



NIMPA NEWS

FROM THE DIRECTOR... RICK ECKLER

Upcoming Dates

- **October 27, 2011**
Fall Festival
Activities 6:30
Concert 7:30
- **October 28th**
Beechcroft away –
Last game
- **November 3rd**
Marching Band Indoor
Concert
- **November 8th**
NIMPA mtg 6:30
- **December 8th**
Holiday Concert

Dear Northland Family,

Marching season is quickly coming to an end for 2011. The Senior Show was a big hit, and we are thinking about the game at Beechcroft. It's been a great season! The band has generally worked hard to present great halftimes for Friday nights. I believe they have accomplished most of the goals we have been working toward. It's been a bit trying at times with mother nature, 3 shows in 4 weeks, and the difficulty of working with 135 people. Great job Finish strong!

Please take note of a few upcoming dates:

10/28	Beechcroft away – Last game
11/3	Marching Band Indoor Concert
12/8	Holiday Concert

The Fall Festival concert featuring the Northland Orchestra will be presented Oct 27 in the auditorium. Remember, this is the concert that the kids dress up in costumes. Activities for the youngsters will begin at 6:30 and the concert will begin at 7:15. The Jazz ensemble may make a guest appearance as the warm up act. Please bring your friends and join us on the 27th.

I received a wonderful email from Disney this past weekend. Northland has been selected to march in the Main Street Electrical Pre –Parade in the Magic Kingdom. This is the “biggie”, right down Main Street USA in Magic Kingdom! Congratulations Band, Disney has recognized your hard work! **It is not too late to sign up for the trip, but time is getting short! When you get to the website and see that \$500.00 is due now, don't panic! The real date is all monies must be paid by the final due date. Remember, we started the payments back in the spring. Good luck!**

Last week I attended the funeral services for Aaron Miller, age 24, former K-row squad leader and tuba player in the Symphonic Band. Aaron was a graduate of Northland High School and Ohio University and a member of the National Guard. He just returned from Iraq in September. He was killed in a motorcycle accident last week that also seriously injured Andy Brennan, also an alumni of the band. Please keep these gentlemen and their families in your prayers. This incident has again allowed me to see what a special place the Northland Music Program is and how terrific the people of this community come together to support each other. The outpouring of love and support from the former students of the band to one another was an inspiration to me! Please remember why we all do what we do. It's always about the kids! They are the reason.

Thank you to all the parents and families who help, especially Mrs. Likens and the Friday night crew! With your support, everything comes together.

Musically Yours,
C. Rick Eckler, Director

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

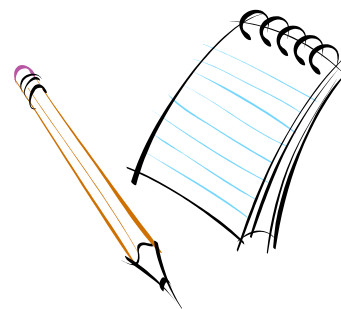
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Send items for website to: **Scott Adams**
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Reminder: NIMPA meets on the second Tuesday of every month (except July). Meetings start at 6:30 pm and are in the Band Room. All parents, guardians, etc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

******The Next NIMPA Meeting Will Be Tuesday November 8th 6:30pm******

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Hello Fellow Band Parents;

With only 1 game left to go this Marching season, I ask myself where the time went?! It always goes fast, and every year it seems to get faster. This has been a great season. But at the same time, the students are starting to look forward to the end of the Marching season and preparing for the Concert/Symphonic Band try-outs. I don't know about your house, but mine gets very stressful this time of year

I want to take this time to thank all of the volunteers who have helped this year, from the chaperones to hospitality, to instrument transportation. This program would not be as successful without your help. The students appreciate it also, even though they may not say so. I would like to say a special Thank You to Jill Smith. She donated a lot of handmade scarves to NIMPA, which Sheri Mckenzie has been selling at the home football games. We have collected quite a sum of money! They are very popular. We also have scarves which NIMPA purchased as a fundraiser. They have the Northland Vikings and Viking head design on them and are green and gold. We will be selling them also, not sure when these will be available, however. We have the Northland blankets which have been selling very well.

We also have coming up on the schedule, the Fall Orchestra concert. It's always interesting to see what costumes the students...and Mr. Eckler.....come up with. The concert is Thursday, October 27 at 7p.m. in the auditorium. Even if you do not have a student in Orchestra, Please come and see it, it will be a fun evening. (It is also my daughter Jessica's 17th Birthday, but don't tell her I put it in here!).

Also coming up is the Veteran's Parade downtown. I will get more information to you as soon as I know it.

Thank You all again for all you do! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions/ concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Penny Adams

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HOSPITALITY NEWS

Wow- It's hard to believe how quickly the season has gone by! I didn't want to let another moment pass before I thanked the team for their hard work this year providing for the band's hospitality needs. Anyone who has watched us set up and tear down can attest to the frenzy of activity that is somehow pulled off for the kids when they come off of the field each and every week. I am truly thankful for all of those who have called and/ or just showed up to help and especially to those who have worked alongside of me behind the scenes to prepare for each weeks game or activity.

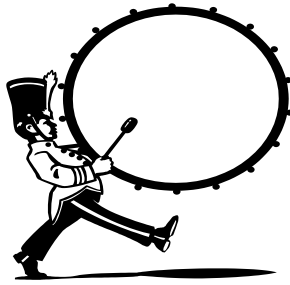
Speaking of activities-our annual Beachcroft /Northland Ice cream social will be the last game October 28th. I will need two helpers to help me scoop ice cream the evening of 10/27 at Steak N Shake on Cleveland Avenue and a few before the game to "man" the table while both bands get their sundaes. Also on 10/27 is the Orchestra fall festival where we will serve cookies and punch. On November 3 is the Marching Band concert with row awards where we will serve pizza and soda. We are asking that everyone bring a dessert to share.

Thankfully this will be our last activity until May when we will have our end of the year NIMPA awards potluck. Feel free to contact me at 604-4663 or 237-1385 if you can lend a hand with any of our activities

PIE SALE

Back by popular demand this year we are trying to gather a team to help with the annual Der Dutchman pie sale. This requires effort and a bit of time so if you can help please call me at 604-4663 or 267-1385 or e mail me at michelekarow@hotmail.com and put Northland in the subject line. Thanks!

UNIFORM NOTES



Hello everyone!

Just a few end of season reminders. Please have your student remove all personal items from their Q-tip hats before returning them to school. Mr. Eckler will be announcing soon when the hats need to be returned to school.

After the Veterans day parade on November 10, the full green uniforms will be sent to the dry cleaners. Students personal items, candy wrappers and all tape must be removed from the uniforms before they are sent to the dry cleaners. There is a charge to get the uniforms dry cleaned; last year the fee was ten dollars. Mr. Eckler will announce when, exactly, the uniforms will go to the cleaners and what this year's fee will be.

I would like to have an organizational meeting sometime in November for any parents interested in working on the Uniform Committee for the 2012-2013 school year. Please e-mail, call or text me and let me know what dates/times are best for you. I would like to go over the routines in the uniform room as well as details about ordering supplies. As the saying goes - many hands make light the work. I am confident that you'll put together a great team to keep the uniforms looking their best next year.

One more football game to go - what will we all do with our Friday nights in November?

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??? QUESTIONS ???

If you have question about

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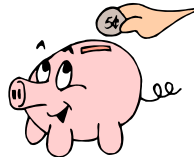
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Robin Mathews (see above)

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So Please Help Us Save \$\$ on the Newsletter



Just a reminder.....

By accessing the newsletter via the NIMPA website site, you can help us save on printing and postage costs. If you have not already done so, please provide me with an e-mail address so that you can be notified when each newsletter has been posted to the website.

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Remember...The less we spend on these items, the more we have to spend on our kids!

Instrumental Music Calendar 2011 – 2012

NIMPA Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM in the band room. All parents are encouraged to attend.

M-F June 13 – July 8	Summer Music at Northland, 8am - 12
Thurs. July 7	Summer Band Concert 6:45pm
July 4	Karl Road Parade, 11:00am meet 10:30am
M-F Aug 8-19	Band Camp 8 – 12
Tues Aug 9	New Parent Meeting, 7:00pm
Thurs, Aug 11	Junior/Senior Uniform Night, 6 – 8pm
Fri, Aug 12	Freshman/Sophomore Uniform Night, 6-8pm
Wed, Aug 24	First Day of School
Fri, Aug. 26	Away Eastmoor 7:30pm
Fri. Sept 2	Home Maple Heights 7:30pm
Thurs. Sept. 8	Elementary Band Fittings 6:30pm
Fri. Sept 9	Away Pickerington North 7:30pm
Fri. Sept 16	Away Linden McKinley 7:30pm
Fri. Sept 23	Home Brookhaven 7:30pm
Fri. Sept 30	Home East 7:30pm
Fri. Oct. 7	Home Centennial 7:30pm
Fri. Oct. 14	Away Mifflin 7:30pm
Sat. Oct. 15	Ohio State Marching Festival TBA
Fri. Oct. 21	Home Whetstone 7:30pm
Thurs. Oct. 27	Orchestra Fall Festival 6:30 Activities, Concert 7:30pm
Fri Oct. 28	Away Beechcroft 7:30pm
Thurs. Nov. 3	Marching Band Concert 7:00pm, Row Awards and Pizza
Thurs Dec.8	Instrumental Music Winter Concert 7:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 26	Solo and Ensemble Recital 7:00pm
Sat. Feb. 4	Solo and Ensemble Contest (times TBA the week before)
Thurs. Mar. 8	Pre-Contest (Concert & Symphonic Bands) 7:00pm
Fri/Sat Mar 16/17	District Band Contest (Time TBA)
April 6 -13	Spring Break
April 9 -15	Disney Trip (see Nimpa.org site)
April ?	Ted Pollack Concert @ Woodward Park (date and time TBA)
Tue. May 1	Jazz and Orchestra Spring Concert 7:00pm
Thu.r May 3	Concert and Symphonic Band Spring Concert 7:00pm
Tues. May 8	NIMPA Awards 6:00
Tues. May 15	Duty Honor Country Concert 7:30pm
TBA	Graduation Band (Required)

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

