



North Attleboro High School Music Department

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Hello Everyone!

It is my pleasure to welcome and invite you to another exciting season of the NAHS Marching Band. This year's band camp will be held August 19-August 23 from 8am-4pm at North Attleboro High School and is open to anyone in 8th-12th grades. Our show this year is titled "The Sounds of Silence" and will examine music that demonstrates the power, effectiveness, and consequences of the silence we create and will include music from the musical "Ragtime," "Speechless" from Disney's Aladdin, and Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence." Our show, through practice, rehearsal, dedication, and enthusiasm will attempt to bring this incredible production to life on the field!

Camp is the time when we learn the fundamentals of marching, the music for our show and begin to realize the production on the field. I look at band camp not only as a time to get our show ready but to welcome new members and get them involved in our program. Don't feel as though you need to go alone. Get a friend to join with you! There is a place for everyone to participate! I promise you that it will be a lot of fun while at the same time give the opportunity to put a great show on the field.

During the school year, marching band rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8pm during the first half of the Fall. If you are interested in marching band but see a conflict in any of these times, I ask you contact the Music Office and talk to me to see if we can work something out. **DO NOT ASSUME NOTHING CAN BE DONE.**

CAMP

Band Camp is an intense period where the bulk of our rehearsal for the year is completed. It is **EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT** that students attend all of camp. It is difficult to catch up on all the information provided during this camp. Here are some suggestions and requirements for this time:

- **BRING WATER**

You must stay hydrated throughout the day. Bringing a frozen water bottle or small jug will keep you cool during our outdoor drill rehearsals and indoor sectional times. Please bring water and not soda or juice to keep with you. Lunch is a different story. Water will be provided, however I encourage everyone to bring his or her own as well.

- **SUNSCREEN and HAT**

Again, the sun will be very intense on the parking lot where we rehearse. Please bring these with you to protect you throughout the day. Sunglasses are allowed and encouraged.

- **SNEAKERS**

Are required. **Sandals, slip-ons, flip-flops are not allowed.** You will be sent home and/or not allowed to march with them on. Shoes with tread on the bottom and which are laced are the only allowed foot apparel.

- **LUNCH**

Forty minutes will be given during the day for lunch. Please bring your lunches. Students are not allowed to leave the school (for safety purposes). Ordering food is too risky as lunch is timed and we will start rehearsal promptly after the time is up. Again, stay hydrated throughout the day. Extra snacks will be helpful as well to eat throughout the day. Eating good food like fruits and vegetables will help you get through these long days.

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WEEKLY REHEARSALS

Rehearsal time is extraordinarily valuable. It is our time to get our work done. So much of a field show relies on a team effort that if people are missing, the efficiency of our rehearsal drops.

It is understandable that conflicts arise, however an instructor must be notified. Students are only allowed two excused rehearsals and one unexcused rehearsal. There will be an absentee form outside the music office door in the High School. Excused absences must be filled out **AT LEAST** 1 day prior to rehearsal. Emergencies come up, and that is understandable. You are allowed one unexcused absence. Once your allotted absences are used up, you may face dismissal from the group. Weekly rehearsals begin the week after camp.

PRIOR TO CAMP

Before you arrive to camp please note the following:

- 1) Join the Marching Band Classroom- code: qoazt7
- 2) Go to <http://www.nahsmusic.com/band/marching/music> for the following:
- 3) Click the link "2019-20 Marching Band Music"
 - a. Find the folder called "2019 Field Show- SILENCE." Download your part and please begin to prepare them for camp. If you have a question about which part to download, please let me know. Not all music will be available immediately.
 - b. All wind students should download and begin to prepare warmups 3, 5, 9, 10, and 15 in the folder "Warmups- Winds."
 - c. Wind players should begin downloading the stand tunes and playing through them. Band camp will focus mainly on the show. These will be primarily be learned on your own or in self-organized sectionals.
- 4) Click the link "2019-20 Marching Band Order Form"
 - a. Fill out the order form and bring check to camp. Colorguard members should hold off on ordering for now until uniforms are finalized.
- 5) Lastly, be sure to register at FamilyID.com and pay the school activity fee through MySchoolBucks.com

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY...

Please register for Marching Band by going to www.nahsmusic.com and click on the "Marching Band Registration Page" by August 16. Numbers must be finalized so that drill can be written. Please complete the online registration form fully.

To participate in any HS Music Ensemble, a fee of \$75 must be paid to NA Public Schools online through MySchoolBucks.com. Students going to Tri-County, Bristol Agricultural, or NAMS **need not pay** this fee. For students involved in the Music Department, escrow money may be used to pay this. Please contact the Music Office to make those arrangements. For students interested in joining for the first time, fees like this may be paid for through participation in fundraising activities.

Parents, help is always needed and appreciated. Uniforms must be fitted, field props must be constructed and equipment will need to be transported. **WE WILL ALSO NEED CONSISTENT VOLUNTEERS AS A PIT CREW FOR PERFORMANCES!** Any and all help is appreciated. **We will also need a host for the end of camp cookout. Please email me if you are willing to volunteer your time and or space.**

I'm looking forward to a great season, and if there are any questions, please feel free to email and/or call. Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Sincerely,



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Please address all questions, comments, or concerns to the HS Music Office

Preliminary 2019-2020 Marching Band Schedule

Revised 7/30/19

Band Camp at NAHS

8/19-8/23 8am-4pm

8-11 AM- Fundamentals

ALL- warm-ups, fundamentals of marching, block, commands

11-11:40 AM- Lunch

11:40-2 PM- Music/ Sectionals

Band- in band room/ outside

Drumline- outside, warm-ups, cadences, music

Colorguard- rehearsal outside or in theater

2-4 PM- Drill/ Music

ALL- warm-ups, fundamentals of marching, block, commands, group rehearsal

Friday 8/23 8am-4pm

Cookout after 4pm- TBA

Weekly School Year Rehearsals **starting 8/27!**

Tuesday, Thursday 6-8pm

The Marching Band will be performing at parades, memorials, rallies, and all home football games.

Performance Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Time</u>
9/27/19	Community Field	NAHS Football	7PM
10/11/19	Community Field	NAHS Football	7PM
10/18/19	Community Field	NAHS Football	7PM
11/28/19	Community Field	NAHS Football	10AM
10/20/19	Norwood HS	MICCA SE Competition	1PM
10/27/19	Veterans Stadium, Lawrence	State Finals	Morning TBA

Parades

11/24/19	Baptist Common	NA Santa Parade	3PM
5/23/20	Baptist Common	Memorial Day Parade	10AM

Other Events

11/9/18	Barrows Park	Veteran's Day Service	TBA
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MB Contract/ Permission Slip

The success of a group relies heavily on the commitment and dedication of its participants. Please review the schedule above and complete the form below.

I have read the attached schedule and give permission for my son/ daughter to attend the events on the above mentioned dates.

I have also **noted ALL performance and rehearsal dates and times and will attend all of them.** Any known conflicts are listed below.

Conflicts

Date _____

Reason _____

Date _____

Reason _____

Date _____

Reason _____

Signed:

Student: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____