

January 11, 2026

Band Families,

It's great to be back and working on music again! It really is an awesome outlet for students (and directors) from any of life's other stresses.

Reminder that we have our Mid-Winter Concert RIGHT around the corner. We will perform a concert on Thursday, January 29 at the NOCPA at 7pm.

Schedule For The Week

- 1/12 Monday 7:30am Rehearsal
- 1/13 Tuesday 7:30am Rehearsal
- 1/14 Wednesday 7:30am Rehearsal
- 1/15 Thursday 7:30am Rehearsal
- 1/16 Friday 7:30am Rehearsal
OSFDA Honor Band Clinic

[Quick Glance | Further Planning](#)

- 1/16-1/17 OSFDA Honor Band Clinic & Concert
- 1/21-1/24 OkMEA All State Clinic & Concert
- 1/29 Mid Winter Concert | 7pm NOCPA

[Forms & Fees](#)

Trip Payment #3 DUE 1/12/26

Fees can be paid at any time on your [NPS parent login](#) or by sending cash or check (payable to "NHS BAND") in a labeled and sealed envelope.

Fundraising

We are currently underway with our **LOMA ticket sales**. Please have students pick them up from the band office. You can take 10 tickets at a time.

The next money turn in day will be **Monday, January 12**.

OSFDA Honor Band Members

You will be DCA'd for 1st Hour through the rest of the day Friday, January 16. Please plan to come to rehearsal and then carpool to OU for your daily clinic. Lunch will be **on your own**. Usually students walk to campus corner or the student union.

You should have a physical copy of an OU Release form that **must be filled out asap** and will be turned into your clinician chair person at the beginning of rehearsal on Friday morning. *Please make sure you have that filled out today.*

UCO Honor Band Members

Some students were nominated and selected to participate at the UCO Honor Band on February 13 & 14. If you were selected and you replied to UCO that you plan to attend, please forward me your email so I can add you to my DCA list.

Students will need to plan travel to UCO on their own. You will be DCA'd 5th-7th hours so you have plenty of time and hopefully, no reason to rush!

Solo & Ensemble



We host the OSSAA District Solo and Ensemble event at our site here at Norman High School on Saturday, February 28. Please mark your calendars as we need students to run rooms and parents to help with concessions and hospitality.

Students are also placed into at least one required ensemble to perform in. These ensembles will begin rehearsing during class time for wind players twice a week after OkMEA.

Students are also encouraged to create their own (approved) ensembles as well as sign up to perform a solo. These groups will be eligible to participate in in OSSAA State Contest at OSU in April if they receive a Superior rating.

If you still need to sign up for a solo or ensemble, [please use this form](#).

From NHBA

 **Happy 2026!**  If one of your resolutions is to support your band student and get more involved with NHBA, we have lots of great opportunities coming up this spring!

Please join us for the NHBA general meeting next Thursday (January 15th) at 6:30pm in the band room. We will share information and plans about our upcoming spring events, including the concessions for the Solo & Ensemble competition, the 13th Annual Big Band Dinner Dance, Classic 50s carhopping fundraiser & more. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. ([See the meeting agenda here.](#)) We hope to see you there!

 **Other important news:**

 **BE PART OF THE MAGIC!**  **SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 13TH ANNUAL BIG BAND DINNER DANCE**

The Norman High Band Association is seeking community sponsors for our 13th annual Big Band Dinner Dance! Help us bring this beloved community event to life! The 13th Annual Big Band Dinner Dance will be held on March 7, 2026 at the NPS Center for Arts & Learning. Sponsorship commitments are due by January 19, 2026. [Learn more here](#) or email NHSBigBand@gmail.com to connect your family, organization or company to this beloved community event!

 **BIG BAND DINNER DANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Join us on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30pm at the Norman Library--East (3051 E Alameda St) as we continue planning for our biggest fundraising event of the year! All band parents are welcome to attend.

 **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** 

- **January 13:** Big Band Dinner Dance Committee Meeting (6:30pm)
- **January 15:** NHBA General Meeting (6:30pm)
- **January 19:** Deadline for Big Band Dinner Dance Sponsorship Commitments
- **January 21:** Papa John's Fundraiser Night, 5-9pm
- **January 23:** Big Band Dinner Dance Tickets on Sale!
- **February 7:** Classic 50s Carhopping Fundraiser
- **February 9-12:** Gaberino's Fundraiser Week
- **February 12:** NHBA General Meeting (6:30pm)
- **February 18:** Papa John's Fundraiser Night, 5-9pm
- **March 7:** 13th Annual Big Band Dinner Dance
- **March 9-13:** Il Dolce Fundraiser Week (all day)

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out at any time via email or by calling/texting Brooke Barnett at 405-401-0687.