**Director’s Message**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 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,

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