Please access and review the electronic version of the handbook anytime through the band website at northcountybands.com

This application to represent my school in instrumental music activities is made with the understanding that I qualify myself within the eligibility standards that I must meet to represent my school and that I have not violated any of them. I also understand that if I do not meet the citizenship standards set by the school, it could result in me not being allowed to participate in the next performance or suspension from the group either temporarily or permanently.

I have completed the online form to list all medical conditions that are known to me which may affect my performance in representing my school, and I verify that it is correct and complete.

I have accessed my financial ledgers and updated all "personal info" as well as added parent contact info (especially email) into my student charms account.

I understand that any school instrument loaned to me must be treated properly and not abused in any way. As with all equipment, North County Schools expect a reasonable amount of wear while these instruments are used. However, it will be the responsibility of the parent and student to see that care is taken in the use of this instrument and that **damage due to accident, misuse, or abuse will be the responsibility of the student / parent**. Periodic adjustments and maintenance will be handled by the school.

And furthermore, by signing this form I agree that I have read and discussed the above policies and expectations with my parent/guardian and agree with and understand all policies and expectations for this program as well as those of the North County School District.

Student Name Printed: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ Class Hour(s): _____

Please Return ONLY the this page of this document for Your First Classwork Grade.
Due by the third day of first semester classes

2018-2019

High School Band Dress Rental / Purchase

Parents and ladies of North County High School Bands,

We will begin fitting for concert wear at the beginning of the school year. We will be giving each student the option to either purchase a dress or rent. The purchase price for dresses is \$57.00 each. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter stating if you would like to purchase a dress for your daughter or rent one. This dress is the **required attire for all High School Band Concerts for both semesters** (other than the Pops Concert). Please return the form below with payment of \$57.00 for purchase or \$25.00 for rent. **Dresses will not be assigned until payment is received. If you already own this dress, please make sure it still fits. If it no longer fits, you may sell to another student with director knowledge and approval.**

Rented dresses will be kept at the school in the uniform closet. Purchased dresses will be kept at home. Those who make the choice to purchase a dress will be responsible to have it hemmed or adjusted. All dresses must be floor length, but not to drag. Hemming arrangements will be made by directors for school owned/rented dresses. Black dress shoes are the required footwear.

Student Name: _____

This paper is due in a sealed envelope to the High School Band Room Dropbox with payment by October 2nd, and will serve as a classwork assignment.

(Envelopes are available in the band room)

Circle one:

Rent: \$25	Purchase: \$57	Already own this dress: \$0
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Amount Paid : _____ Date: _____

Select Payment Form: Cash _____ Check _____ Check Number _____

Make any checks payable to NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, and make sure it includes date of birth, drivers license number, phone number.

Parent Signature _____

If there is financial concern, please contact Mr. Carroll via email. tcarroll@ncsd.k12.mo.us