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Musical Hornets

What's the Buzz



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Calendar of Events

August

Aug 21 Uniform Distribution 6-8pm
Aug 28 First day of school - students
Aug 29 Uniform Distribution 6-8pm
Aug 30 First Band rehearsal 7:15 am (arrival time)
Aug 31 First Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 am (arrival time)

September

Sept 4 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept 5 Open House 6pm - 8pm. Selected 7th & 8th
grade band students (arrival time 5:30 pm
we will start playing around 5:45 pm)
Sept 11 Patriot Day Ceremony 8:05 am - 8:30 am
Sept 12 Uniform Distribution 6-8pm
Sept 20 **NEBOPO Meeting 7pm**

For ALL band members

We would like to remind everyone to:

- Practice Daily
- Check Email and Remind Daily
- Wear Sneakers
- Contact us if you are coming late or missing practice



Join the Craze...Fundraise.....

Fundraiser Kick-Off

Fundraising is a great way to earn credit for your child's Spring Band Trip



Choose Your Own Mums Sale 8/16 - 9/01

Mum coupons will be on sale for \$6 for a 6" and \$9 for a 9" (each student will receive \$3 for each sale) You'll be able to pick up your Mums at Joes Fruit Market (229 Nazareth Pike #9337, Bethlehem 18020) from 9/09 -10/15

Bayou Boys Pierogie Fundraiser

8/16 - 9/8

Delivery is 9/29/23 from 3-5 PM in the band room. Orders can be placed both online by visiting: www.NortheastFundraiser.com or through paper form. For each 1 dozen pierogies sold \$3 goes to the student account. For each gift card sold 20% goes to the student account





Rita's

Ice Custard Social Fundraiser 8/28 - 9/03

Each student will receive a sheet of coupons. 15% of your sale goes toward the band and orchestra general fund.

Applebee's, Giant, ShopRite, & Wawa Gift Cards (Ongoing)

Looking for a super easy way to increase funds in your child's account? Look no further! We have Giant and Shop Rite gift cards available for purchase in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. For every \$100 in gift cards, \$4 will go into your child's account and \$1 will be added to the general fund.

These gift cards can be used to purchase food, gas, or anything else sold in the store.

Wawa shorti (6in) are also available for \$4.
(\$1.00 from each coupon goes into your child's account.)

The Applebee's cards will be \$10 burger certificates.
(each student receives \$5 per sale)



Parade Season Tips

Everyone loves a parade, especially when seeing their child march. Here are some tips for parade days:

1. Have your child eat and hydrate with water before the parade. They will need their energy to march and play.
2. Be sure your child has everything they need to march: shoes, hat, gloves, lyre, music, instrument, long white socks. Wear weather-appropriate clothes under the uniform.
3. Plumes will be placed on the children's band hats at the parade site by parent volunteers. Likewise, the parents will remove the plumes after the parade.
4. You must be prompt in picking up your child at the end of the parades.

Parade Attire:

- White Northeast T-shirt under uniform (this is the shirt you will receive at uniform distribution)
- Hat/Beret
- White Gloves (clean)
- White Band shoes (clean and polished)
- Plain, HIGH WHITE socks
- NO nail polish or jewelry
- Instrument (slide/valve oil, reeds)
- Music Flip Folio and Lyre



CARE OF YOUR BAND UNIFORM

It is your responsibility to keep the band uniform you have been issued in the best condition possible. Check the uniform before you leave Uniform Distribution. Have any problems noted on your distribution sheet so that you will not be charged for existing problems. Follow these guidelines to care for your uniform throughout the year. Refer to the "What to Wear" section of the band handbook for additional information.

1. Always hang your uniform on the hanger provided. Using other hangers can leave creases in the uniforms. Do not roll or fold your uniform. Always allow your uniform to "air" for a while after parades and strenuous marching before placing it in the garment bag. Always store your hat in the hat box.

2. Use the garment bag for all traveling and storage. All garment bags should be labeled with your name and grade so that you can easily identify it. All hat boxes should be labeled with your name and grade using masking tape. Do not write or draw on the outside of the hat box. You will be charged to replace a ruined hat box. All hats should be labeled on the inside with your name and grade using masking tape.

3. If you spill something on your uniform, take note of what the spill was and then promptly take it to a reputable dry cleaner. The band uses Prestige Cleaners near the Giant food store on William Penn Highway. The sooner you take the uniform to the cleaner, the easier it will be for the cleaner to get the spot out. Tell the cleaner what caused the spot.

Do not use home dry cleaning kits. Do not machine wash and dry the band uniform. Dry cleaning during the school year is your responsibility and expense. The band will clean the uniforms once at the end of each year. If you would like to make a welcome contribution to the band you may return the uniform dry-cleaned with the dry cleaner's receipt attached.

4. Pants must be adjusted so that the hem falls at or above the sole of your band shoes; they **must not** touch the ground. Use the snap tape to adjust length. If you need longer pants, contact the uniform chairperson.

It is your responsibility to make sure that your pants are worn correctly. Try on your pants with your band shoes. Pants should **never** drag on the ground! The hems will wear very quickly, and you will be charged a replacement fee.

5. Gloves should be kept clean at all times. After washing, gloves should be dried flat to prevent shrinkage.

CARE OF YOUR BAND UNIFORM (continued)

6. Shoes should be polished and kept clean at all times. Windex, Fantastic, or a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser works well on dirty shoes.

7. **Do not** exchange uniforms with friends. All uniform parts are numbered, and you are required to return the one you were issued unless noted by the uniform committee.

8. Replacement costs are as follows:

Band Uniforms:

Uniform Jacket: \$176.00

Uniform Bibber (Pants): \$108.00

Majorette Jumper: \$110.00

Uniform Hat: \$39.00

Hat Box: \$11.00

Uniform Beret: \$50.00

Garment Bag: \$17.00

Uniform Hanger: \$8.00

Jazz Ensemble Uniforms:

Tuxedo Shirt: \$27.00

Bow Tie: \$15.00

Vest: \$35.00

Black Buttons \$5.00 a set