### NORTH DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

**2015-2016 HANDBOOK**

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### Director’s Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 North Davidson High School Band Program!

As the North Davidson Band Program begins a new year, we are looking forward to many successful musical performances throughout the entire school year. If you were ever involved in marching band, you will be surprised at how much things have changed over time.

However, if this entire concept is new to you, then enjoy and embrace the opportunity to be part of this new experience! Joining the ND band requires a lot of your personal time, hard work, dedication, and perseverance. This commitment is fulfilled during various times throughout the school year. The students will embark on a journey that has shown to build self-esteem, team relationships, endurance, discipline, and lots of exercise! When it is all over, our current and past students can attest that it is lots of fun and very rewarding.

The NDHS Band Boosters team is incredibly dedicated towards promoting the success of each student. As you read through the pages of this handbook, you will notice the great depth and detail that supports the planning of this program. Please take a moment to find a path for your passion, stick to it, and let this great program soar to higher achievement and excellence.

This handbook describes the Band, Color Guard, Pit and Percussion, and other various musical activities. You will find important information regarding fees, finances, performance schedules, and other basic information.

A great way to get involved with the band is to **volunteer as a band booster member**! Sell a t- shirt, load and/or transport equipment, chaperone a trip, participate in fundraisers, help maintain the collection, and distribution of uniforms…..the list is endless. There is always something going on and we are always in need of help. This is a **TEAM EFFORT** and your participation is vital to the success and continuation of this program and will be greatly appreciated!

A great year with the band awaits you!!! This is your program so take pride in its success!! All the Best,

Norian Fordham Director

School Phone (336) 731-8431 or email [nfordham@davidson.k12.nc.us](mailto:nfordham@davidson.k12.nc.us)

### DIRECTOR’S EXPECTATIONS

**EXPECTATIONS**: You have made a **commitment** to be in the North Davidson Marching Black Knights. Everyone is counting on you. In order to have successful band rehearsals and performances, it is essential that we have full attendance**. The absence of one person not only affects that person, but also the entire group**. The critical factors of uniformity, balance, precision, spacing and alignment cannot be improved or maintained with absences**.**

###### SHOW RESPECT BE PREPARED BE ON TIME

**BE YOUR BEST**

If these expectations are followed regularly the band experience will be rewarding, enjoyable, and successful. All NDHS rules and regulations are in effect at all band rehearsals, performances, and trips.

**SHOW RESPECT** – Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect the band facilities, equipment, and uniforms. Good behavior, self-discipline, and positive attitude are expected of all NDHS Band members. Uniform, instrument, flag, music, pencil, notebook, and other equipment must be cared for, put away properly and brought to rehearsals and performances as requested.

Uniforms are provided to make the band look “uniform.” They must be worn properly, and band members must conform to hair and jewelry requirements (page 18).

**BE PREPARED** – Band members are responsible for doing their best, working on their individual skills, and practicing. All equipment must be brought to rehearsals as requested.

**BE ON TIME** – Students should arrive at the building **15 minutes before** rehearsal is scheduled to begin in order to get equipment, get to the right location, and be ready to start on time. See Rules and Policies (page 20).

**BE YOUR BEST** – Be the best you possibly can be, every day, every practice, and every performance.

###### Marching Band Practice

The Marching Band will Practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Times may vary but will be either 6p- 8p or 4p-6p. With the exception of illness or family emergency, missing practice will result in reduction of the student’s grade unless prior approval obtained. Students should come to practice in comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Students should bring instruments with lyre, music, drill book and squares unless otherwise instructed. Students will be provided with a water break during all practices.

###### Sectionals

Your student’s section leader will be responsible for scheduling additional sectional practices. These are usually held either right after school, before or after band practice. Be sure your student knows how to contact his/her section leader.

### 2015 North Davidson Marching Black Knight Band Camp

Monday, August 3rd – Wednesday, August 5th – Color Guard and Pit & Percussion Camp from 8am - 5pm in the North Davidson Band Room (**Lunch is not provided**) Must have signed permission form before leaving campus for lunch **See guard/ percussion lunch permission form on page 21.**

Thursday, August 6th – Friday, August 7th – Learning the Basics / Freshman Camp (Thursday 8am - 5pm and Friday 8am – 12pm) in the North Davidson Band Room (**Lunch will be provided on Thursday only**)

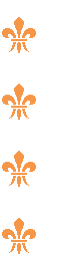
Monday, August 10th – Friday, August 14th – Full Band Camp *required for all Marching Band Members*

Monday – Thursday 8am – 8:30pm (**Lunch and Dinner are provided**)

Thursday Night – Pool Party @ Arcadia Pool from 9pm – Midnight *must have travel form completed and turned in to ride the bus*

Friday 8am – 5pm (**Lunch provided only**)

###### Items needed for Camp

Lyre for your student’s particular instrument Flip folder with extra pages

3 ring binder with page protectors Pencil

###### Camp Attire

Comfortable clothing such as t-shirt and shorts. School dress code followed. No bare midriffs. Tennis shoes and Socks (**socks necessary as we ask that students take their shoes off when entering the church)**

 Sunscreen and Hat optional

###### Band Camp Information and Volunteer Opportunities

During this week we will be feeding the students and instructors both lunch and dinner as well as 2 scheduled snacks throughout the day (with this exception of supper on the last day of camp). We are one of the few groups that have continued with this tradition. We realize that adequate nutrition and hydration enables our kids to stay focused and maintain an adequate energy level needed to survive and have a fun and productive camp experience.

We can always use volunteers to assist with the preparation/serving of meals and snacks.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the clean-up after meals and at the end of each day.

Please contact [Gail Motsinger,](mailto:gailmotsinger@hotmail.com) [Cindy Leonard](mailto:ndbkband@gmail.com), [Craig Shillinglaw](mailto:craigshillinglaw@triad.rr.com), [Tanya Parks,](mailto:dtparks@triad.rr.com) or [Meghan](mailto:meghanpalombo@gmail.com) [Palombo](mailto:mpalombo@triad.rr.com) if you would like to volunteer.

*You are always welcome to drop in for lunch or to visit your student. They are proud of what they learn in a short period of time and appreciate your interest and participation.*

### Donations Needed for Band Camp and Marching Band Season

**Band Camp Items Needed:** We can always use various types of fruit (bananas, cantaloupe, grapes etc…), Muffins, Individually Wrapped Snacks, Cakes and Cookies, Gatorade (powder mix), 2 or 3 liter sodas, and bottled water.

###### During Band Camp we begin collecting our “stock pile” of Bottled Water, Individually Wrapped Snacks, Crackers, Cakes, and Cookies, Canned Drinks (any variety) and 2 or 3 Liter Drinks (any variety). These items can be brought by the band room throughout marching season and stored as well. The kids are offered a snack and canned soda or water during the third quarter at football games, after competition performances, and parades. Any items you may be able to contribute are always greatly appreciated by all….but especially the kids.

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

Fundraisers help to minimize the out of pocket fees for each family. We need **you** to participate… If you have ideas for different fundraisers, or if your work place may be willing to donate corporately, please contact Mr. Fordham, an officer of the band boosters and/or the fundraising chairperson.

**FESTIVAL:** Normally the first Saturday in November – this is our largest fundraiser

**FRUIT SALES:** November/December each year

**CAR WASHES:** Students are expected to work these – parental help is necessary

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Additional fundraisers may be scheduled throughout the year. Updates will be posted to the NDHS Marching Band website ([www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/)) and announced at monthly booster meetings. We need your ideas!

$$$$$$$$$ REDUCE YOUR BAND FEES $$$$$$$$

### AD SALES: Ad sales for the Festival program can reduce the cost of your student’s percussion, color guard, or marching band fee.

**Twenty percent (20%) of ad sales will be applied to discount these fees if payment is turned in by the first day of camp 8/10/2015.**

**Marching Band Attire**

###### BAND UNIFORMS

**Jacket, Helmet and Plume**

Marching Band Uniforms are very expensive. These are kept at the school at all times and are managed by the band boosters. During band camp each student will be fitted and assigned a specific number that matches his/ her assigned uniform. The uniforms are stored on carts depending on instrumentation. The uniforms are stored in numbered garment bags with corresponding hat boxes on top of the cart. They should always choose ONLY their assigned uniform and ALWAYS return it to the specific hat box and zippered cover. Please encourage your student to always take proper responsibility for their assigned uniform, as it is a huge job for parent volunteers to manage these for 100+ students.

###### UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

**Black Bibs, Black Socks, Black Marching Shoes, and Black Gloves**

Rising freshmen will have the option to purchase these items (except socks) as a “package deal”. Returning students can purchase replacement items individually. Each Marching Band student will receive one band t-shirt. This t-shirt along with some jeans and their marching shoes will be their uniform initially until the weather begins to cool. Once the students begin wearing their uniforms the t-shirt can be worn under their bibs. This allows them to still appear uniform when they are not wearing the uniform jacket.

Additional shirts can be purchased for an additional fee. Parents/Guardians and family wanting to show their Marching Black Knight Pride are welcome to order apparel as well. T-shirt order forms will be sent out closer to band camp and will be available during band camp.

Each year a Marching Band Student designs a Hoodie. These are usually ordered soon after school has started and in past years have cost around $30.00 depending on the style and personalization.

### 2015-2016 Marching Band Fees and Forms

***All Fees are Due by the First Day of Band Camp 8/10/15***

Marching Band Fee $ 195 - *$15 ($180) early bird discount if paid by July 31st*

Freshman Bundle $ 90 – *Includes Bibs, Marching Shoes, & 2 pair of gloves. This is a one- time offer and only for freshmen or new students to marching band*

Pit & Percussion Fee $ 150

Color Guard Fee $ 260 – *$ 110 Uniform expense is due by July 1st, 2015*

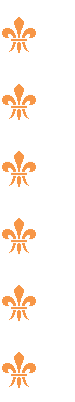
Replacement Bibs $ 60

Replacement Shoes $ 29 Replacement Gloves $ 4/pair

Instrument Rental $ 25 *Fee is due per semester (Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)*

*\*\*\* If a financial hardship should arise, please contact* [*Mr. Fordham*](mailto:nfordham@davidson.k12.nc.us) *– Band Director*[*– Cindy Leonard*](mailto:ndbkband@gmail.com) *– Band Booster President,* [*Tanya Parks*](mailto:dtparks@triad.rr.com) *– Band Booster Treasurer directly to make arrangements that will work for your family.*

###### Forms Needed from Parent / Guardian

Please complete the following forms (*all forms available at* [*www.marchingblackknights.com*](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/)*)*

North Davidson Contact Information DCS Activity / Permission Form

DCS Background Check Form Band Parent Volunteer Information Parent Contract Form

North Davidson Band Rules and Policies Mail to:

North Davidson Band Boosters PO Box 1531

Welcome, NC 27374 By July 31st 2015

###### PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS for all transactions

All fees and expenses must be paid by Check or Credit Card **(NO CASH PLEASE)**

###### Checks can be placed in the lock box located in the Band Room or mailed to:

North Davidson Band Boosters PO Box 1531

Welcome, NC 27374

### Spring Band Trip (Optional)

Spring 2016 will be time for the band to take a trip. Usually the trip is for Florida – as this gives the group an opportunity to perform at a theme park. The students are then able to enjoy in the fun of going to a theme park – which is a “safe place” to give them freedom to break off into small groups. We use charter buses and stay in hotels.

The band boosters normally coordinate the trip and efforts are made to minimize out of pocket costs as much as possible. Leaving late in the evening and sleeping on a charter bus on the way to Florida is one way to save on hotel costs. Each student will have opportunity to raise funds to help reduce their expenses. There are strict behavior rules in place to assure the safety of all students. This trip is a lot of fun and we hope your family will consider attending.

Adults will be needed to chaperone. A minimal number of students will have to attend or the trip will be cancelled. You will receive more information about trip details closer to the holiday season – however you may want to go ahead and begin budgeting for this now. Expenses will be approximately $ 450 – 500 per person. **All band fees must be paid in full for a student to attend this trip.**

### Spring Concert Band

If your student is interested in “concert” band music – then taking band during spring semester is a great opportunity. Most marching band students take band all year; but it is optional. There are a few students who choose not to march and take spring concert band only. Some play different instruments between fall and spring. Participating in spring band also allows the opportunity to try out for All County, All District & All State Band.

Students are divided into two separate groups. There is a “Wind Ensemble” and a “Concert Band”. Your student will be assigned by Mr. Fordham based on skill set and instrument need. This is a daily class and your student must participate in the concert for a grade.

There is also a required “competition” where their performance is scored by judges. Typically we attend the event at Lenoir-Rhyne University during a school day. To prepare for this, students must participate in a required pre-concert at Finch Auditorium where they are critiqued by other directors

* and receive feedback on how to improve their performance.
  + Your student will be required to pay a spring fee of $ 40. If they play a school-owned instrument in the spring, then they will also pay an additional $ 25 rental fee.
  + Mr. Fordham usually offers an optional Jazz Band that meets before/after school. If your student is interested, they should speak with Mr. Fordham for details.
  + Color guard students have the option to participate in “Winter Guard” in the spring. This is a class and they participate in at least one competition.

# North Davidson Marching Black Knights

**Organizational Chart**

**Band Director**

**Drum Major**

**Drum Major**

**Drum Captain**

**Section Captains**

**Color Guard Captain**

**Section Leaders**

**The Band**

**Parents and Band Boosters**

### NORTH DAVIDSON BAND BOOSTERS

**MISSION:** To support the North Davidson Band program by participating in activities that are required for performances, and by raising funds to assure expenses are met.

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| **2015/2016 Officers** | **Name** | **Contact Information** |
| PRESIDENT | Cindy Leonard | [ndbkband@gmail.com](mailto:ndbkband@gmail.com) |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Craig Shillinglaw | [craigshillinglaw@triad.rr.com](mailto:craigshillinglaw@triad.rr.com) |
| SECRETARY | Meghan Palombo | [meghanpalombo@gmail.com](mailto:meghanpalombo@gmail.com) |
| TREASURER | Tanya Parks | [dtparks@triad.rr.com](mailto:dtparks@triad.rr.com) |
| ASST. TREASURER | Crystal Debusk | [cdebusk@twgarner.com](mailto:cdebusk@twgarner.com) |

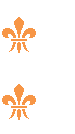
**Booster Meetings** *Please note initial booster meeting will be on Tuesday instead of Thursday*

###### The initial Kick off Meeting for the 2015 – 2016 Marching Season will be

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th,, at First Alliance Church at 7pm (1370 Arnold Rd, Lexington, NC 27295)** This is a great time to ask questions and meet fellow band parents. Committee Heads will also be present to explain their band activities and how you may be able to help. **Regular Booster Meetings are held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month in the North Davidson High School Band Room at 7pm**

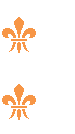
Items discussed generally include the following topics: current budget, plan for upcoming events and fundraisers to assure the students’ needs are met.

##### Communications – How do I Know what is going on?

Mr. Fordham will update students at each practice; he does not send home written information. Email will be the primary form of communication, especially with any last minute changes.

Feel free to list multiple emails and let us know the best way to reach you.

Your student’s section leader will communicate directly with their section members via text or email regarding sectional practice and rehearsals as well as any last minute changes/updates.

If you do not have access to email and prefer a phone call, please let the Booster President know. Our website is [www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/) . Current events, updates, forms, contact information, credit card payment options and much more is located on our website.

The student leaders maintain and communicate much of their information and updates on their Section Facebook page. Ask your child to be your friend and keep up.

And Finally – one of the best ways to know what’s going on with your Marching Black Knight… **Attend a Band Booster meeting**.

###### Helping with practices, games, competitions and other performances allows you to stay informed, and is a great way to stay involved with your high school student. They may not tell you so, but most students really do appreciate their family being involved with the band. “Fans in the stands” are a great motivator.

Please read through the committee/job descriptions below to find your niche. Remember! The strength of our organization depends upon each individual willingly giving his/her time and support. Experienced boosters are ready to help you learn a job. Each committee needs at least 2-3 members.

**BAND FESTIVAL**: November 7, 2015 - Team members are needed to coordinate this contest which is hosted by NDHS Boosters the first Saturday of November. Every parent is needed and highly encouraged to assist with this, our largest fundraising opportunity. People are needed to help with each area. (Gate, programs, raffle tickets, work concessions, usher people, services, baked goods, pit crew, grounds, parking lot monitors, etc.)

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Responsible for collecting permission slips/insurance forms and making copies so that each bus will have the appropriate information for trips. Assures buses are ready with forms in a notebook with attendance sheets, bus roster, first aid kits and trash bags. **Bus Drivers:** For EVERY away event we need 3 bus drivers. If you have such a license, we need you! If you are willing to get one, the boosters will reimburse you for the cost. **Chaperones:** Adults needed to ride with buses and chaperone all away games, competitions, events, etc…

**FUNDRAISING / CORPORATE DONATIONS:** Coordinates fundraisers & solicits corporate donations for band improvements such as uniforms, equipment and facility upkeep. They also work closely with the treasurer to assure accurate accounting of proceeds.

**FIFTY-FIFTY:** The Boosters take turns selling 50/50 tickets in the stands at home games. The band keeps **half** of the ticket sales!

**SNACKS**: Water is available at all practices and games. Snacks are served during the 3rd quarter of every game and after every competition performance. Committee secures/serves donations of soda, snacks, and water.

**PIT CREW:** For every event individuals are needed to load up and haul equipment, unload and place on the field. We also need parents that can tow the band trailer with equipment for both home and away games, competitions, parades and other events. **Props:** helps coordinate and secure any needed props for the field show (not needed every year).

**UNIFORMS:** Individuals are needed to assign, manage, dry clean, and assure hats, coats, and plumes are available for every performance. For travel, this committee loads and unloads the uniform trailer.

**BAND CAMP: AUG 10 – AUG 14, 2015** - Individuals are needed to donate food, prepare and serve meals, prepare and serve snacks, help with water breaks and clean up when the evening is done. Chaperones are needed ALL week long!

*Continued…*

**MIDDLE SHOOL LIAISON:** This committee will support the process of transitioning middle school band students and their parents into the high school band program.

**MEALS:** This committee coordinates meals for students before competitions and other events. Tasks include; securing supply donations from parents, meal planning, preparation, serving, and clean-up.

**BAND CAMP MEALS:** This committee coordinates meals for students during the annual band camp. Tasks include; securing supply donations, meal planning, preparation, serving, and clean-up.

**MEDIA RELATIONS:** Responsible for web page maintenance, photography, filming of events/performances and news releases. **Photography:** Responsible for taking photographs of various band events and loading some onto the band website. Videotaping of performances is also needed. **Web Page:** Maintains band website. Solicits information from the director for posting and communication.

**OVERVIEW OF THE BAND BOOSTER BUDGET**

**The NDHS Band Boosters is a not-for-profit organization recognized by the State of NC.** The Boosters provide volunteer, financial, and logistical support for the Band Program at NDHS. The Band Boosters have numerous objectives that require a rigorous budget. We choose to operate “lean” to try to keep the cost as affordable as possible for each family. The budget is designed to cover the operating expenses incurred during the year, as well as, generate additional funds for long-term projects. The Boosters, in cooperation with the band students, sponsor many fund raising events each year, some of which includes candy, fruit, dinners, hosting FESTIVAL competition and sales.

The money from these activities supports marching band, 2 concert bands, jazz band, color guard and winter guard.

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| Uniforms (helmet, jacket) | Music | Drinks, snacks | Storage & Transportation |
| Buses and Gas | Drill Design | Instruments | Competition entry fees |
| Specialty Staff | Band Camp | Lessons/Clinics | Other activity fees |
| Electronics | Trips | Awards | Striping practice fields |
| Show Equipment | Trailers |  |  |

***DID YOU KNOW?***

The $12 Student Fees covers less than 5% of the North Davidson Band Expenses. Without Band Booster Fundraisers, your student's band fees could be **more than $500!**

Marching Band Fees help cover expenses for the field show music and drill, additional instructors, meals and snacks for your student, uniform cleaning for the marching season, and props for the show.

*Some expenses you may not be aware of:*

Activity buses cost $1 per mile for each bus (3).

#### The Annual Band Festival November each year is our largest fundraiser.

**Parent and student volunteers are vital to the success of our Annual Band Festival as well as the continued success of the North Davidson Band Program.**

\*\*\* Full Budget Available on the Website: [www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/)

##### 2015/2016

**North Davidson Band Contact Information**

**To be completed by Parent / Guardian**

Circle One: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Instrument being played: (marching season) (concert season)

Student Name:

Circle preferred name

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_

Street Address:

City: Zip Code

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number(s)

Email Address:

###### Any allergies to food or insects? No

**Yes: Any other medical conditions in which we need to be aware of**:

i.e. Asthma, Diabetes, Seizures, High Blood Pressure etc. **NO**

**Yes:**

Permission for Use on Website

I give permission for my son/daughter’s work or picture to be used on the Band Booster’s website

I do NOT give permission for use on the Band Booster’s website

**Parent/Guardian Signature Date**

**Name of Student:**

##### Davidson County Schools

**School Activity /Trip Permission Form**

**Name of School:** North Davidson High School **Date: 2015-2016 School Year Date of Field Trip:** All football games, parades, contests, fund raisers, and auditions. **Purpose of Field Trip:** To perform at above named locations.

**Type of Transportation:** Activity Bus, commercial transportation, and district bus.

**Parent Consent:** I/We as Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of , do hereby give permission for my child to participate in the above referenced field trip and/or school activity. I understand that the school will make arrangements for transportation and supervision during the field trip activity.

**I do understand that non-refundable deposits and contractual fiscal obligations will be subject to forfeiture in the event of a National Security Alert- one which would make it prudent to cancel the activity for specific locations or the entire United States.**

**I do understand that there are always some risks involved in any type of activity which occurs during transportation to and from the activity and during the activity itself.**

**I will emphasize to my child the importance of his/her orderly and cooperative behavior during the trip and activity.**

**I further agree to release and hold the Davidson County Board of Education as well as their employees, administrators, agents, trustees, and board members harmless from any and all liability for any damages or losses, including acts of negligence, incurred by my son/daughter through their participation in this activity.**

**Parent’s/legal guardian’s signature Date**

**Medical Emergency Information**

Name of parent to contact in an emergency Work Phone # Home Phone # Other #

Does your child have allergic reactions to any medications? If yes, please list

Are there other special medical conditions or instructions (including the administration of any medication during the trip) concerning your child’s health that needs to be brought to the teacher’s attention?

If so, I will send necessary medicine clearly labeled with instructions.

Comments:

**Medical Authorization**

I do further authorize any physician or hospital to render medical care and treatment which may be needed by the above name student without our specific permission or authorization.

**Please check one of the two statements below:**

I have insurance coverage for my child *(name of carrier and policy # are requested)* and I give permission for Him//her to be given emergency treatment in case of an accident or illness.

**Health Insurance Carrier Policy #**

I do not currently have insurance coverage for my child, but give permission for him/her to be given emergency

treatment in case of an accident or illness. I will assume all financial responsibility for any services rendered.

**(OPTIONAL) NOTARIZATION** (Some hospitals/doctors may not treat children if their condition is not serious/life- threatening without notarization.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC: Sworn and subscribed before me by

, on .

My commission expires: Signature of Notary

(Stamp Here)

**2014 North Davidson Marching Band Parent Contract**

**My child(ren) plans to participate in the North Davidson High School Marching Band.**

* **I have read the parent handbook** ([www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/) ) *if you do not have internet access please let us know and a printed copy will be provided for you.*
* **TIME for Marching Band:** I realize that my child will be required to spend hours outside of the classroom. Unexcused absences from practices and performances will negatively impact my child’s grade. As a parent I will encourage my child to be on time and have a respectful attitude toward section leaders, drum majors and Mr. Fordham during practices and performances.
  + *Marching season requires attendance at band camp, Tues. and Thur. evening practices, separate sectional practice, Friday night games and 4 - 6 all day Saturday competitions.*
  + *Pit and Percussion teams require additional camps and practices.*
* **Volunteers:** I realize that the band cannot function without parent involvement. I am welcome to participate with the band boosters; attending monthly meetings, serving on committees and volunteering for various tasks that need to be done.
  + *If I choose not to participate on a standing committee, I should assist with at least one Friday night game and one Saturday competition.*
  + *I understand that* ALL *parents are needed and students are required to help with the NDHS*

***Festival of Bands****.*

* + ***This year’s Festival will be held on Saturday November 7, 2015.***

***Please mark your calendars***

* **FINANCES:** I realize that the county/school system does not fully fund the band.
  + The $12 school fee helps pay for some of the music purchased. All other band expenses are paid for by my child’s fees and by fundraisers.
  + Each student will be required to pay a band fee of $195.00.
  + Pit and Percussion students will incur an additional fee of $150.00
  + Color guard students will incur an additional fee of $150.00 as well as $110.00 uniform expense.
  + I can offset my child’s fees by soliciting ads for the ND Festival of Bands.
  + **20% of ad sales will be deducted from total fees and expenses if submitted with payment by 8/10/15**
  + Early Bird Discount - There will be a $15 TOTAL FAMILY DISCOUNT if your fees are paid in full by July 31,2015.
  + There will be a $25 DISCOUNT *per family* if you have more than one child in the marching band.
  + There is a $25.00 rental fee/per semester if your child uses a school instrument.
  + Snacks are served at each marching performance – yet your child may need extra funds for meals, etc. during Sat. competitions
  + Payment plans are available. I can speak personally with Mr. Fordham if necessary to make special arrangements to assure my child can participate.
* **Marching Band Uniform Attire:** I understand that the school provides hats, jackets and sashes.
  + New Marching Band Members / freshmen will need to purchase a Freshmen Bundle which includes 1 set of black bibs, black marching shoes and 2 pair of gloves for $90.00.
  + I am welcome to use 2nd hand shoes, bibs and gloves from last year / a former band student. *I can inquire with a member of the uniform committee to seek out 2nd hand items.*
  + Returning band members needing replacement shoes, bibs and gloves can purchase individual items as needed.
  + Items needed for uniforms MUST be paid by the first day of band camp. Items cannot be ordered late. No credit will be issued.
* **I understand that all Band Fees and Uniform Expenses will need to be paid by the first day of Band Camp**.
  + Band fees and uniform expenses can be paid with credit card at [www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/fee-payment/) (will still need to mail completed forms)
  + Or Payment and completed forms can be mailed to **NDBB PO Box 1531 Welcome, NC 27374**

**I need Mr. Fordham to contact me to work out special arrangements.**

**Please call phone number: Best days/times to reach me are:**

**I understand these expectations and agree to support my child in the North Davidson Band program.**

**Signature Date**

###### BAND PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM 2015/2016

Please take a moment to fill out this survey. Since circumstances can change for each of us, please don’t consider this as binding or committing you to specific tasks. Check all areas that apply & return this form. If you have any questions or comments, contact a band booster officer or Mr. Fordham.

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

Student Name(s) & Grade entering 2015/16

Middle school siblings in band (Grade entering 2015/16) \_

Parent Occupation(s)

**LEVEL OF ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT for 2015- 2016 (check all that apply)**

I want to help with the committee / job

all of marching season

during concert season

one competition only

one game only

would be willing to help with a one-time special event, in addition to FESTIVAL

Weekends are best Volunteer daytime on weekdays Volunteer evenings on weekdays

Flexible schedule (call me) A Night Owl (late night activities)

NOT SURE WHERE TO VOLUNTEER? WE CAN HELP FIND A PLACE FOR YOUR TALENTS!! JUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INTEREST SURVEY. MARK THE LEVEL YOU FEEL BEST

DESCRIBES YOU AND YOUR SKILLS. We will contact you with our needs; you are under no obligation.

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| AUDIO ELECTRONICS |  |  |  |  |
| BAKING & FOOD PREPARATION |  |  |  |  |
| BUTTON MAKING/DESIGN |  |  |  |  |
| WEB DESIGN and UPKEEP |  |  |  |  |
| PIT CREW MAINTENANCE |  |  |  |  |
| MECHANICAL & AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR |  |  |  |  |
| MEDICAL TRAINING (LIST TYPE) |  |  |  |  |
| METAL WORKING/WOODWORKING |  |  |  |  |
| MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIR |  |  |  |  |
| PHOTOGRAPHY and /or VIDEO |  |  |  |  |
| PRINTING |  |  |  |  |
| PUBLICITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS |  |  |  |  |
| RETAIL SALES/ADVERTISING/MARKETING |  |  |  |  |
| SEWING (PINNING & CUTTING) |  |  |  |  |
| BUS DRIVER |  |  |  |  |
| OTHER-please list skill |  |  |  |  |

**2015 MARCHING BAND FEE PAYMENT FORM**

***Include this form with your check – due no later than the first day of band camp Aug 10.***

1. Student Name:

color guard

instrument:

1. Student Name:

color guard

instrument:

1. Student Name:

color guard

instrument:

Category: Child 1 Child 2 Child 3

Percussion fee ($150) Marching band fee ($195) Color Guard fee ($260) Use of school instrument ($25)

TOTAL FEES:

Discounts:

More than one child in band (- $25 per **family**)

“Early bir d” to ta l fe es p aid prio r to July 31st, 2015 (- $15 **person**) 20% of my FESTIVAL AD SALES (forms/payment due Aug 10)

TOTAL DISCOUNTS:

GRAND TOTAL BAND FEES:

###### Marching Band uniform items

Item Child 1 Child 2 Child 3 Total amount

Bibs ($ 60 )

Shoes ($ 29)

Gloves ($ 4 per pair)

Freshman Bundle ($ 90)

GRAND TOTAL UNIFORM EXPENSE:

Students will be measured during band camp

*Color guard uniforms are ordered separately*

***Clarification of Payment:***

I am paying all of my total fees with this one payment.

I am turning in this form with my first installment. I plan to send in more checks later at my convenience.

I need Mr. Fordham to contact me regarding fee arrangements.

*Preferred number at which to be contacted:*

Parent signature

**North Davidson High School Program Ad**

**15th Annual Fall Festival of Bands Order Form**

Saturday, November 7, 2015

**Band Student Section**

**Advertiser’s Information:**

Business Name

Mailing Address:

City State Zip

Contact Person: Phone #:

Fax # Email:

**Ad Information:** (Page Size 8 ½ x 11)

Ad size: Front cover – inside ($175) ½ page ($55)

Back cover – inside ($175) ¼ page ($30)

Back cover – outside ($225) Business card ad ($25)

Full page ($100) Student ad 1/8 page ($10)

**Senior Parents:**  Message and picture on 1/3 page ($25.00) Picture should be grayscale.

Additional Instructions:

**Ad copy enclosed.** **(Ad Copies are best when submitted electronically.)**

**\*\*\* ONLY** jpg.gif, pdf, or word files can be accepted electronically. Ad copy **MUST** be camera ready as the ad will be printed as submitted. Submit on disk, CD, or via email to [ndhsads@yahoo.com.](mailto:ndhsads@yahoo.com.)

Ad Copy will be mailed or emailed by: Phone:

**AD COPY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015.**

**Payment Information:** Make checks payable to **North Davidson Band Boosters**. Payment should be enclosed with an ad order. Please do not send cash. Mail ad order form, ad copy, and payment to:

**Festival of Bands**

**PO Box 1531**

**Welcome, NC 27374**

**Authorized by: Date:**

(Advertiser’s signature)

**Note:** Placing an ad of $150 or more entitles you to complimentary tickets to the NDHS Fall Festival of Bands.

**YES/NO** I would be interested in receiving free tickets to the Fall Festival of Bands.

**Date ad copy received**

**Date payment received**

**NORTH DAVIDSON BAND RULES AND POLICIES**

1. **Absences (All notes must include the student’s name, date, date to be missed, reason for absence, parent’s**

**signature, and a phone number)**

* 1. **Excused Absences** - Acceptable excuses are sickness or family emergencies.
     1. A student may be excused from a performance with a written note if turned in before. All performances are a required portion of your grade.
     2. A student may be excused from three practices during the first semester with a note turned in at least one week in advance to the section leader.
     3. A student may be excused due to illness with a phone call prior to the performance and present a note when they return.
  2. **Unexcused Absences** - Missing a practice or a performance without prior written approval
     1. Missed practice – Detention, phone call home, grade reduction
     2. Missed Football game – Loss of performance privilege,
     3. two detentions, phone call home, grade reduction
     4. Missed concert or contest – Loss of performance privilege Three detentions, phone call home, grade reduction

1. **Tardiness (Early is on time, On time is late, Late is to be left)**
   1. **Excused tardy -** With note from parent only and valid reason.
   2. **Unexcused tardy (school policy)**
      1. first tardy – warning
      2. second tardy - physical activity or one hour detention, and grade reduction
      3. third tardy – physical activity or two hour detention, and grade reduction
      4. fourth tardy – physical activity or three hour detention, and grade reduction
2. **Inappropriate Attire (All inappropriate attire must be change prior to beginning band function)**
   1. Tennis shoes must be worn at all times.
   2. No under garments may be showing
   3. No midriff shirts
   4. No clothes with vulgar or offensive language or pictures
3. **Inappropriate Behavior\***
   1. Talking while the instructor, Drum Major, or Section Leader is talking
   2. Cursing
   3. Refusal to follow instructions
   4. Chewing gum
   5. Eating food in the band room without permission
   6. Public displays of affection
   7. All school rules apply at all times **(Any further occurrences will be dealt with on an individual basis)**
      1. First offence – one hour detention and or 25 repetitions of a physical activity – or running laps
      2. Second offence – one hour detention and or 50 repetitions of a physical activity – or running lps
      3. Third offence – two hours of detention and grade reduction, and parental contact
      4. Fourth offence – two hours of detention, Loss of privilege to perform at next band function, and grade reduction, and parental contact, loss of privilege to go on overnight band trips.
4. **Grading -** Everybody starts off with a 100 points
   1. Class Participation (60%)
      1. Skipping a practice – minus 10 points
      2. Tardy – minus 2 points
      3. Inappropriate behavior - minus 3 points third offence

minus 6 points fourth offence minus 9 points fifth offence

(Additional three points each offence)

* + 1. Forgetting instrument – minus 5 points

**(If instrument needs repair a note must be brought in)**

* 1. Test and Performances (40%)
     1. Missed major performances – minus 20 points
     2. Missed football game – minus 10 points
     3. Written or Playing test will be averaged into the test grade

**\*We reserve the right to make any amendments to the disciplinary actions as we deem necessary at any time. We**

**appreciate all of your hard work and cooperation. Thanks for all your hard work….**

**Student signature**

**Parent signature**

2015

Guard and Percussion Camp Aug. 3rd, 4th & 5th Permission for Lunch

Students’ name

May walk to Randy’s and Dusinas

May ride to lunch in Welcome

May drive someone to lunch in Welcome

May ride with someone to lunch in Lexington

May drive someone to lunch in Lexington

May ride with someone to lunch in Winston

May drive someone to lunch in Winston

Number of people that may ride with student for lunch

I will come and pick up my child for lunch

Parent Signature\_ \_Cell # during camp

**2015 Marching Band T-Shirt**

**Band Student T-Shirt Order Form**

Please print in the blocks below your students First Name/Preferred Name and Last Name. Please circle the size shirt you wish to be ordered for your child. ***Each student will receive*** one ***t-shirt at no charge***. Additional shirts can be ordered for $15.00 each. If you wish to order additional shirts for your band student indicate that number on the **Family Order Form**.

You may also wish to order shirts for yourself, siblings, or other family members wanting to show some North Davidson Marching Band Spirit. These orders need to be placed on the FAMILY ORDER FORM.

**ORDER FORM**

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***STUDENTS FIRST OR PREFERRED NAME***

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***STUDENTS LAST NAME***

**SMALL MED LG 1XL 2XL 3 XL (Circle the Size)**

***NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP***

**2015 Marching Band T-Shirt**

**Family T-Shirt Order Form**

Please print in the blocks below your students First Name/Preferred Name and Last Name. ***Each student will receive*** ***one t-shirt at no charge***. Additional shirts can be ordered for $15.00 each. If you wish to order additional shirts for your band student indicate that number below on this order form.

You may also wish to order shirts for yourself, siblings, or other family members wanting to show some North Davidson Marching Band Spirit. These orders need to be placed in the yellow area at the bottom under Quantity.

**ORDER FORM**

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***STUDENTS FIRST OR PREFERRED NAME***

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***STUDENTS LAST NAME***

**ADDITIONAL ORDERS: This includes any extra shirts for student and any shirts for family members. (*Do NOT count initial shirt*, every student is give one shirt.)**

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| **Size** | **Quantity** |  |
| **Small** |  |  |
| **Medium** |  |  |
| **Large** |  |  |
| **1X** |  | **Total number of shirts \_\_\_\_X $15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **2X** |  | **Total amt. due** |
| **3X** |  |  |
| **4X** |  |  |

**Please make checks to NDBB**

***\*\*\*This form needs to be turned in by last day of band camp\*\*\****

**Band Dictionary A**

All County Students can audition. If chosen they participate in a joint concert with other Davidson County students

All District Students participating in spring band can audition. If chosen, they participate in an overnight workshop (usually at Appalachian State University) and perform in concert with other students from the district

All State Students participating in spring band and who place high enough on their instrument during All District auditions can be eligible to audition for All State band.

**B**

Band Fees Fees assessed to each band participant to help defray the various operation expenses.

Defined and specified for each group.

Band Festival Band competition held at NDHS Stadium. Also a means of fundraising

Board Meetings Monthly meetings of the Band Boosters, Inc. Executive Board. Open to all Boosters.

Time and place (TBA)

Buttons Button pins made and sold by booster members for fund raising

**C**

Color Guard Non-instrumental members of the band, often known simply as the "Guard". Dances and performs with rifles, sabers, flags, and much, much more.

Competition An all day Saturday event where marching bands from “all over” gather to perform and compete. Students are judged and everyone wants a “superior” rating. The best band receives a “best in show” trophy. The best competition in the country is the FESTIVAL held at NDHS the first Saturday in November.

**D**

Drill Books Booklet showing movements and positions for field drill. Mark field position to which each member moves during a performance. Each member needs to supply a notebook for drill pages.

Drivers Daredevil stunt parents who perform "tractor/trailer" tricks with the Band Equipment trailer to the awe and edification of all who see.

Drum Major(s) One or two students that are the leaders and direct the band during performances. Students should respect their authority at all practices, games and performances.

**E**

Early Showing up **MORE** THAN 15 minutes before the scheduled time of a Band practice or event.

Email How to get the most up to the minute information for anything regarding band or booster activities.

Ensemble Various performing "sub-groups" of the NDHS Bands. Consist of selected instruments playing specially arranged music.

Excellent A “pretty good” score to receive at a band competition – but we really want a “superior”

**F**

FESTIVAL NDHS hosts a marching band competition the first Saturday of November. This is our major fund raiser and we need EVERY parent to plan to work – all day if possible.

There is a lot of planning ahead of time and various committees in which you can serve. Students are also expected to work all day. It is a lot of fun as well.

Fifty-Fifty During every home game, band parents sell raffle tickets. During 3rd quarter a winner is chosen. Half the money goes to the winner and half to the band.

**G**

Good An acceptable score to receive at a competition – but would be disappointing to most students.

**H I J K L**

Late Defined as arriving **AT** the scheduled time of an event or practice.

**M N O**

On-Time Defined as being present 15 minutes **BEFORE** the start of a scheduled event or practice.

**Band Dictionary**

**P**

Pit Students in the percussion section that do not march. Instead they set up in the front and play auxiliary instruments, xylophones, etc.

Pit Crew The squad of "jacks of all trades." Adept at all forms of mechanical construction, wood fabrication, electrical power feats of wonder, and audio magic. They load and unload as well as transport the trailers of equipment. They see to it that the logistics are in place before the band performs.

**R**

Rookies First-year members in the NDHS bands. They may be freshman, transfer, or any first- year band member upperclassman.

Run-Through Complete performance of marching show usually near the end of practice.

**S**

Section Leader A selected upperclassman who is selected to be the leader of an individual instrument section. Will lead special practices and be “in charge”. Other students in the section should respect their authority during practices, games, performances.

Sectionals Each individual instrument section arranges special weekly practices to perfect the music. These are often scheduled after school and are led by “section leaders”.

Senior Night A designated football game where all of the senior band students and their parents receive special recognition.

Set Exact location in a marching formation

Snacks Parents are needed to donate bottled water, canned soda and individual servings of snacks. After each performance, students are served a drink and snack.

Spirit Booth Sales booth open at competitions, football games, and major Booster gatherings.

Superior The best score a band can obtain at a competition. Very difficult to achieve and not handed out lightly.

**T**

Trailer The trailer is used to haul instruments and uniforms. This is often a meeting place.

**U**

Uniforms When “in uniform” students should wear the FULL uniform. Bibs, band shoes (not black sneakers from home) black socks, white gloves, jacket and hat. EACH STUDENT IS ASSIGNED A COAT AND HAT OF THEIR OWN by number.

**V W**

Website [www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com/)