

Naugatuck
High School
Marching Band



Student Handbook

2011-2012

Welcome to the NHS Marching Band Family!

This handbook is designed to answer most of your questions regarding the NHS Band... what we do, what you can expect, and what is expected of you. Congratulations on becoming a part of this exciting activity. We are so pleased to have you as part of our family!

A commitment form is required to be signed by each student participating, agreeing to attend all rehearsal and competitions, as well as acknowledging receipt of this handbook and agreeing to follow the rules and policies as stated. The form must be returned no later than Tuesday, July 19th. If for any reason you will not be present at band rehearsal that evening, send me an email at robertjhughesjr@gmail.com to let me know you are definitely committing to the marching band and will be bringing the form to the next rehearsal.

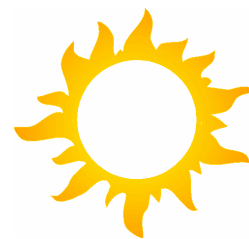
Attendance

Dedication is expected by all the students, and attendance is the key to that. In order for the band to be successful we need all students present and on time, every time (to be early is to be on time). Everyone needs to be ready with a positive attitude ten minutes before rehearsal begins. This means you are in the band room or on the field (drum majors, section leaders, or guard captains will be able to tell you where rehearsal is each day) quiet, with pencil, instrument out and ready to play, five minutes prior to rehearsal beginning, so we can begin promptly.

This is an academic course. Attendance is not optional and absences will significantly affect your grade. Please understand, even if just one student is not present it adversely affects the entire ensemble's ability to rehearse effectively. If you have a truly extenuating circumstance, and must be absent, there is a form that must be handed in to the Director no less than one week before an absence. In the event of a last minute unavoidable emergency you must notify me before the beginning of rehearsal by phone at 203-518-1493 or by email at robertjhughesjr@gmail.com. The absentee form must still be completed upon your return. All absentee forms *must* be signed by **both** the student and the parent. Missing of multiple rehearsals and/or performance is subject to immediate dismissal from the group.

Summer Rehearsals

These evening rehearsals are mainly spent on learning and memorizing our fall show music, as well as developing proper playing techniques, and basic marching technique. This is a very important time for the band to build a team focus and work ethic. All students are expected to attend all summer rehearsals as stated in the attendance policy above. The only exception to that policy is if you are out of town on a family vacation. This is **ONLY** for these summer night rehearsals and *does NOT include band camp*, all students **MUST** be present **EVERY** day and evening). *Students must fill out an absentee form in that event and forms must be submitted well in advance.* Forms can be obtained in the band room, in the wall pocket under the white board.



Band Camp

Band camp is the foundation of our season! This is also the most important, memorable, and exciting time! This week and a half is used to teach marching basics, final memorization of the fall show music, the marching and maneuvering drill formations, and putting all the elements together.

All Marching Band members are required to be at band camp full time. Camp is for the full band and will run from 9am to 9pm. Rehearsals start promptly. Students are expected to arrive 10 minutes early to be prepared for rehearsal. (Band Council and Drum Majors are expected 20 minutes early for set up)

Band Camp run in three rehearsal blocks daily:

- 9:00-12:00 is for marching basics and drill
- 1:00-4:00pm is to continue teaching drill formations
- 6:00-9:00pm is for music and later in the week for music and drill together

A morning and afternoon snack is provided daily to the students by the Band Parent Association and a water station is set up for you to **refill** your water bottles. However, students are required to come prepared with an insulated container full of water to start the day.

Students have one hour for lunch and it is recommended they bring their lunch in a cooler (no refrigerator is available) or they may leave campus to one of the fast food restaurants close to NHS. Students **MUST** take a buddy and are not to go anywhere alone. Students have a two-hour break for dinner. There is no supervision and therefore, it is highly recommended that students go home. The band room is typically locked up during this time. Many students take turns going to a friend's house or make plans to go in groups to the local restaurants. All must return by 5:50pm to be ready to rehearse on time.



Here's a list to help you be prepared for Camp!

What to wear?

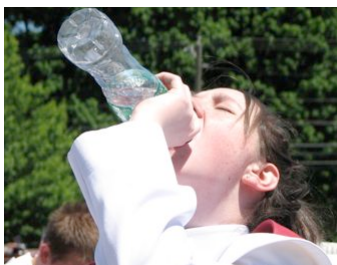
- ☐ Comfortable sneakers (NO flip flops or sandals – including pit students)
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Sunscreen!

What to bring?

- ☐ 3-ring binder (for show music/drill)
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ Dot book – provided to students by the Parent Association
- ☐ Instrument & supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc)
- ☐ Water
- ☐ A cooperative and positive attitude

What about food and drink?

- Lunch is from 12pm-1pm. Dinner is from 4pm-6pm. Note: rehearsal begins promptly after break. Students are expected to be in the band room/on the field and prepared to begin promptly and should be on campus 10 minutes before start time.
- Students are allowed to leave campus during their lunch and dinner breaks. You *must* return on time and should not go anywhere alone. You must take a buddy with you.
- Bring a cooler with food for lunch and dinner if staying on campus for meals.
- Cold thermos with “Ice Water” only. **No “sugared” beverages are allowed due to attraction of bees.**



You need to drink a lot of water at camp to stay hydrated... it's very hot on that pavement!

Regular Season Rehearsals– Every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-8:40pm. Why the extra 10 minutes you ask? It is so we can have a full 3 hour rehearsal and allows me ten minutes to provide you with important information regarding the week's schedule, our evening's rehearsal, and handout any paperwork needed, etc. The attendance policy is in effect for these rehearsals. You should expect that at least one evening per week you will have 'sectionals' from 4:30-5:30pm, which will be run by your Section Leader.

The Moving of "PIT" – Pit is the group of large instruments that do not move or march on the field during the show such as marimbas, vibes, gongs. They are placed on the front of the field and enhance the overall musicality of the band. These instruments must be moved to and from the practice and competition sites. Each section of the band is put onto a rotational schedule to help move these instruments. The Band Council President will post and announce the schedule for which section will help on a rotating basis. The students should be prepared to be a few minutes early or to stay a few minutes late on their respective days.



Parades - We support our community through the four parades we do each year. These parades are mandatory performances and are part of the absentee policy. We march on Veterans Day, Ansonia and Naugatuck Memorial Day Parades, and the Flag Day parade.



Football Games – The band plays at all home football games and the Thanksgiving Day Game (home and away). All students are expected to attend all games. The band performs the National Anthem at the start of the game, 'pep tunes' during the game and performs our Marching Band Show during half time. Dress is "Class B" uniform with theme t-shirt, except for Thanksgiving Day when the white "Class A" uniform is worn, weather permitting. Football games are considered a performance.

When the band parents are running concessions at the games the band students are provided with a food ticket for a free hotdog and soda (no substitutions). However, when it is the football parents turn at concessions, the students must pay for food if they want to eat (for about \$5 you will get a soda, hotdog, chips). Students are typically given the third quarter of the game off to eat. When the Thanksgiving Day game is at home, that is the only game the band parents have concessions for that season.



Marching Band Competitions - We will compete approximately 8 times per season, usually on Saturdays, but occasionally on a Sunday. The tentative competitive schedule is enclosed with this handbook and the confirmed schedule is handed out late July after the administration approves it. There will always be slight adjustments to the schedule based on weather or unforeseen circumstances; however, it will only be when absolutely necessary, in the best interest of the band.



Here are some important points of information:

- Rehearsal – the time and length of rehearsal on show day is based upon our competitive performance time that changes from week to week. Rehearsal time will be confirmed a week prior to a competition. Normally, we will rehearse for about 4 hours during the day and leave for performances in mid to late afternoon.
- “Class A” Uniform – you will check out your uniform after rehearsal and will change into it on the bus on the way to the competition. Sometimes you will leave ‘half dressed’ with just the pants on.
- Helmets – will be transported on the truck and you will pick up your numbered helmet as you exit the bus at the competition.
- “Class B” Uniforms – you will change into your wind suit after performances. Wind suit jacket and pants must be worn and jacket must be zipped.
- What to bring to rehearsal to be prepared for the day and night:
 - Food – you need to bring a late lunch/ early dinner with you to rehearsal. *Students are not allowed to leave campus!* At most shows, you will have an opportunity to purchase food after we perform, but it is usually around 8pm so that meal before we leave is very important. You cannot perform your best when you are hungry. (You NEVER eat in your white uniform!)
 - Competitive Uniform Accessories – cleaned white gloves and shoes, and instrumental marchers need plain white socks that go well above their ankles. Hair accessories as needed to ensure NO hair can be seen out of your helmet. The guard instructors will let the guard know the color of socks the guard needs and what makeup and hair accessories will be needed, it is dependent on the uniform each year.
 - Themed Show T-shirt
 - Under Garments – white garments for under your Class A uniform. All students must wear a t-shirt (NO tank tops) and boxer type shorts under their uniform when the weather is hot and long underwear as the weather gets colder. NO JEANS OR JEAN MATERIAL allowed. It ruins the uniforms. You will be changing on the bus and you must be considerate of all of the other students.
 - “Class B” Uniform, sneakers, warm clothes to layer, hot hands and feet (available in the hunting section at Wal-Mart or Sports Authority), hat, gloves, scarves, blanket for after the competition ends for watching the other bands.
- Students need to help unload the truck when we return to NHS. Please have your parents called and ready for you when we return. It is a long day for the staff and the parent volunteers too. We all help, as we all want to get home as soon as possible and many hands make light work!

Student Leaders



Drum Majors, Section Leaders, & Guard Captains – These students are my right hand. They will be your resource for many of your questions. This is such a large program and I depend on their assistance to help to answer many of the questions you will have. (i.e. –Do I have to wear white socks? Are we rehearsing in the band room or on the parking lot? When do I get my uniform? What time will we be getting home?). Most of these questions and many more can and should be answered by your section leader. If the section leader can't answer the question, they will bring it to the Drum Majors or to me. The chain of leadership is set up this way...Section Leader to Drum Major to Band Director so that I can focus on the group rehearsal and the teaching of the music and drill. Allowing rehearsals to run smoothly and you're still getting your answers quickly.

Section Leaders are in charge of taking care of their instrumental section. Students earn the right to be section leader and 'apply' for the position by writing an essay on how they would make the band better and on their personal qualities that would help them to be successful at the position. A formula is then used to calculate the student that is best for the position based on their essay, student's leadership qualities, participation in band activities, and attitude. These leaders will run weekly 'sectionals' where they assist their small instrumental group with the show music and marching. It is very important that you attend all of these rehearsals and are on time. Sectionals are normally scheduled for one hour on Tuesday and/or Thursdays before regular rehearsal. Section Leaders are also responsible to ensure that all students are prepared for rehearsals and competitions, including checking to make sure that all students' hair is completely out of sight under their helmet and that they have all the pieces of their uniforms.

Guard Captains are the student leaders of the color guard. Students interested 'apply' for the position by writing an essay on how they plan to make the band better and what qualities they have that would make them successful as a captain. A formula is then used to calculate the student that is best for the position based on their essay, student's leadership qualities, and attitude. These leaders will run 'sectionals' where they assist the guard with the weapon and flag work. It is very important that the entire group attends all of these rehearsals and that you are on time. They are normally scheduled for one hour on Tuesday or Thursdays before regular rehearsal. The captains are also responsible to ensure that all students are prepared for rehearsals and competitions, including checking to make sure that all students' have all necessary uniform, hair, and makeup for competitions, as well as their equipment. They also are required to stop by the band room each day and check in with the band director for updates, as well as check the scheduled upcoming events on the black board to ensure all the information regarding events, fundraisers, rehearsals, etc is communicated efficiently to the guard.

Drum Majors are the student leaders on and off the field. They too apply for their position with an essay; however, they also audition for the position by conducting in front of the band. These two items combined with their leadership skills and their attitude annually earns them the honor of drum major. Drum Majors must 'try out' each year and are not guaranteed the position consecutively. The Drum Majors are responsible to get to rehearsal a half an hour early each evening to set up the field with the podiums, cones, and field markers. Drum Majors will run many elements of our rehearsals, along with the director and staff. The students must follow all instruction given by the Drum Major. The band director and the majors' work very closely together to make sure things are moving smoothly. The band director cannot be on the field with the students while performing for competitions, they must be led by student leaders. The students must trust the Drum Majors to do what is in the best interest of the band.

Band Council



The **Band Council** is made up of students that are elected each May, and hold office for one full year. They assist with the student activities of the band. Students in this elected body must attend NHS full time, be scheduled in the symphonic band daytime course, and be members of the Marching Band. They are required to attend all fundraising events and must arrive twenty minutes early and stay after rehearsal to oversee band activities.

President - responsible for:

- Running monthly council meetings
- Being a liaison to the band director, parents, and students,
- Overseeing all council members
- Communicating announcements
- Creating the schedule for pit rotation and announcing it at the end each rehearsal
- Band room cleaning and decorating
- Organizing the council jobs for band camp

Vice-President - responsible for:

- Assisting the president with their duties
- Replacing the treasurer in their absence
- Section leader liaison
- Organizing students for fundraisers,
- Overseeing band room cleanliness
- Assigning rotating practice areas for sectionals when needed

Treasurer - responsible for:

- Maintaining accurate records of all band council funds
- Selling tickets for all events
- Coordinating staff gifts
- Collects dues

Secretary - responsible for:

- Taking attendance at every rehearsal and performance
- Organizing the folder cabinet
- Assigning the instrument cubbies,
- Helping with mailings
- Recording meeting minutes

Librarians – responsible for:

- Copying music
- Labeling new charts
- Organizing music library
- Distributing & collecting music

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS

Instrumentalist Uniforms – “Class A” or ‘whites’ are worn for all marching band competitions,



with a white helmet, garnet plume, white band shoes, and white gloves. The Class A band uniforms are valued at \$300 each and are owned by the Board of Education. Each student is fitted for a uniform during band camp and is responsible for their assigned uniform, including garment bag. They are loaned to each student for the season. Great care must be taken to make sure they stay in great shape as they are required to last for the next 15 years. The only cost to the students for the uniform pants and jacket is the one time dry cleaning fee assessed each year.

The Band Parent Association organizes the uniforms and the cleaning of them. All uniforms are kept in school and are handed out just before we leave for each performance and returned immediately when we return to school. Students will have a training session on the proper way to put the uniforms on and off and the how to hang them on the provided hangers. Uniforms will be checked for proper storage by band parents after each competition before students are allowed to hang them in the uniform room and leave for the evening.

Each student is responsible for the cost of the accessories that complete the uniform. This includes white marching band shoes and white Velcro gloves (for wind players). Both are ordered specifically for each student in mid July to ensure delivery in time for the first competition. Cost is approximately \$33 for shoes and \$4 for gloves. Students must purchase on their own appropriate WHITE undergarments to be worn under the uniform for the warm and cold weather. NO JEANS or other type of street clothes may be worn under the uniforms at anytime. It will ruin the uniforms by creating friction and wearing out the material.

Specific Rules for “Class A” Competitive Dress-

- ✓ All hair must be up, hair sprayed and completely invisible under the helmet. This includes both boys and girls. Hair elastics, bobby pins, snap clips, black headbands, or skull caps necessary to make this happen are the sole responsibility of the student.
- ✓ White marching shoes must have your name, in permanent marker written on the inside of the shoe. This is most important when trying to locate ‘misplaced’ shoes on the bus, etc.
- ✓ White gloves must be clean. Those instruments that cut the tips of the fingers off must not have strings hanging or be cut down too far on the glove. Do not bleach the gloves, it turns them yellow.
- ✓ White socks must be pure white. NO grey heels, red stripes, Nike signs etc. The colored heels of the socks will show when you march and take away from the uniformity of the group. They MUST come up to at least your mid calf so that no ‘skin’ is showing when you march and your pants move.
- ✓ Undergarments are white. Not cream, not yellow, not purple. WHITE. No exceptions. This means T-shirts, boxer shorts, long underwear, and socks.
- ✓ Uniforms must be hung properly, with pants folded seam to seam and jacket zipped and clipped to ensure that it is in prestige, neat, unwrinkled condition for the next time you wear it.



DRESSING FOR SUCCESS

Class B - consists of a garnet wind suit pants and jacket with NHS Band embroidered on the front of it, and optional proper name embroidering (no nick names) on the front right side. The class B is worn after all competitions, for performances at football games, and for certain performances when we do not wear our Class A uniforms. The themed T-shirt must be worn under your Class B and is provided free to each marching band student. The wind suit costs approximately \$85. Each student is responsible for the cost, care, and cleaning of their own wind suit. It is recommended that students put their initials on the tags to help identify it.



Color Guard Uniforms - consists of a 'themed' outfit designed and color coordinated with the show each year. The uniforms are ordered specifically for the students in the guard. Each participants measurements are taken the end of June and orders placed immediately in order to receive the uniforms in time for the beginning of the fall competitive season. The only cost you incur for this is the one time dry cleaning fee assessed for the season. The Band Parent Association organizes the uniforms and the cleaning of them. All uniforms are kept in school and are handed out just before we leave for each performance and returned immediately when we return to school. Color Guard members are responsible for the cost of their unitard, shoes and gloves, which are ordered through school. The estimated cost is \$100.

Band Pride Clothing - Each season the Band Parent Association provides every band student with a free, themed show t-shirt designed around the music of the fall show. This T-shirt is considered part of your uniform and is worn each Friday to school before a competition and under your wind suit. Each year the parent group gives students the opportunity to purchase band pride clothing such as sweat shirts and quilted jackets that are **OPTIONAL** for students to order in August. ***The purchase of this clothing is not necessary to be part of the program.***



INSTRUMENT CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Instruments - Students are responsible for the care, cleaning, and continual maintenance of their personally owned instruments. It is your responsibility to make sure your instrument is in tip top playing condition at all times. We cannot be successful if you cannot play at your personal best because of technical difficulties. Please be sure you have your instrument oiled, cleaned, polished, and checked professionally to ensure that they are in working order.

School Instruments - There are a limited number of school instruments that are loaned to students either for a season or while theirs is in for repair. These instruments are maintained by the band. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they are properly cared for, including purchasing reeds, oiling, and cleaning and polishing of them.



Reed instruments (clarinets, all saxophones, and bass clarinets) should come to rehearsal with 3- #2 1/2 or #3 Vandoren reeds. This reed we have found to be very consistent and gives a uniformed sound.



Brass instruments should all have valve oil and slide grease. Instruments should be cleaned twice a year in a sink/tub. All parts in good working order.



Percussion instruments are supplied by the school but student is responsible for their assigned instruments and its care. Students must have their own sticks and mallets at every rehearsal. They are part of your instrument as they can not be played without them.

Reed Information -

Students are responsible to purchase their reeds from local music shops before band camp and as needed through out the year. You should always have at least one spare reed. Do not wait until you think you will need one. It is part of the maintenance of your instrument.

There are many local music stores you can buy these from, including ordering them online. Here are a few local options that you may find helpful.

- Sam Ash Music Stores, 95 Amity Rd. New Haven 389-0500
- Banko's Music, 360 E. Main St., Ansonia 734-0461
- Family Music Center, 50 Oak Tree Ave, Waterbury 756-0843
- Michael Lang Music Company, 14 Park St. Suite #4, Thomaston, 860-283-9342
- Westury Music, 686 Main St., Watertown, 860-274-1556

These stores are not affiliated with us in anyway and are only listed to help you.

Please see if me if you need additional information or to determine the best one for your personal needs.

Rules to Live By

Requirements

All students must be prepared for all rehearsal and performances. This should include:

- ☐ **A pencil** (edit music and drill)
- ☐ **Music** (all of it - \$0.25 for new copies of music if misplaced or lost)
- ☐ **Instrument** (in good working order)
- ☐ **Drill copies and/or dot books**
- ☐ **Appropriate dress for the weather** (sunscreen, hat, winter hat, gloves)
- ☐ **Water** (You need to stay hydrated even in the winter)
- ☐ **Binder/Folder to hold music & drill papers**

All students must come with a positive attitude and willingness to work for the betterment of the band!!

Rules

1. Follow directions immediately and the first time they are given.
2. Keep away from equipment/instruments that do not belong to you.
3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking.
4. Have materials ready: pencils, instrument, music, drill, agenda book.
5. Stay in your assigned area unless given permission otherwise.



Behavior

- ✓ Appropriate Language
- ✓ Show respect: to yourself, your peers, band parents, and the staff
- ✓ No public displays of affection (PDA's)
- ✓ No smoking while participating in a band activity, including rehearsals and trips
- ✓ Listen, respect, and follow directions from the Band Director, Drum Majors, Sections Leaders, and Parent Volunteers

Band Room

It is everyone's job to keep the band room clean and neat. Instruments must be put away in your assigned area. Only water is allowed in the band room. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS!** The band room is supervised, but not secured at all times, leave your instrument at your own risk. Instruments should be taken home daily to practice.

Grading, Attendance, and Behavioral Policy

All instrumental students are required to participate in the Winter and Spring Concerts, the bi-annual Borough Music Festival, and Parades.

Marching Band

Grading Percentages:

- 10% attendance at rehearsals
- 15% musical performance
- 20% participation in performances
- 55% participation, effort, attitude classroom & evening rehearsals

Attendance Policy:

- Students must be at all rehearsals and performances. Students will lose 10 points off of their grade point average on their report card in the event they miss a performance. Illness is only excused with a DOCTOR'S NOTE. Performances include all competitions, football games, concerts, and parades.
- Students with 2 unexcused absences will be required to attend a meeting with the Band Director, Administration, and their parents. Students with 3 unexcused absences may be dismissed from the marching band.

Behavioral Policy:

- Students must be respectful at all times to the staff, band members, and volunteers.
- Appropriate language and behavior is required at all times.
 - No swearing or derogative remarks
 - Listening and following directions
 - No talking back
 - Students must be prepared for all rehearsals and competitions with proper attire, all required equipment and/or instruments
- Students that disrupt rehearsal and impair the progress of the band will:
 - First Offense – student will receive a verbal warning
 - Second offense – student will be removed from the program until a meeting is held with the students parents, band director, administrations, and guidance counselor.
 - Third offense – student may be dismissed from the program

Concert/ Evening Performance will be assessed in a number of ways. Students will do a self-assessment of the concert by listening to a recording of their performance and evaluating their performance using a self-evaluation rubric. The director will also do an individual assessment using the instrumental evaluation rubric. In semesters when there are no concerts, the student will perform a selection from the band literature for small group assessment using the instrumental evaluation rubric.

- 40% classroom participation, effort, attitude
- 60% concert participation

Students will lose 10 points off of their averaged grade in the event they miss a concert performance.

Concert Dress

- Boys: dress shoes (no sneakers or flip-flops), ironed black dress pants (no jeans) and white dress shirt with collar (no polo type shirt), and tie
- Girls: shoes (no sneakers or flip-flops), ironed black skirt or black dress pants (no jean material, no mini skirts), white blouse (no tank tops or polo shirts)

Winter Concert: Formal black and white attire

Spring Large Ensemble: Spring colors

Spring Small Ensemble: Formal black and white attire

Exams

- Midterm Exam consists of a performance assessment, where each individual student performs and also completes a concert evaluation.
- Final Exam is the Large Ensemble Spring Concert evaluation. There is not individual performance for this.



We are REALLY excited you are choosing to do band and while this may look slightly overwhelming we can guarantee you it will go by very quickly. Students find that the band schedule helps them to prioritize and not procrastinate. Council students and band staff and parents are available to assist should a student need help.

The current schedule for summer and fall will be distributed separately with this handbook. Please be very careful to look at the key very carefully. There are different shades and patterns for different rehearsal times and competitions.

**Please be sure you check the band schedule
against your personal schedule to be
absolutely sure that you have no conflicts
and can make the full commitment.**



There will always be slight adjustments to the schedule based on weather or unforeseen circumstances; however, it will only be when absolutely necessary, in the best interest of the band.

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June 2011

Dear Marching Band Member and Parents:

Congratulations on becoming a member of the NHS Marching Band! We are very pleased to have you as member of our program. I believe you will find our program both challenging and rewarding. We will work together throughout the summer and fall to make this season a wonderful and successful experience for all!

We require your official commitment to this program to be a part of the marching band. The 'Drill' is written for each individual member and I must have an accurate count to save a 'spot' for each member. We have already begun handing out equipment and music for all of the members of the band and guard and we will be ordering uniforms and accessories over the next few weeks. The NHS Band Parent Association fundraises throughout the year to cover many of these costs; however, it is a substantial investment for each member.

Please sign the form below confirming you have read and agree to the information in this handbook, and that you are committed to attending ***all rehearsals and competitions*** this season and will fully participate in all Marching Band activities. The fall schedule has been handed out for your use in ensuring you have no conflicts with the competitions.

Each member must pay a "field trip fee" based on the actual cost of transportation to and from all competitions, and a one time "cleaning fee" which covers the cost of cleaning the Class A white uniforms for the entire year. The estimated cost for this year per student is \$100 (final cost will be available mid July after we receive this year's confirmed bus costs). We require an initial payment of \$40 at the time of commitment on July 19th, payable to NHS Band.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Hughes
Director of Bands
robertjhughesjr@gmail.com
203-720-5442

Please detach and return the bottom section of this form to the Band Director

Forms must be returned with \$40 fee (payable to NHS Band) to rehearsal no later than July 19th

We require both parent and student commitment. The marching drill and music will be written specifically for each student, so it is imperative to know the number of each instrument. The Parent Association will purchase the guard uniforms, flags, and equipment specifically for each guard member. Guard members will be responsible to refund the Parent Association their cost in the event they are ordered for them and they then do not participate.

By signing below, you are committing to the 2011-12 Marching Band Season and are confirming you will abide by all rules and agree to all policy as stated in this handbook.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

2011 Marching Band Staff

Band Director
Mr. Robert Hughes

Assistant Band Director & Percussion
Mr. Robert Wilcox

Marching & Music
Mr. Jordan Byron

Percussion Instructor
Mr. Donny Binnett

Percussion Instructor
Mr. Matthew Richter

Pit Instructor
Miss Erin McLaughlin

Head Color Guard Instructor
Mr. Thomas Kaplan

Color Guard Assistant
Miss Shannon Foster





In Pursuit of Excellence

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