

NIMPA NEWS

FROM THE DIRECTOR...RICK ECKLER



Dear Northland Band Family,

Congrats to all the Marching Band on a very fine, truly outstanding performance last Friday night! Wow! Even Michael Jackson himself would be proud, and the Chinese Prisoners would be envious! After all, you all got to go home after your performance. OK, sorry, bad joke about the prison dancers. If you don't know what I'm talking about, go on u tube and find two thousand prisoners in China doing the Thriller dance. They're great, not quite like our kids, but an inspiration for our dance. Thank you Band officers/dance teachers. You guys did great job getting us ready for Friday!

Please look at the entire newsletter, you will find the detailed information about the spring trip! It will be wonderful!

Good Luck to the Homecoming representatives from the band. We are proud of you, Monica Ray, Kevin Ferguson and Anastashia Hicks!

Because Kevin is involved in Homecoming, Mr. Danny Gleich will be making a return trip to the Drum Major duties he held when he roamed the halls of Northland. He will lead the band in the parade and hang with us at the game. Welcome back Danny!

Interims have just been imputed by the teachers and should go out soon. Just to let you know, my policy is that if a student is not doing A work than I will put a U on the report. Please call me anytime to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you for coming to Northland's Open House. It was a pleasure to meet the new parents and to great the returning parents.

I just received word from OSU that we will perform at noon on Oct. 3rd. This will be an exciting performance for the band. We will march in the Horseshoe. Tickets will be available at the door. Come out and support the kids and wear your green! Go Vikings!

As always, Musically Yours,

C. Rick Eckler

UP COMING BAND DATES

The next NIMPA meeting will be Tues Oct 13th

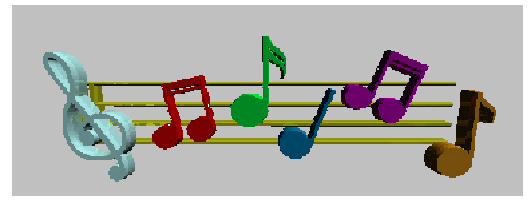
@6:30pm in the band room

Fri Oct 2 is Junior High night
Fri, Oct 9th, Mifflin-away
Fri, Oct 16, Home-Whetstone, senior night
Fri, Oct 23rd, away
Thurs, Oct29, Orchestra Fall Festival Concert 7:30p

If you have any items for the newsletter, please send them to:

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...



It's time to wake the neighbors - it's marching season! The shows have gone very well, and so far the weather is cooperating beautifully. I can't believe September 25 is Homecoming already. The band just participated in the Circle of Prayer event at Tamarack Circle. As a member of this community, I was very proud to be part of this great event, and overwhelmed with how many people came out to show their support for Forest Park.

If you haven't had a chance to complete all of your start -up paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. We need to have the emergency cards on file, as well as the permission forms and information sheets. Angie Taylor can assist you with questions about account balances, and is currently sending home letters regarding outstanding fees.

The new t-shirts were a big hit. We still have some available if anyone wants to purchase them. We will try to sell them at the next couple of home games. They sell for \$10/ each. We are out of 2XL and 3XL, but have most other sizes available.

We are going to Boston in April! Your student should be bringing home information soon regarding making your initial trip payment , which is due the first week of October. The down payment must be a cash deposit, but you can use fundraising money to pay for the remainder of the trip. Money raised on the most recent fundraiser can be put toward the trip, as well as money from the Century Resources sale , which just kicked off . We would love to have two full busses for the trip, so we are trying to make as many fundraising opportunities available as possible so more students can go. The trip company has a great website set up where you can make small payments as you go as well. Please try to attend the monthly NIMPA meetings for more information and details about the trip.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the officers. I get a lot of calls during the day from people who don't leave messages. If you need something and I don't answer, please leave a message so I can call you back. I work full time, so sometimes it's not possible for me to answer right away.

Thanks and Go Vikings!

Roxann

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Reminder: NIMPA meets on the second Tuesday of every month (except July). Meetings start at 6:30 pm and are in the Band room. All parents, guardians, etc are invited. Find out about NIMPA and what you can do to make it stronger..

UNIFORMS

Hi everyone!

Mother Nature decided to start Fall a little bit early, so we have started the season in our full uniforms. The mending and alterations are finished, thanks to Amy Likens and Ruthann Parrish, and now we just have to reattach an occasional lost button.

Just a few reminders for all the band members:

Please bring all your uniform accessories with you on Fridays--your Q-tip hat, beret, gloves, spats, suspenders (if they are not attached to your pants), black socks and your shoes. I have a few pairs of shoes that I can loan out if absolutely necessary, but if they are not returned the cost of the shoes will be charged to your accessory account. If you have forgotten any your accessories, I cannot loan anything else to you. You must buy new ones.

Please remember to bring a pair of close fitting shorts and tee shirt to school with you on Fridays. This is what you are supposed to wear under your uniform.

If you notice a button that has fallen off (that was missed during inspection), or if you are missing a suspender button, or if the hem of your pants or jacket sleeves comes undone, or if your Q-tip hat bag needs a repair, please hand your uniform to me at the end of the night and tell me what is wrong with it so it can be fixed by the next game.

Everyone has been doing a wonderful job of hanging their uniforms up properly and putting them back on the racks after the games. It makes putting them away after you all have gone home so much easier and faster. Thank you!!!

If anyone has any questions or would like to help with uniforms on Friday evenings, please e-mail or call me.

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The best way to reach me is by email or cell phone.

NIMPA AT NATIONWIDE

We Need You!!!!

If you would like to help Northland's Band, now is the time. There will be 2 training dates in September. Friday September 25th at 5:45 P.M.-(No kidding on Northland's Home Coming Night) Or Wednesday September 30th at 5:45 P.M.

On the 25th we currently have 2 people signed up to train. On Sept. 30 we currently have 10 people signed up to train. If all of the people train who have said they want to, we will have 25 people trained to work after 9-30-09. That is a very good start.

We cannot have too many trained people. In the past 2 ½ years we have earned over \$22,000.00 for the band. All of our profits are used for purchasing new instruments or repairing instruments we already have. Check out the Northland Band at any Football Game . You will see that our efforts are greatly appreciated by the members of the band and that our efforts do make a difference.

Please remember that you can not volunteer to work at Nationwide if you are not Trained. Also please remember that because you are trained does not mean that You have to work any event.

We are a volunteer group and you only work if you Want to work the event. We also have a number of volunteers who do not have anyone in the band. So bring your best friend, your neighbor, a co-worker, but bring someone to help make it fun. Last year we worked the Billy Joel Concert, Blue Jackets Games, the Circus and many other fun events just to name a few.

Your NIMPA at Nationwide Coordinators

Please call with any questions or to get on the training list

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Fundraising:

By the time this newsletter arrives, the Band will have finished two fundraising events: Little Caesar's Pizza and the Century Resources. The Century order deadline was Monday, Sept 28 to be turned in to Mr Eckler, with all checks made out to NIMPA. Money made from both of these events goes to the student's account. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with Little Caesar's delivery night. ELLA MADISON

HOSPITALITY

Hello from Hospitality. The tailgate party before the Brigg's game was wonderful. Thank you to everyone that came and brought lots of great food and thank you to the parents that helped with the set up and tear down. Homecoming is Friday, Sept. 25 and after the parade we will feed the band pizza and drinks. The following Friday, Oct. 2 is Middle School night and we will set up on the East side of the school in the grassy area where the tailgate was and grill hotdogs for the kids. Anyone wanting to help, please call me and I will let you know the time. I will be getting in touch with the parents that signed up for hospitality at uniform night. Thanks and GO VIKINGS!

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To the Parent (s) or Guardian (s) of ...

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*This newsletter contains very important info for the 2009/2010 Band
season*

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