



NKCHS Hornet Band Summer Welcome Letter



Date: 7/20/2020

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 safe and well over these past few months. 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: Communication will be crucial to our success, so if there are any issues with attendance, please let us know as soon as possible. Students must be academically eligible to be a member of the Hornet Marching Band. For the 2020-21 school year, ALL students are academically eligible for the Fall.

Camp Location: Summer Band rehearsals will be held at NKCHS on the Football field and in the Fine Arts Wing (A Wing) of the high school. Depending on the availability of the field in week 2, we may also be on the Norclay field.

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 and Battery Drumline have a modified schedule with Coach Mills and Ms. Meads that have been communicated to members.

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 outside, 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 heat 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 14th 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.

Associate 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: Christi Mills christine.mills@lps53.org

UCM Student Teacher: Carly Jones carly.jones@nkcschools.org

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 and password protected page for copyright purposes. The login is *hornetband* and the password is *gohornets2020*

Instrument: If you need to use a school owned instrument, we have that information on file. To use a school owned instrument, the cost is a \$40 usage fee that helps with any repairs we need to make. Percussionists will also pay \$40 for school instrument usage. Many instruments have returned from the shop after being repaired and cleaned but the availability may be limited. You can contact Ms. Epperson by phone/text at 816-809-4174 or by email carrie.epperson@nkcschools.org to set up a time to pick up the instrument. 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 Activities 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/nkchmb2021>

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 13th 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 (links attached):

Website: www.nkcband.com

Facebook: [NKC Hornet Band](#)

NKC Hornet Band Twitter: [@nkcband](#)

Instagram: [@nkchsband](#)

Remind 101 Text Messages: Text: (224)765-4412 With the message: [@nkchmb2021](#)



Camp Schedule



Tentative Daily Schedule Week 1 (August 3 – 7)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Theme Day</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Crazy Hat Day</i>	<i>Sports Day</i>	<i>Beach/Tourist Day</i>	<i>Color Wars</i>
9am – Noon	Outside Marching Basics ROOKIES & LEADERS	ALL BAND/GUARD Outside Marching Fundamentals	Outside Marching Fundamentals	Outside Marching Fundamentals Pregame Charting	Outside Marching Pregame Review Halftime Charting
Noon – 1pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	ALL BAND/GUARD Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo Rehearsals	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo Rehearsals	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo Rehearsals	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo Rehearsals	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo Rehearsals
2pm – 3pm	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through
<i>After Camp (optional activity)</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Game Night</i>	<i>Capture the Flag</i>	<i>Water Wars</i>	<i>Island Ice</i>

Tentative Daily Schedule Week 2 (August 10-14)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Theme Day</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Twin Day</i>	<i>Mismatch</i>	<i>NKC Spirit</i>	<i>None</i>
9am – Noon	Outside Marching Pregame Review	Outside Marching Pregame Review	Outside Marching Pregame Review	Outside Marching Pregame Review	Outside Marching Pregame Review
	Halftime Charting	Halftime Charting	Halftime Charting	Halftime Charting	Halftime Charting
Noon – 1pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo	Small Group Sectionals Music/Choreo	Exhibition Dress Rehearsal
	Uniform Sizing (12)	Uniform Sizing (11)	Uniform Sizing (10)	Uniform Sizing (9)	
2pm – 3pm	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through	Large Group Music Run Through	Exhibition Dress Rehearsal
<i>After Camp (optional activity)</i>	<i>Movie Night</i>	<i>Karaoke</i>	<i>Scavenger Hunt</i>	<i>Band Olympics</i>	<i>None</i>



Quick Note from Epp



This year will definitely present us with more challenges than we are accustomed to, but I am confident in the flexibilities of our band and staff to make it work for the best experience possible. Please understand that the decisions we will be making this year are meant to help keep our activity thriving as safely and efficiently as possible. We currently have four different plans for our band season this year so that we can remain flexible as needed.

Plan A: Regular travel competitive season and marching schedule as listed on the calendar.

Plan B: Non-Travel. We will play for home football games only and NKCHS will host an online marching band festival in October.

Plan C: If the football season is suspended, we will work in solos and small chamber groups through the fall season.

Plan D: If in-person school is suspended we will go entirely online focusing on individual skills and online group performance projects.



Summer Band Camp Procedures for COVID-19



Prescreening/Symptom Checks

1. Students will complete a symptom check questionnaire before all rehearsals.
2. Students and staff are asked to communicate any symptoms.
3. If any member is found to have symptoms or tests positive, they will need to quarantine without attendance penalization.

Social Distancing

1. Students and staff will remain 6 feet apart when not actively playing and rehearsing.
2. Indoor rehearsals will be adjusted to accommodate social distancing practices.
3. Outdoor music rehearsals will be used when needed for spacing concerns.
4. We will attempt to keep students in small cohorts to minimize exposure to other band members.

Masks and Sanitation

1. Masks will be worn when students are not actively playing their wind instruments.
2. Masks will be worn by percussion and colorguard members when distancing is not possible.
3. Percussion instruments and colorguard equipment will be sanitized after every rehearsal.
4. Instruments and equipment will not be shared for any reason.
5. Brass players will use rags for collecting condensation during indoor rehearsals. These rags will be washed and sanitized after every rehearsal.
6. Hand sanitizer and washing stations will be available and encouraged to use.

Equipment

1. Students will use their own or the school assignment instrument/equipment. There will be no sharing of equipment.
2. Students will need to provide their own reeds, oil, and accessories. This will not be supplied by NKCHS.
3. Students and staff will need to provide their own water bottles to practice. The water bottles need to be clearly labeled with the student's name.

Be Advised

1. There can be no sharing of food or water.
2. Lunches will need to be done either off campus or with social distancing guidelines used.
3. It is strongly recommended that students change clothes or shower after practices.
4. Students may be sent home for failing to adhere to these health practices.

The safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority.

Thank you for support as we navigate these new procedures to keep our activity thriving.

2020-2021 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 interim Booster Club Treasurer for this fall is Jennifer Buck, (nkcmusic.treasurer@gmail.com) if you have any questions. All fees should be paid in full no later than August 14th (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)

COLORGUARD FEES:

Colorguard fees have been communicated with students during summer practices.

* - Fees all band 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 14th

_____ 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 24th , 2020

Please have your fees paid in full on or before Exhibition Night August 14th, 2020.

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 2020 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.

Due to limitations on outside campus visitors, we will not be able to hold an in-person “Rookie Parent/Family” informational meeting this year. However, we will be hosting livestream meetings leading up to Band Camp for all parents. This will be an opportunity to learn more about band activities from the directors, as well as details on how to actively support your student and their fellow bandmates. *The livestream will take place at 7pm Tuesday (July 28th) and Thursday (July 30th) on the [NKC Hornet Band Facebook page](#).*

We did not get to hold elections for our Booster officers this Spring so our board will remain until we can hold elections this Fall. For now, allow us to introduce you our current 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:

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.

Website

www.nkcband.com

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Remind: [@nkchmb2021](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all on our live stream meetings and at band events to share additional information with you and answer your questions! Again, welcome to the Hornet Band family.

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NKC Tentative Band Event Calendar 2020-2021

Always check the website for up to date information www.nkcband.com/calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Member
July 27 th -31 st	8am-12pm	Colorguard Mini Camp	NKCHS	Colorguard
July 27 th -30 th	9am-12pm	Drumline Mini Camp	NKCHS	Battery Drumline
August 2 nd	2pm-4pm	Leadership Meeting	Macken Park	All Band Leadership
August 3 rd – 7 th	9am – 3pm	Band Camp Week 1	NKCHS (Norclay/Field)	All Band & Guard
August 10 th – 14 th	9am – 3pm	Band Camp Week 2	NKCHS (Norclay/Field)	All Band & Guard
August 14 th	6pm	Exhibition Performance	NKCHS Field	Everyone
August 21 st	TBA – AM	Possible Convocation Performance	TBA	Battery Drumline
August 24 th	All Day	First Day of School	NKCHS	Everyone
September 4 th	5pm–10pm	Home Football Game	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
September 19 th	TBA	Drumline Percussion Preview	Grandview HS	All Drumline
September 25 th	5pm-10pm	Home Football Game	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
September 26 th	All Day	Carrollton Band Competition	Carrollton MO	All Band & Guard
October 2 nd	5pm-10pm	Home Football Game (homecoming)	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
October 3 rd	TBA	NKCHS Virtual Marching Band Fest	Online – Youtube	All Band & Guard
TBA	TBA	NKCS Marching Exhibition	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
October 17 th	All Day	UCM Band Competition	Warrensburg MO	All Band & Guard
October 23 rd	5pm-10pm	Home Football Game (Sr Night/LO)	NKCHS Field	All Band & Guard
November 7 th	TBA	KC Metro District Auditions	Liberty HS	Interested/Qualified
November 21 st	TBA	KC Metro Dist. Jazz Band Perform	Gem Theater	Auditioned Members
November 23 rd	TBA-PM	Possible Pep Band Performance	Sprint Center	Pep Band
November 24 th	TBA-PM	Possible Pep Band Performance	Sprint Center	Pep Band
December 5 th	TBA All Day	MO All State Auditions	Columbia MO	Qualified Members
December 12 th	TBA	KC Metro Dist. Band Perform	Lee’s Summit HS	Auditioned Members
December 14 th	7pm	Winter Band Concert	NKCHS	All Band Members
Dec 21 st – Jan 2 nd	All Day	Winter Break	NA	NKC Staff/Students
January 27 th – 30 th	All Day	MO Music Ed Conference	TBA	Directors
February 5 th – 6 th	All Day	NKCS District Honor Band	TBA	Qualified Members
February 20 th	TBA All Day	UCM Jazz Festival	University Central MO	Jazz Band
February 23 rd	TBA – PM	NKCS District Jazz Festival	TBA	Jazz Band
March 6 th	TBA - PM	Jazzin at the GEM (Possible)	GEM Theater	Jazz Band
March 13 th	8am – 1pm	Snake Saturday Parade	North KC	All Band & Guard
March 26 th	TBA	District Solo/Ensemble Contest	Liberty HS	Qualified Members
March 29 th – April 1 st	All Day	Spring Break	NA	NKC Staff/Students
April 5 th	7pm	Pre Contest Concert	NKCHS	Symphonic Band
April 7 th	TBA	State Large Ensemble Contest	Staley HS	Brass/WW Choir
April 9 th	TBA	State Large Ensemble Contest	Staley HS	Symphonic Band
May 1 st	TBA	State Solo/Ensemble Contest	Columbia MO	Qualified Members
May 10 th	7pm	Spring Band Concert	NKCHS	All Band Members