



Band

NORTH BUNCOMBE HIGH SCHOOL

Marching • Concert Band •
Wind Ensemble • Jazz Band •
Indoor Percussion • Color Guard •
Winter Guard

Season 2022-2023 vol. 7 February & March

All District & All State

Congratulations to our students who successfully auditioned for the All District Band. 17 of our students represented us in the 9/10 and 11/12 bands. We also had 4 middle schoolers who represented NBMS. It was quite impressive to hear how well the students mastered some very complex music in such a short amount of time. Well done, Blackhawks!

6 of our students also qualified to audition for All State Band by placing in the top of their section at All District.



All District

Allana Adams
Macee Benfield
Kate Buckner
JoJo Cooper
Bryan Harrell
Sawyer Hegler
Adah Morton
Chloe Morton
William Oliver
Laurel Seddon
Kyra Sowell
Hannah Smudde
Zach Stowe
Coleman VanDyke

1st & 2nd Alternate:

Noah Braswell
Ariel Brewer
Sean Gomillion
Noah Paul
Makenzie Roberts

All State

Allana Adams
Kate Buckner
Bryan Harrell
Adah Morton
Laurel Seddon
Hannah Smudde

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March

1-5	Disney Trip
9	Spring Concert, MPA Preview NBHS Theatre 6:00 PM
13	Executive Board Meeting Gail Buckner's Home 5:00 PM
18	Indoor Percussion Compete Byrnes HS
20	Booster Meeting NBHS Band Room 6:00 PM
24	MPA Performance Mars Hill University 4:55 PM

April

1	Winter Guard Compete Catawba Ridge HS
15	Indoor Percussion Compete Dorman HS
27	Mary Poppins NBHS Theatre
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SAVE THE DATE

May

25	Combined North Buncombe Band Concert
26	End-of-Year Awards Dinner

New Adventures Await

We will have a **marching band season kick off event on May 2nd at 6pm, next seasons show will be revealed at this event.** Leadership camp and marching band camp dates are listed below. **A reminder that these events are mandatory for marching band members.** Please plan vacations around these dates.

Leadership Camp - July 28th and 29th

Marching Band Camp - July 31st - August 4th
August 7th through 11th



Executive Board Meeting/Booster Meeting



We had a great time at the Booster Meeting. It was fun to visit, dine, and play games with fellow Band Family members. Many thanks to all who came out on a cold, wintery night to join us.

Kaye, Rusty and Noelle will be “graduating” this season. We are seeking their replacements and have had

a few volunteers who have shown interest in these positions. We welcome anyone who is interested in serving as an officer or chairperson to join us at the March 13th executive board meeting and learn how we do things. We meet at Gail’s home and begin the meeting @ 5:00 with everyone joining as their work schedule allows. We enjoy a meal and time of fellowship as part of the meeting. Let Gail know if you are interested in joining us. nbhsblackhawkbands@gmail.com

Our committees and current chairpersons are:

Membership Committee	<i>Kaye Roberts</i>
Publicity Committee	<i>Jess Larkin</i>
Hospitality Committee	<i>Dawn Chitwood</i>
Ways and Means Committee	<i>The Hegler’s</i>
Uniform Committee	<i>Jayne Benfield</i>
Men In Black	<i>Zac Nettles</i>
Uniform Fundraising Committee	<i>Jess Larkin</i>

We will present the suggested slate of officers at the April 20 booster meeting and vote on officers and the budget at that time.

We will have a call for volunteers to sign up to serve on committees for 2023-24 as part of our May 2 marching band kickoff event.



Mars Hill University Honor Band

The Mars Hill University Honor Band is an invitational event comprised of the best high school musicians from across the region for a weekend of music making and community. Congratulats to William, Zach, and Laurel on being selected as participants.



William Oliver, Zach Stowe, and Laurel Seddon.



Indoor Percussion/Winter Guard Winter Guard/Indoor Percussion Competition

The indoor season is off to an amazing start. Our winter guard has taken second place at both the Dorman and Pickens competitions. Indoor percussion claimed first place at the Pickens competition and second place at the Dorman competition. Three more competitions remain:

March 18 **Indoor Percussion Competition, Byrnes HS**
April 1 **Winter Guard Competition, Catawba Ridge HS**
April 15 **Indoor Percussion Competition, Dorman**

Be in the know...

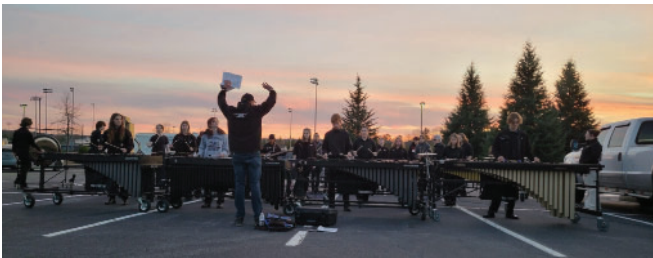
Here are a few hints for those of you new to the indoor percussion competitions:

- Students should wear black pants, black shirt and black shoes. Students usually bring a change of clothes for the trip home.
- Men in Black assist with packing the truck/trailer prior to departure. Zac will be coordinating the MIB and the truck rentals.
- We need 2 chaperones to ride the bus and keep the medical bag. Email Kaye or sign up via Charms.
- We always welcome donations of snacks/water/gatorade. Dawn will be sending out a request for snacks. Snacks should be left in the refrigerator room inside the band room.
- Dress warmly and comfortably. Wear comfortable shoes because parents assist in transporting instruments in/out of the competition area.
- Parents who assist with transporting equipment are given a wrist band and free entry. Others pay an entrance fee:
- Warm up often occurs in the parking lot, then we transport the equipment to the "holding" area where we wait for our turn to enter the competition floor.
- We have a limited amount of time to enter the competition area, set up, perform and exit the competition floor. We are penalized if we do not enter/exit the competition area within the set time frame and within the designated boundaries. (It's both exhilarating and nerve wracking getting everything and everyone on/off the floor!)
- As we exit the competition area, we transport the instruments back to the truck/trailer.

- Once everything has been packed away securely, students are free to watch other schools' performances.
- Concessions are available and there are usually a few vendors selling band related items. Students may also bring a packed lunch/dinner if they prefer.

For those in the stands:

- Plan on being in your seat 15 minutes prior to the performance.
- As safety is paramount to all performers, any type of **flash photography is strictly prohibited**. Family, friends and fans may take still photos of CWEA events for personal use only. **The images may not be sold or otherwise distributed or publicly displayed without the written permission of the Carolina Winter Ensemble Association.** CWEA defines public display as a web site, printed publication or physical location where the public at large can gain access to one or more images of a CWEA participating group in performance.
- Due to US Copyright Law, and at the request of the performing ensembles, **videotaping and/or recording of this event is strictly prohibited**. You may be subject to dismissal from the arena without refund of admission if found to be in violation of this rule. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- Students must ride the bus back to NBHS unless prior arrangements are approved by Mr. Brown.
- Students assist MIB in unloading equipment and are dismissed by Mr. Brown at the end of the evening.



Percussion

Jan 2023 2nd Place

Feb 2023 1st Place



Winter Guard

Jan 2023 2nd Place

Feb 2023 2nd Place





Coffee & Candles



And the winner is...

We partnered with Pisgah Coffee Roasters & J and J Soaps for a very successful fundraiser in January. We raised almost \$1,000! Many thanks to each of you who supported this fundraiser. Congratulations to Azure Larkin, our top salesperson, and Kate Buckner, our second place salesperson.

Basketball Concessions

A big shout out to our Concession Stand Crew! This was an incredibly successful and profitable fundraiser for the band. Many, many thanks to the Hegler family who supervised inventory and the sales crew, the Sinclair family who served as our faithful openers, Wendy for keeping our finances straight and Granny Kaye for managing our volunteers. We really appreciate the way students and families responded to being "voluntold" which games they would be serving at. Thanks for showing up and shining light among the many fans and families who enjoyed the NBHS basketball season.



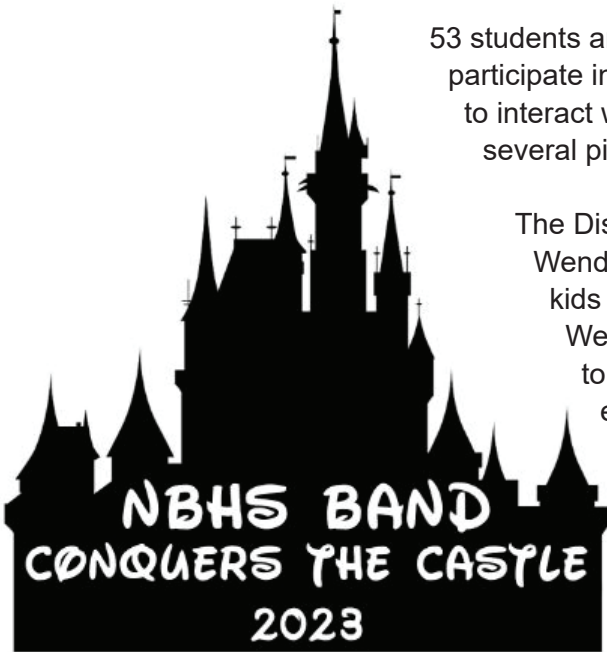
GREAT JOB CREW!

WE APPRECIATE YOU





Disney Trip



53 students and chaperones will travel to Orlando, March 1-5. Students will participate in a studio recording session where they will have the opportunity to interact with Disney musicians/clinicians. They will sight read and practice several pieces then record the score of a selected Disney movie.

The Disney trip was a blast! Thank you to all of the chaperons (Gail, Wendy, Robbie, Carrie, Mark, Harry and David) for looking after the kids and making everything run so smoothly. A massive thank you to Wendy and Gail for all of the planning and behind the scenes work to make this trip happen! Thank you to the students! You guys were extremely mature and respectful and I could not be more proud of how you all represented the band program throughout the trip.





Almost There!

Did you know that the uniforms our marchers are wearing are 18+ years old? They were purchased in used condition when ours were damaged in a flood. Aside from instruments, uniforms are some of the most expensive items we purchase. In June 2022 we started the "Sharp Dressed Band" uniform campaign to raise \$60,000.

Since then, we have chosen a uniform design and calculated the real cost of the uniforms. Based on the actual costs and the amazing \$35,000 we have raised we are excited to say we are closer to our goal than we expected. **We are close to raising enough funds to have the uniforms delivered, but we are not there yet. We have a shortfall of just \$8,000!**

We are reaching out to our community to assist us in raising the last \$8,000.

We are asking our community to rally around these deserving students and help them become: *A Sharp Dressed Band!*

Imagine standing on the sidewalk during the Christmas Parade or in the stands of the football game. You are watching these SHARP-DRESSED young students playing and marching with pride. By contributing your dollars to this fundraising campaign, you are directly creating a legacy for these North Buncombe students and our Weaverville community. Please help us make this goal come true.

Most importantly, 100% of every donation goes to the band program! NBHS Marching Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Will you make a donation as a part of your charitable giving plan for 2023?





MPA Concert



Friends and family have an opportunity to enjoy a preview of the MPA performance at the March 9th spring concert at NBHS. Wondering what MPA is? The MPA (Music Performance Adjudication) festival is held at Mars Hill University in late March. Concert bands from across the region perform selected pieces in a formal concert venue and are scored by highly qualified experts. Bands earn a rating for sight reading and stage performance. Participating in the MPA concert festival allows students to connect quality preparation with quality performance and supports the continued musical growth of students and directors. NBHS Concert Band takes the MPA stage at Mars Hill University on March 24 at 4:55.

We have 18 students playing in our jazz band this spring. Students meet on Mondays after school and are sampling a variety of styles and selections. The jazz band will travel to Hickory in May to perform their MPA concert. Students will perform three pieces of contrasting styles, for example swing, latin, or rock. More info to come.



Spring Musical

NBHS Theatre Department will present Mary Poppins as the spring musical. Band students will have an opportunity to audition for the orchestra pit in February.



The musical will be performed April 27-30 in the NBHS Theatre.





NORTH BUNCOMBE

WINTERGUARD

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2023 SEASON

WE ARE IN THE THICK OF IT NOW!

WITH 3 FANTASTIC PERFORMANCES UNDER THEIR BELTS THE BLACKHAWK WINTERGUARD IS IN THEIR FINAL PUSH FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON! WITH FINAL SHOW DECISIONS BEING MADE, RHINESTONES BEING ADDED TO UNIFORMS & EXCITEMENT FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS(4/1) BUILDING, IT IS FULL STEAM AHEAD.

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MARCH 13TH WE WILL BE OPENING THE LAST 30 MINUTES OF REHEARSALS TO SPECTATORS. THIS WILL ALLOW THE PERFORMERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET MORE COMFORTABLE BEING IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE & YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW HARD WORKING YOUR STUDENT IS! WE WILL BE LOCATED IN EITHER THE CAFETERIA OR THE GYM.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER SHOW SHIRTS AND WILL BE SENDING THAT INFORMATION HOME SOON. PLEASE SEND YOUR PAYMENT AND SIZES IN ASAP.

MAKAELA & I (ASHLEY) HAVE REALLY BEEN ENJOYING WORKING WITH YOUR STUDENTS THIS SEASON. THIS IS QUITE THE SPECIAL GROUP WHOSE ENTHUSIASM AND DESIRE TO ACHIEVE PUSHES US TO BE BETTER INSTRUCTORS. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISH!



QUICK NOTES:

NEXT CONTEST:

MARCH 18TH @ BYRNES HS

ADDITIONAL DATES

CAMP :MARCH 24 3:30-6:30

MARCH 25 10-6

PARENT PERFORMANCE/POT LUCK

MARCH 25 5-6

NEXT PAYMENT DUE:

MARCH 1ST -\$125 (OR
REMAINING BALANCE)

PICKENS PLACEMENT:

2ND IN ROUND

5TH OVERALL

46.84

JOIN OUR REMIND FOR UPDATES &
ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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