September 14, 2025

Band Families,

TERRIFIC halftime performance this past Friday! Bravissimo to all our musicians, and thank you to the parent volunteers, students, and staff who made the evening such a success in our own stadium.

We're heading into an intense stretch—three busy weeks of contests and performances—before we can breathe a little easier with fall break. Contest season is here, and parents, your support is more important than ever (see below for how you can help).

Students, keep pushing forward with music and movement. Let's show the professional adjudicators all the great work you've accomplished and learn from their feedback on how we can continue to grow.

Yukon itinerary is attached - note the earlier day.

Schedule For The Week

- 9/15 Monday — 7:15am Rehearsal
  4:15pm Color Guard Sectional
- 9/16 Tuesday — 7:15am Rehearsal
- 9/17 Wednesday — 7:15am Rehearsal
- 9/18 Thursday — 7:15am Rehearsal
  6:30pm Parade | Schedule Below
- 9/19 Friday — 7:15am Rehearsal
  Homecoming Football v Piedmont | Schedule Below
- 9/20 Saturday — Deer Creek Contest | See attached itinerary

Quick Glance | Further Planning

- 9/25 — Evening Rehearsal | 6-9pm
- 9/26 — Away Pep Band to Edmond North
- 9/27 — Yukon Contest | See attached itinerary
- 10/2 — Evening Rehearsal | 6-9pm
  Band Fee Remaining Balance Due
- 10/3 — Home Football vs Jenks
- 10/4 — Mustang Contest

Forms & Fees | Remaining Balance due 10/2/25

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.

Extra Rehearsals

Please double check these are on your calendar to ask off of work and check any other conflicts.

- Thursday, September 25 6pm
- Thursday, October 2 6pm
- Saturday, October 4 5pm *with guest clinician*
- Thursday, October 23 6pm

Spring Band, Orchestra, Choir Trip Meeting

We will host a Spring Trip information meeting Monday, 9/15 from 6pm-6:45 to go over any details for the upcoming trip we have available now.

- Working Itinerary
- Payments
- Chaperone Guidelines
- Rooming
- Trip Expectations
- Medical/Rx info
- Travel Guidelines

Anyone is welcome to come as we host this before the trip deadline of 9/22! If you don't have any questions, this is not a required meeting.

As always, if you have specific questions please reach out to your director via email, we will get back to you ASAP.

Homecoming Parade & Game

Homecoming is THIS WEEK; Thursday, 9/18 parade and Friday 9/19 game vs Piedmont.

Thursday Parade

Students will meet at the First Baptist Church North lawn (corner of Main and Santa Fe across from Scratch) in their Member Shirt, Shorts, Black Socks and Marching Shoes. We will warm up and then line up for the parade. After the parade we will be in the main parking lot of NHS and play a little until the final float arrives. Then we will do the executioner and be dismissed to the band hall to go home or the bonfire.

6:00pm	FBC North lawn for attendance/warm up
6:30pm	Parade begins from FBC to NHS on Main St
7:15pmish	Play few pep tunes while folks gather from parade After executioner, students will be dismissed to the band room and then can join the rest of the bonfire or go home.

Game details have not been sent to me from athletics yet. Since it is homecoming, I'm not sure what pregame, halftime, or postgame might look like until I am given confirmation. TBA

Deer Creek Contest

This week marks our first contest of the season! Remember, our goal isn't just to win awards, but to learn and improve. Do we all want to bring home a trophy? Of course! But the true measure of success is that all 130+ students perform stronger than our last run-through.

Contests give us valuable feedback from professional adjudicators, helping us focus on the right areas for improvement each week. To get the most accurate feedback, we need 100% participation. Please make sure you are academically eligible and have any conflicts taken care of ahead of time.

Plan for lunch on your own after rehearsal. NHBA will provide dinner after prelims.

Dress is in your member shirt and shorts when not in full uniform.

Itinerary attached

Pep Band to Edmond North | Friday, 9/26

Next Friday will be our second away game, and we'll be taking a smaller pep band (1–2 buses). All leadership team members and drumline will travel, and we'll fill out the remaining spots to keep sections balanced. Upperclassmen will be prioritized over freshmen, but everyone interested should sign up here!
The bus list will be released in the next eNews on 9/21.

From NHBA

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who attended our September general meeting *(meeting minutes are available here)* and volunteered at our first home football game on Friday night! We are so thankful for your time, energy and effort! We are also thrilled to welcome freshman parent **Erin Ford** as the new NHBA Secretary!

- **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**
  - **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME VS. PIEDMONT (Friday, September 19, 2025)**---Lend a hand with ice/water and at halftime for the homecoming game! **Sign up here**
  - **DEER CREEK MARCHING CONTEST (Saturday, September 20, 2025)**--Parent volunteers are needed to donate snacks, food and supplies, help load/unload the band semi, serve as a bus chaperone and help during the contest. **Sign up here.**
- **PROFESSIONAL BAND PHOTO PROOFS ARE HERE! On Thursday, all band parents received an email from Center Stage Photography with a link to your student's photo proofs.** If you did not receive an email, please check your spam folder or search your email for a message from gallery@photoday.io with the subject line "STUDENT NAME's photos are ready". If you did not receive that email, please send a message to orders@centerstage.photos for additional assistance. When you order, a portion of every sale comes back to support the NHS Band. That means you'll not only have keepsake-quality photos of your student, but you'll also be helping fund our program!

- **EAT PIZZA ON WEDNESDAY AND SUPPORT THE BAND!** Order Papa John's on Robinson (3203 W. Robinson Street) from 4pm - 8pm on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Use code SCHOOL1399 for any large pizza for $13.99! Available online or in-store. Call (847) 760-6464 to order! 20% of sales will be donated in support of the NHS Band, must use promo code SCHOOL1399 when ordering! *(See attached)*

- **NEED TO PAY FOR YOUR STUDENT'S CONTEST MEALS?** Click here to pay your student's $35 marching contest meal fee. One fee covers all contest meals for the entire season.

- **ARE YOU AN NHS BAND ALUMNI? RSVP FOR HOMECOMING!**
  Friday, Sept. 19, 2025| NHS vs. Piedmont| Call time: 5:30pm Get ready to dust off those instruments and join us your chance to play, cheer, and celebrate like old times —because YOU are invited to join us for Homecoming 2025! Come back to your alma mater, cheer on the Tigers, enjoy being part of game activities, play your favorite stand tunes with the band, and reconnect with old friends (and make some new ones!) 👉 RSVP here and let us know you're IN! We can't wait to see our amazing alumni back in black & orange for Homecoming!
- **JOIN NHBA for 2025–26!** We have some big things planned this year—fun events, timely information and plenty of ways to support our awesome band students. Join or renew your membership here and be part of it all!

- 🗓️ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** 🗓️
  - September 17 (5-9pm): Papa John's Fundraiser Night
  - October 15 (5-9pm): McAlister's Fundraiser Night
  - October 16 (6:30pm): NHBA General Meeting in the NHS Band Room
  - November 13 (6:30pm): NHBA General Meeting in the NHS Band Room

- Have band parent questions? Need more info about any topic above? Email Brooke Barnett at NHBAPresident@gmail.com or call/text 405-401-0687.