



NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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Dear Marching Band Students and Parents:

Congratulations on your choice to be a part of the 2018 Eagle Marching Band. We are very proud of our band program, and it is through the dedication and superior work of our members (like you!) that we are able to strive towards our goal of truly being the “Pride of North Olmsted”.

Following this letter you will find the Band Camp packet which outlines the rehearsals and performances that occur before the school year begins. These rehearsals are **required** for all students to be members of the Eagle Marching Band. For our band to maintain the high level of performance and its excellent reputation all students must be at all rehearsals and performances. Please refer to the band handbook for the policies regarding absences.

One of our major goals in the marching band is to develop a strong and supportive student environment between students of all grades. Part of achieving this goal is the inclusion of two evening activities for all students. First, on Wednesday night we have our encouraged, yet optional, Swings ’n Things night. (See the packet for more information.) Second, we have a very special mandatory event on Thursday night. This is a special evening for our seniors (as it is their last band camp.) The seniors have a special activity planned for the rest of the band. This evening is part of camp and students will be fed dinner by NOBOB and we expect the students to be done around 10:00pm.

Students with sports conflicts will be addressed through a case by case basis and we are in communication with coaches about these students. If you are planning on being in a fall sport, please make sure Mr. Kalish is aware so that we can work out all conflicts prior to the start of the season. We want to remind all band/athletes that we want you to be able to participate in both, however it is important to share time equitably.

There are a few adjustments this year to the band schedule due to the new school. It is the current plan that the new school will be opened on August 10th. If you look at our schedule, that is the last day of Band Camp. Therefore we will be using the old High School facility for most of summer band camp activities. Because of the new school and move, we will need to be flexible as some times and locations may have to change during the year. The main changes are as follows: School doesn't begin until September. We have two games prior to the first day of school. Because of not having our normal school day rehearsal time, we will need to make up that time before school starts. There are a few extra rehearsals scheduled prior to school starting. These will be from 6pm-9pm for two weeks on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Once the school year begins we will begin our normal Wednesday night rehearsal's from 6pm-9pm. The second change is the 9pm end time for evening rehearsals. With the new school, we have a bit of a hike to our practice field. To account for marching time between the building and the practice fields, we needed to add more time to our schedule. - OVER -

To help us get ready for the season, we ask that you complete a number of forms. The forms are in this packet or can be obtained on-line at www.eaglemusic.org.

We need these forms in by May 18th, 2018 to reserve your spot in the band.

Documents:

- 2018-19 NOHS Band Camp Packet
- 2018-19 Marching Band Calendar
- 2018-19 NOHS Instrumental Music Calendar

Forms:

- Read and Sign Form*
- Emergency Medical Form / Permission Slip*
- Swings and Things Band Camp Activity Form*

Please note that all of the starred items (*) should be returned to the directors. In addition, we will post pdf's of this year's marching band music on our charms and share recordings through Google Drive/ Classroom. Please visit www.charmsoffice.com and check out these selections. *It is highly recommended that each member use the recordings to help with summer practice of all the music in the folder.* Think of how productive our full band rehearsals will be if each band member has already worked out notes and rhythms on their own!

If you have any concerns about the schedule or the band, please contact Mr. Kalish (Erik.Kalish@nocseagles.org) with any questions. We try hard to plan ahead enough to avoid conflicts however unintended conflicts or issues may arise, please let us know and we will keep working on our goal of trying to find the best way to meet the needs of our students.

Finally, be sure to take some time for yourself this summer. We hope you enjoy a wonderful vacation, and we look forward to beginning another successful season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Erik Kalish
Band Director

Mrs. Megan Kovach
Assistant Band Director

Mrs. Gina Caroscio
Eaglet Kickline Advisor

Kim Deanovic
Eaglet Flag Advisor

Andrew Schmidt
Assistant Marching Band Director/
Low Brass Coach

Jonathan Radwan
Drumline Instructor