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Greetings from the band office at North Paulding High School!

Here in the next few weeks, students will begin the process of planning for the 18-19 school year. Prior to the process, we felt that it would be important to provide you with all the band information so that you will have the opportunity to make informed decisions. So often we hear of parents being provided incorrect information; with this document you will have everything that you need to know.

Placement Auditions for Rising Freshmen:

Prior to each school year, all woodwind, brass, and percussion students entering the North Paulding High School Band Program will be required to perform a placement audition that will determine which ensemble (class period) they will be assigned to for the upcoming school year. All students will perform major scales, a prepared etude, and sight-reading. Once the auditions are completed, students will be placed in one of the four ensembles (class period) based on the results of their performance. Please understand that we must do everything we can during course registration to ensure that students are placed in the correct ensemble. Students are required to sign up for band for the entire year. Band is a yearlong course. Students who leave an ensemble will not be permitted to return.

Woodwind and Brass Students:

March 26-March 29 from 4-7pm. Students may attend the day that best suits their schedule. All auditions will be held in the NPHS BAND ROOM. *RISING FRESHMAN WOODWIND AND BRASS STUDENTS (whether marching OR not) will perform a placement audition that will determine which one of the four concert ensembles they will be placed in.*

- *Major Scales* – play as many of the 12 major scales as you can, in as many octaves as you can. The tempo should be as fast as you can perform them- consistently clean. They do not have to be memorized but you will receive extra points for performing all of them memorized.
- *Chromatic Scale* – full range of the instrument as indicated on the scale sheet.
- *Prepared Etude* – prepared excerpt provided to each student. Please notice the tempo. Free metronomes may be found online.
- *Sight reading* – sight-reading will be available at the audition. (roughly 12 measures)

Percussion Students:

March 28 from 4-7pm. Students may attend the day that best suits their schedule. All auditions will be held in the NPHS BAND ROOM. *RISING FRESHMAN PERCUSSIONIST (whether marching OR not) will perform a placement audition that will determine which one of the four concert ensembles they will be placed in.*

- *Major Scales (ON MARIMBA)* – play as many of the 12 major scales as you can, in as many octaves as you can. The tempo should be as fast as you can perform them- consistently clean. They do not have to be memorized but you will receive extra points for performing all of them memorized.
- *Prepared Etude* – prepared SNARE DRUM excerpt provided to each student. Please notice the tempo. Free metronomes may be found online.
- *(MARIMBA) Sight reading* – sight-reading will be available at the audition. (roughly 8 measures)

PERCUSSIONIST WISHING TO PARTICPATE IN MARCHING BAND MUST DO THE PLACEMENT AUDITION ABOVE AND THEN COMPLETE MARCHING BAND AUDITION APRIL 23-26. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

Marching Band:

One of the largest activities on the North Paulding campus is the Wolfpack Marching Band. The marching band is open to all students in grades 9-12 and are eligible to perform in the Wolfpack Pride Marching Band regardless of which ensemble that he/she has been placed in. The Wolfpack Marching Band is the most visual performance ensemble at NPHS. Information related to the Wolfpack Pride may be found at: www.northpauldingband.com/marchingband

KICK OFF MEETING FOR THE WOLFPACK PRIDE MARCHING BAND IS APRIL 17 at 7pm.

Woodwind and Brass Auditions – no required audition for marching band.

Percussionist – must do the class placement audition and marching band audition. April 23-26 (4-7pm)

Guard – auditions are April 9-13 (4-7pm)

THE MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE FOR 2018 IS ALREADY ON THE GOOGLE CALENDAR AND MAY BE FOUND ON THE BAND WEBSITE.

Block Schedule:

As you are all aware, all five Paulding County High Schools moved to a 4x4 block beginning in the fall of 2017.

I want to clarify a few points, and put to rest rumors that are not true:

1. Band is offered as a yearlong elective. Students are required to be in band BOTH semesters if they sign up for band.
2. Students who leave an ensemble will not be permitted to return.
3. You must be in an ensemble to in order to participate.
4. Yes, you will still be able to take all of your required classes, including AP courses and stay in band for all 4 years of high school.
5. It will be more difficult (not impossible) to remain in multiple yearlong electives.
6. Taking some classes online or during summer school will be one way to free up additional room in your schedule in order to be able to take multiple yearlong electives like band/chorus, etc.

Calendar Info:

Students are strongly encouraged to utilize our google calendar with their phone/tablet/IPads.

(Calendar ID: northpauldingsband@gmail.com)

Please use the following address to access the calendar from other applications. You can copy and paste this into any calendar product that supports the iCal format.

<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/northpauldingsband%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

Please use the following address to access the calendar in any web browser.

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=northpauldingsband%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York

Social Media:

Please take a comment and follow/like/sign up for our social media sites. They will be forms of us communicating to you. You may also visit the band website for clickable links to get you set up. Please sync the google calendar to your phone as well.

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthPauldingHighSchoolBand>

TWITTER:

<https://twitter.com/Northhsband>

INSTAGRAM:

<https://instagram.com/northpauldingsband/>

REMIND 101:

Visit the band [website](#) where you find instructions on how to sign up for this service.