

January 5, 2025

Band Families,
Happy New Year!

I'm ready to see you all after our Winter Break and continue working on music for this upcoming semester. I hope you are recharged and eager to express yourself through music each day together!

No school Monday and no rehearsal Friday.

Schedule For The Week

- 1/6 Monday No School | Professional Day
- 1/7 Tuesday 7:30am Concert Band Rehearsal
- 1/8 Wednesday 7:30am Concert Band Rehearsal
- 1/9 Thursday 7:30am Concert Band Rehearsal
- 1/10 Friday NO REHEARSAL

[Quick Glance](#) | [Further Planning](#)

- 1/30 Mid Winter Concert NOCPA 7:00pm

OSFDA Members

Friday you will be DCA'd all day. Have a plan to get to OU and be in Catlett at least a half hour before rehearsal begins. Staff will be at Catlett all day to assist if you need anything. Lunch is on your own with plenty of places on campus!

Make sure you are prepared for rehearsal with music looked over, any additional reeds or mutes with you, and ALWAYS a pencil on the stand.

Enjoy the celebration and payoff of your hard work!

Solos & Ensembles

We host the OSSAA District Solo and Ensemble event at our site here at Norman High School on Saturday, March 1. 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 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after OkMEA. These ensembles will perform in our Chamber Recital on February 27 in preparation for the OSSAA District Contest.

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](#).

Fundraising

- **LOMA Raffle Ticket Fundraiser Kicks Off This Week**-- LOMA (Local Oklahoma Music Association) raffle ticket fundraiser provides important funding that our band uses for instruments, instrument repair, print & electronic music, equipment, student fees and clinicians. 100% of all the funds raised by selling raffle tickets comes directly back to the NHS Band! **Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale through February 28, 2025.** The 1st prize is \$25,000 cash, 2nd Prize is a Heritage Custom Core H-150 Guitar (retail value \$3,799). and 3rd Prize is a Bach Stradivarius Trumpet

- (retail value \$3,413). Winners will be drawn on March 14, 2025. Tickets are available in the band office.
- **Sponsors Needed for the Big Band Dinner Dance**--The Big Band Dinner Dance is an annual fundraising event for the Norman High School bands. The event includes a catered meal and dancing to music provided by our own NHS jazz band. This year's event will be Saturday, March 29 at 6:30pm at the new NPS Center for Arts & Learning at Norman Public Schools. **We are seeking businesses and individuals to support our student musicians by sponsoring this year's event Sponsorships are due by February 1 to receive full promotion and sponsor recognition on our promotional materials**, event publicity and social media. *See attached flyer for sponsor levels, complimentary tickets and sponsor recognition options.*
 - **Give Us a Follow**--If one of your New Year's resolutions is to stay "in the know" about all things NHBA, including upcoming individual fundraisers, restaurant nights, and other ways to get involved, connect with us on social media! NHBA's resolution is to increase our followers, so we would love you to give us a follow and share with other band parents! Be sure to share it with grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members who support your band student, so they can see photos and updates throughout the year. We have great things planned in 2025, and we can't wait to share them with you! Follow us at: *(See attached flyer)*
 - [NHBA on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nhbaok/) (<https://www.facebook.com/nhbaok/>)
 - [NHBA on Instagram](#) (@nhs_nhba)
 - [Big Band Dinner Dance on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nhsbigband) (<https://www.facebook.com/nhsbigband>)
 - [Big Band Dinner Dance on Instagram](#) (@nhsbigband)
 - **Mark Your Calendar:**
 - Sonic Fundraiser Night: January 14
 - Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser Night: January 15
-

NHBA

Our next **NHBA meeting is *TUESDAY*, 1/14**, at 6:30 in the Band Hall. I hope you can attend!

The date for the BBDD event is **Saturday, March 29** — our wonderful Jazz Band will play while attendees dance the night away. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and there are many ways for parents to be involved — fundraising, mail-outs, advertising, event-planning, decorating, etc. We'd love to have your help! Reach out to Michelle Carr to get involved pmcarr@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendar:

1/13 BBDD Committee Meeting on Zoom, 6:30
1/14 NHBA General Meeting at Band Hall, 6:30
1/14 Sonic Night
1/15 Papa John's Night
2/20 NHBA General Meeting at Band Hall, 6:30
3/1 Solo & Ensemble concession stand at NHS
3/27 NHBA General Meeting at Band Hall, 6:30 *officer nominations
3/29 Big Band Dinner Dance
4/17 NHBA General Meeting at Band Hall, 6:30 *officer elections
5/16 Band Awards Night

Follow us on social media! @nhs_nhba, Norman High Band Association, and Friends of Norman High Band (Don't forget to answer the membership questions!)

JOIN! You can find the membership form for NHBA [here](#).

If you have any questions about NHBA, please reach out to our President, Meredith Westmoreland, nhbapresident@gmail.com, 405-568-1212.