



Wolfpack Pride Information 2022

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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 of 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 twice 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!

When is Marching Season?

The time period starting at the beginning of summer to the beginning of December 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 sabre 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 are Auditions and Spring Training?

Auditions are for Color Guard and Percussion. No experience is necessary to audition for Color Guard. These auditions are used to ensure students are able to handle the instruction and place them in the proper sections. Percussion Auditions are April 18-19 3:45-6:30. Color Guard Auditions are April 18-21 3:45-6:30. Spring Training is for Color Guard and Percussion. It is used to begin preparing these students for the specialized skills they bring to the Marching Band. Spring Training will be May 16-19 3:45-6:30 for Color Guard and Percussion.

What is Band Camp?

Summer Band Camp begins July 11th for Color Guard, Percussion, Drum Majors, and Leadership. New marchers (Rookies) begin on July 13th. Rookies will spend July 13-15 in a three-day training session preparing them for full band camp. You will be ready to go in three days! FULL BAND CAMP will begin July 18th. A detailed season schedule is available in this packet. A 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 on attendance at all marching band events. Students that miss a performance will automatically be ineligible to letter.

Attendance Policy

All events are mandatory. Complete participation in marching band earns you a year towards awards. A complete year consists of 2 or less excused absences from rehearsals, 0 unexcused absences from rehearsals, and 0 missed performances, and participation in band class fall and spring semester, excluding color guard. Students must also participate in LGPE Spring Semester.

Students can have up to 2 excused absences per year. These need to be approved by the Director of Bands at least 1 week in advance. 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. Students are expected to have 0 unexcused absences from rehearsals. (Three unexcused tardies = one unexcused absence.) A missed performance automatically disqualifies a student.

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. 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.

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 conclude with 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
- Sign up for the Newsletter
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- Remind: use the app to sign up for your class with the following class codes
 - Seniors: @npb2023 Senior Parents: @npp2023
 - Juniors: @npb2024 Junior Parents: @npp2024
 - Sophomores: @npb2025 Sophomore Parents: @npp2025
 - Freshmen: @npb2026 Freshmen Parents: @npp2026

What Awards do I earn in marching band?

Show Patch: Earned for each complete year of marching band, fulfilling the attendance requirements..

Letter: Students must complete two years of marching band, fulfilling the attendance requirements.

Chevron: Students must complete one year of marching band after earning their letter, fulfilling the attendance requirements.

Plaque: Students must complete one year of marching after earning their Chevron, fulfilling the attendance requirements.



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.