



# Wolfpack Pride Information 2021

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The Wolfpack Pride is one of the largest student organizations at North Paulding High School. The band attracts some of the most talented and active students in the school. Band members are involved in numerous clubs and service organizations on campus. They are class officers, yearbook staff, newspaper staff, National Honor Society members, academic honor students, valedictorians, salutatorians, athletes, and after school job holders. Band members are on the Student Council and many marching members are in the academic top ten percent. When you join the Wolfpack Pride Marching Band you become a member of a special family that derives its strength from its diverse and active membership.

In this packet you will find many materials to help guide and prepare you for a terrific competitive and performance year. Communication is key to a successful season. Please be sure you are on our email distribution list and reference our website, calendar, Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter frequently to stay informed. We also utilize REMIND as a way to send out quick updates and reminders that may be of an IMMEDIATE nature.

Lastly, parents and guardians the North Paulding High School Band Boosters need your help! It takes a lot of work to help the students be successful. We have a great group of committee chairs that organize everything the band needs. The only way each and every student we have can be successful is with your support as a volunteer. There are so many opportunities and ways to volunteer, we simply ask that you come out and help us at least once this season. We think you'll have such a great time that you will be back for more!

A large portion of the funds that it takes to field a competitive marching band come from fundraising efforts that occur throughout the year. We need your help in order to help keep this band at the highest level possible. If you have a student in the band program you are a Band Booster! Please help us to shape the future of our non-profit booster organization to meet the goals and needs of our student performers! Booster Meetings are held in the NPHS Band Room on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Thanks again to everyone and we look forward to the best season ever!



## **What is Marching Season?**

The time period starting at the beginning of summer to the middle of November is our band's "Marching Season". During the summer (middle of July), the band will start learning its music and basic marching concepts during Band Camp rehearsals, and the color guard will train its new members in the basics of flag spinning, and then on to rifle and saber spinning. The marching season is a busy time for the band program and proper planning and attention to the calendar is a must. In order for the marching band to be successful, it is imperative that we rehearse with all of its members all of the time. The marching band is the most visible performance group at North Paulding High School and we strive to always provide a positive representation of our school.

## **What is Spring Training and Band Camp?**

Spring Training will be May 3 - May 7 (3:45-6:30pm) for guard and all percussion.

Summer Pre-Camp begins July 13th for Color Guard and Percussion

Rookie Camp for all new marchers (ROOKIES) begin on July 16th. Rookies will spend July 16th and 17th in a two-day training session preparing them for full band camp. You will be ready to go in two days!

FULL BAND CAMP will be from July 20th through July 24th.

A detailed season schedule is available in this packet. The bulk of the show will be taught and learned during this time. It is a mandatory part of participating. It is very important that everyone be present EVERY DAY at band camp. Everyone has an important part to play and when students are missing it makes it difficult to perform the drill properly. Your spot will appear as "a hole" in the performance and there is no one to cover your responsibilities when you are not present. WE ARE A TEAM. With that understanding, everyone must be present in order for us to function as a cohesive unit. Before any activity begins, attendance will be taken, and the end of the year lettering will be based off attendance at all marching band events. Students that miss a performance will automatically be ineligible to letter.

### Band Camp Goals:

- 1) *Create group cohesion and team work.* Don't simply surround yourself with what is familiar. Stretch yourself and grow as a person by spending time with someone new. You won't regret it. WE ARE A TEAM!
  - Lunch and Dinner Seating Assignments
  - We will also have themed dress up days. More info to follow this summer.
  - Camp will have a band water balloon fight.
- 2) Develop an atmosphere of respect among the band members.
- 3) Develop habits that will carry us forward.
- 4) Have fun!

### **How may I stay informed?**

- A detailed season schedule is included in this packet.
- All the information is located on the band website.  
[www.northpauldingband.com](http://www.northpauldingband.com)
- A weekly newsletter will be sent every Monday for the upcoming week. This newsletter will include the upcoming month and detailed information for specific events.
- An itinerary for each trip will be sent out during the marching season.
- FACEBOOK
- TWITTER
- INSTAGRAM
- Remind



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### **How do I get lettered in band?**

*Letter: Students must participate in marching band for 2 years with no unexcused absences. (Three unexcused tardies = one unexcused absence.) Students must also participate in LGPE Spring Semester. A missed performance automatically disqualifies a student.*

*Bar: THIS IS FOR THIRD YEAR STUDENTS. Students must complete one year of marching band after earning their letter with no unexcused absences. (Three unexcused tardies = one unexcused absence.) Students must also participate in LGPE Spring Semester. A missed performance automatically disqualifies a student.*

*Plaque: THIS IS FOR FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS. Students must complete one year of marching band after earning their letter and bar with no unexcused absences. (Three unexcused tardies = one unexcused absence.) Students must also participate in LGPE Spring Semester. A missed performance automatically disqualifies a student.*



*Please take a moment and read all the information contained in this packet. Ask your parents to read over the packet as well. Take time NOW to put the enclosed dates on your summer and fall calendars. Post the schedule up on your refrigerators or family message boards.*

### **Attendance Policy**

All events are mandatory. There is no bench, there are no alternates. You being in your spot affects everyone in the band. You have 2 excused absences per year, which must be approved by the Director of Bands at least 1 week in advance. You cannot miss a performance.

Excused absences will only be granted for certain unforeseen conflicts. Excused absences include illness, death in the family, an important religious observance, and potentially other severe circumstances. Personal conflicts such as doctor's appointments, jobs, homework, being grounded, etc. are not excused. If a student must be absent due to an unforeseen emergency such as personal illness, the student is required to communicate to the Director of Bands to inform him or her of the absence. If a student is well enough to attend class during the school day, the student is expected to attend rehearsal. Please note that documentation will be requested for all absences.

An unexcused absence is one that does not satisfy the requirements listed for an excused absence. An unexcused absence from a rehearsal or performance will result in the student not being allowed to perform in the next performance. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in the student forfeiting any awards that he or she would have been eligible for that year and may also alter his or her participation status in that ensemble. More than two unexcused absences from rehearsals will similarly result in forfeiture of awards. Multiple attendance issues may also result in an alteration of the student's participation status. Any student who finds their participation level altered due to attendance issues or behavioral consequences will not be refunded or excused from any financial fees and responsibilities due for participation in the activities/events. *Please note that students who are absent the day before a performance will be sidelined for that performance due to safety purposes and the loss of instructional time.*