



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 2014 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.

Veterans to the marching band will notice that there have been a few changes to the pre-school marching band schedule. The band staff and NOBOB has been meeting and discussing our schedule and have decided that some of the difficulties the band has had to perform at its best is partially due to the student conflicts with the schedule we have had in the past. We understand that today’s high school student is very busy. They participate in many activities outside of band. We want to encourage our students to diversify their experiences, however we still need them at all rehearsals. The new schedule is intended to lessen conflicts students have with pre-school band rehearsals, maintain the numbers of rehearsal hours we have had in the past, as well as ensure the success and growth of our program.

One of the most visible changes is our Band Camp Schedule. One of our goals is to develop a strong and supportive student environment between students of all grades. Part of achieving this goal was the addition of an evening activity for all students on Friday 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 at around 8:30pm. In order to accommodate this evening and to make up some of the time we rearranged during the week before camp, we have decided to have one more morning rehearsal and the Band Camp Showcase on Saturday.

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.

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To help us get ready for the season, we need to ask you to complete a number of forms. These forms are in this packet or can be obtained on-line at <http://www.eaglemusic.org>. We need these forms in by May 23rd, 2014 to reserve your spot in the band.

Documents:

- 2014-15 NOHS Band Camp Packet
- 2014-15 Marching Band Calendar
- 2014-15 NOHS Instrumental Music Calendar

Forms:

- Read and Sign Form*
- Emergency Medical Form*
- North Olmsted Band & Orchestra Booster (NOBOB) Membership Form*
- Uniform Fee Form*
- Parent Volunteer Form*
- 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 recordings and pdf's of this year's marching band music on our website. Please visit www.eaglemusic.org 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 are trying some new things this year therefore there may be some unintended conflicts or issues that 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

Director

Mrs. Gina Caroscia

Eaglet Kickline Advisor

Miss Erin Mohar

Eaglet Flag Advisor