



NKCHS Hornet Band Summer Welcome Letter



Date: 7/3/2019

To: New, Returning Band and Color Guard Members and Parents

From: Ms. Carrie Epperson, Director of Bands at North Kansas City High School

Welcome! I hope this letter finds you enjoying your much-needed Summer break. The information provided in this mailing will hopefully answer any questions you have about Band Camp and membership in the Hornet Marching Band. We are excited with the level of talent and great work ethic coming into our program.

Band Camp: While technically we call it a camp, it is actually rehearsals in the Summer to prepare us for our performances early in the school year. It is incredibly important that all students attend these Summer dates, because the majority of our halftime show will be set based off of the students who attend band camp. Be advised: You may be cut from marching band due to lack of attendance and preparation. Please be there for practice. Students must be academically eligible to be a member of the Hornet Marching Band. All incoming freshman are academically eligible.

Camp Location: Due to construction our rehearsals will be held at NKCHS in the Norclay Gym, Norclay Field, and the Football Stadium. Students should be prepared to be both indoors and outdoors during camp.

Camp Hours: Rehearsals will be held from 9am until 3pm. Leadership can also expect to come early or possibly stay late for informational meetings. Work and lack of rides are non-excusable. Please contact Ms. Epp if you are in need of a ride. Many students help each other getting to camp. Colorguard has a modified schedule with Coach Taylor Lee that has been communicated during Summer practices.

Camp Costs: There are no camp costs, but we do have band fees for students. Not everything can be provided by the school district, and in order to stay competitive with other schools we ask that students pay fees for items that will be used or kept by that specific student. No student will be turned away for the inability to pay, and arrangements can be made. Please keep in contact with us so that we can help you.

Preparing for Camp: We will be outdoors everyday so prepare accordingly.

- Wear light comfortable clothes and tennis shoes for marching. Keep it school appropriate.
 - Bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen – this is incredibly important!
 - Hats and Sunglasses are welcome and encouraged for outdoor rehearsals.
 - Bring money for lunch, we will take a 45-minute break every afternoon for lunch.
 - Bring your performance equipment (instrument, flag, music etc) everyday
 - Marching Woodwinds and Brass will want to have a **Lyre** (*pronounced liar*) & **Flip Folder** (holders for music) every day. Music Stands will not be available, so this is important.
 - Percussionists will want to have a binder for music and charts everyday
 - Colorguard will want to have a folder for choreography notes and charts everyday
- Do not let the first day of camp be the first time you go outside. Get acclimated to the Missouri weather before coming to camp.*

Parents: You are welcome to attend a rehearsal and see what your child does during the day. We would love to get to know you. Please join us for our exhibition night on August 2nd where you can see what we have learned at camp and a preview of our show for this year.

Staff: We have an awesome staff of instructors who will work with students to prepare for this season.

Assistant NKCHS Band Director and Northgate Middle School Director : Dustin Mott dustin.mott@nkcschools.org

Assistant NKCHS Band Director and Math Teacher: Matthew Fillingham matthew.fillingham@nkcschools.org

Percussion Instructor: Rebecca Meads rebmeads@gmail.com

Colorguard Coach: Taylor Lee taylorlee.design@gmail.com

You can see more about them at www.nkcband.com/about



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Music: If you are an instrumentalist, music is available through your section leader. If you have not received music, it can be found on our website. www.nkcband.com/music - this is an unlisted page for copyright purposes.

Instrument: If you need to use a school owned instrument, we have that information on file. If you would like to borrow the instrument to practice over the Summer. It is a \$40 usage fee that helps with any repairs we need to make. Percussionists will also pay \$40 for school instrument usage. You can contact Ms. Epperson by phone at 816-809-4174 or by email carrie.epperson@nkcschools.org to set up a time to pick up the instrument in the month of July. If this does not work, an instrument will be available on the first day of band camp.

- If you use a school owned instrument, you are responsible to supply your own reeds, oil, and mouthpieces.
- We are extremely low on our availability of school-owned instruments. Please use your own whenever possible.
- If you would like help purchasing your own instrument, Ms. Epperson can help you in your search to find great deals on quality instruments. Contact her, if you would like help.

Other Activates at NKCHS: We are very proud of our school and want students to be actively participating in school activities. With your band registration, we are aware that some of you are involved in activities other than band. It is your responsibility to inform your coaches whenever possible that you are a member of band and that you will be sharing time. We want you to attend your practices as much as possible, but we ask that you stay ahead of information and practices for Band so that we can all stay ahead.

Calendar: We have provided you with our schedule of events for the entire school year. This will make up about 90% of our overall band events. Any additions made are sudden invitations to events or unforeseen changes to the schedule. This does happen from time to time. This calendar can help you in planning throughout the year. Again, please inform your bosses and coaches that you have these events and need to adjust your schedules. There is also a live Google calendar that is updated often in case of a change of events. www.nkcband.com/calendar It is also highly recommended that you sign up for the remind 101 messaging. This is an invaluable service that allows us to communicate information quickly. Every Sunday evening there will be an announcement for what is coming up during the week. You can sign up for remind by navigating to the link <https://www.remind.com/join/nkchmb1920>

Band Boosters: Our Band Boosters are the reason we thrive. Without them, we would not be able to afford things like instruments, music, and many other things that keep our band running. They provide food at competitions and much needed support everywhere we go. I strongly encourage you to attend meetings and get involved in our parent organization. They are amazing and do so many things for every student in band. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month with the exception of December and May.

Our band program is the largest organization at NKCHS and we pride ourselves on success and school spirit. We are looking forward to an awesome season. We hope to see you at band camp refreshed and ready to start an amazing season.

Finally, I would like to welcome you to the Hornet Band family. This is my 12th year at NKCHS and I cannot tell you how grateful I am for the amazing students I get to teach every year. Thank you for being members of our Band program. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Epperson

Stay Connected:

Website: www.nkcband.com

Facebook: NKCHS Hornet Band

NKCHS Hornet Band Twitter: @nkcband

Remind 101 Text Messages: Text: (224)765-4412 With the message:@nkchmb1920

2019-2020 NKCHS Band Fees

Band Student: _____
(last name) (first name)

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ @ _____
(this is where account statements are sent and band communication)

_____ Photographs of my student MAY NOT be used on the band booster website or Facebook page.

Please check the items you need to purchase and total the amount at the bottom. Our Booster Club Treasurer for this year is Jennifer Buck, (nkcmusic.treasurer@gmail.com) if you have any questions. All fees should be paid in full no later than August 2nd (Exhibition Performance Night). **Please contact the treasurer if you need to make other arrangements.**

BAND FEES:

_____ \$25 Food/Booster Fee*
_____ \$20 Uniform Usage Fee*
_____ \$40 School Instrument Usage (Year Long)
_____ \$30 Uniform Shoes (some used shoes available \$10)
_____ \$10 Band Summer Uniform Shirt
_____ \$10 Band Summer Uniform Shorts
_____ \$5 Gloves (2 pair)

* - Fees all band students pay

COLORGUARD FEES:

_____ \$25 Food/Booster Fee*
_____ \$90 Fall Uniform Basics/Warm Ups*
_____ \$30 Uniform Shoes
_____ \$18 Uniform Gloves
_____ \$10 Band Summer Uniform Shirt
_____ \$10 Band Summer Uniform Shorts

* - Fees all guard students pay

Some fees are to be paid only if needed. New members often pay full amount

Total Due to NKCHS Hornet Band Boosters	\$ _____
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_____ I will pay in full now

_____ I can pay \$ _____ now and the balance on August 2nd

_____ I can pay \$ _____ now and would like to request an application for financial assistance.

***Request for financial assistance music be submitted by the 1st day of school August 14, 2019

Please have your fees paid in full on or before Exhibition Night August 2, 2019.

Make Checks Payable and Send Payments to:

NKCHS Hornet Band Boosters

PO Box 12743

North Kansas City, MO. 64116

Application for NKCHS band scholarship fund

Purpose: Band Boosters wants every student to be able to participate in band. With over 130 students in our band programs, it takes a lot to keep things going. If a student or a student's family cannot afford their band fee we have the following opportunities to help.

(The information on this document is confidential & the identity of the applicant will be made known only to the Band Booster Treasurer.)

Student Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. Explain any circumstances affecting your financial situation, for example - medical bills, home repairs, etc.

2. How many dependent persons are in the household? Adults _____ Children _____

If you expect a change in either income or expenses this year, please explain.

3. Total Band Fee _____

Amount you can pay _____

4. Band Boosters will not be able to pay your child's fee in full, but we will assist as many students as possible. Please check the option that you feel would work best:

_____ Option 1: I can pay \$10 a month beginning in August 2019 until the fee is paid in full.

_____ Option 2: My child will participate in fundraisers until the band fee is paid in full.

MESSAGE FROM BAND BOOSTERS

Welcome to the North Kansas City High School Hornet Band! Your fellow band parents are excited for you to join our ranks and officially invite you to get involved as spectators, volunteers and more. We have a large, successful band and it takes all of us working together to keep that tradition going strong.

Please mark your calendars for a special **“Rookie Parents Meeting” on Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. Cafeteria** at the high school. This is your opportunity to learn more about band activities from a parent perspective, as well as details on how to actively support your student and their fellow bandmates.

For now, allow us to introduce you to your NKC Hornet Band Booster’s Board members:

President: Ashley Weaver

Vice President: Jennifer Barker

Treasurer: Jennifer Buck

Secretary: Marissa Booth

Fundraising: Amanda Craig and Shannon Klingler

Colorguard Representative: Ann Plautz

Please get to know these amazing people! The Boosters meet the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m (except December and May). in the band room. They are a very welcoming group of volunteers who are more than happy to accept your help. There is never a lack of opportunity to assist with band activities, so don’t hesitate to jump in and offer your assistance.

Also, make sure and follow us on social media! There will be a lot of information coming at you and these are great places to stay up-to-date.

Facebook:

NKC Hornet Band

North Kansas City High School Hornet Band Boosters

Twitter: @nkcband

Looking forward to seeing you all on July 17, sharing additional information with you and answering your questions! Again, welcome to the Hornet Band family.

NKC Hornet Band Boosters

NKC Band Event Calendar 2019-2020

Date	Time	Event	Location	Member
July 17 th	7pm	Rookie Parent Meeting	NKCHS Cafeteria	All New Parents
July 21 st	1pm-4pm	Leadership Meeting	Macken Park	All Band Leadership
July 22 nd – July 26 th	9am – 3pm	Band Camp Week 1	NKCHS (Norclay/Field)	All Band & Guard
July 29 th – August 2 nd	9am – 3pm	Band Camp Week 2	NKCHS (Norclay/Field)	All Band & Guard
August 2 nd	6pm	Exhibition Performance	NKCHS Field	Everyone
August 5 th – 7 th	TBA	Drumline Mini-Camp	NKCHS	All Drumline Members
August 12 th	TBA – AM	Freshman Jumpstart Performance	NKCHS	All Band & Guard
August 13 th	TBA – AM	Convocation Performance	PV Baptist Church	Drumline Members
September 6 th	5pm–10pm	Home Football Game	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
September 20 th	5pm-10pm	Home Football Game	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
September 27 th	5pm-10pm	Home Football Game (Homecoming)	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
October 5 th	All Morning	Gladfest Parade	Gladstone MO	All Band & Guard
October 5 th	TBA – PM	Lee’s Summit North Competition	Lee’s Summit MO	All Band & Guard
October 10 th	TBA - PM	NKCS District Marching Exhibition	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
October 18 th	5pm-10pm	Home Football Game (senior/light show)	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
October 19 th	TBA	Cameron Marching Competition	Cameron MO	All Band & Guard
November 2 nd	TBA	KC Metro District Auditions	Liberty HS	Interested/Qualified
November 16 th	TBA	KC Metro Dist. Jazz Band Perform	Gem Theater	Auditioned Members
November 25 th	TBA-PM	Possible Pep Band Performance	Sprint Center	Pep Band
November 26 th	TBA-PM	Possible Pep Band Performance	Sprint Center	Pep Band
December 3 rd	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
December 7 th	TBA All Day	MO All State Auditions	Columbia MO	Qualified Members
December 9 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
December 14 th	TBA	KC Metro Dist. Band Perform	Lee’s Summit HS	Auditioned Members
December 16 th	7pm	Winter Band Concert	NKCHS	All Band Members
January 9 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
January 10 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
January 13 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
January 22 nd -25 th	All Day	MO Music Ed Conference	Osage Beach MO	Possible Jazz Band
January 28 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
February 1 st	All Day	NKCS District Honor Band	TBA	Qualified Members
February 10 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
February 11 th	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
February 21 st	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
February 22 nd	5pm-9pm	Home Basketball Game	NKCHS	Pep Band
February 23 rd	TBA All Day	UCM Jazz Festival	University Central MO	Jazz Band
February 25 th	TBA – PM	NKCS District Jazz Festival	TBA	Jazz Band
March 14 th	8am – 1pm	Snake Saturday Parade	North KC	All Band & Guard
March 16 th – 20 th	TBA	Possible Band Trip	Chicago Illinois	Band Students
March 24 th	7pm	Pre Contest Concert	NKCHS	Symphonic Band
March 26 th	TBA	Pre Contest Clinic	Staley HS	Symphonic Band
March 27 th	TBA	District Solo/Ensemble Contest	Liberty HS	Qualified Members
April 1 st	TBA	State Large Ensemble Contest	Staley HS	Brass/WW Choir
April 3 rd	TBA	State Large Ensemble Contest	Staley HS	Symphonic Band
May 1 st	TBA	State Solo/Ensemble Contest	Columbia MO	Qualified Members
May 4 th	7pm	Spring Band Concert	NKCHS	All Band Members
May 13 th	TBA	Graduation – Band Performance	Municipal Auditorium	All Band Members