

All policies in this year's Handbook are subject to change as determined by the new band teacher.

Northridge Raider Band 2022-2023

Do Everything Well



Notice Parents

Parents and students
must make a
commitment to stay in
the band / guard by
May 26th.

No student may quit
marching band after this
date. No refunds.

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Marching Band

The school year consists of 9 weeks of marching band and 27 weeks of concert band. All band students are members of the Marching Band unless they are involved in a fall sport. The marching season consists of the summer rehearsal schedule, rehearsals before or after school during the fall, and competitions on each Saturday beginning after Labor Day and continuing through State Finals, & all home varsity football games.

Color Guard

Uniforms are custom ordered for each individual and cannot be returned. Full payment of \$50 *must* be received before ordering can take place on May 26th. Sorry, there can be no exceptions. THIS \$50 PAYMENT ONLY SECURES THAT A UNIFORM WILL BE ORDERED. UNIFORMS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE NORTHRIDGE BAND BOOSTERS, NOT THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS OR PARENTS. Additional information will be coming from the color guard director.

Fall Sports and Marching Band

Band students who participate in fall sports will not participate in the marching activities which take place outside of class. These students will rehearse the marching music with the band during class & may be given other assignments. Due to numerous time conflicts, students will not be allowed to participate in marching band if they are involved in a fall sport.

Schedule

Spring: 4-5 rehearsals near the end of the school year. These rehearsals will focus on learning the basics of marching and learning the show music. Percussion & color guard have an additional “Guard” & “Percussion” camp in July.

Pre-Camp

4 days from 7:30am-12 noon. During Pre-Camp we will begin putting the marching routine with music on the field. The first song needs to be memorized by this date. We will be outside most of the day. Please do not schedule vacations during this important week.

Band Camp

Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-4:30pm, & Friday 8:00-12:15. This week is extremely important and attendance is required to earn a spot in the marching show. Anyone not attending Band Camp week will be assigned as an alternate*. PLEASE CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS. NO DENTAL, DOCTOR, OR OTHER APPOINTMENTS DURING THIS CRUCIAL WEEK! We will review the accomplishments of Pre-Camp and continue learning the marching and music for the remainder of the show. Most of the show should be memorized by this date. Students are not permitted to leave Northridge High School at any time during the camp by any means; car, foot, bicycle, etc. *Preview Performance at Noon Friday!*

Band Food

The band will be served lunch each day of band camp as well as every Saturday contest. The food committee is a group of volunteer band parents that do a great job feeding our kids. The meals are covered partially by band fees and partially by *each family* bringing in food items as needed during the course of the season. Please help contribute.

Alternates

Alternates are used by many bands. Alternates will play the music while standing on the sideline. Students are assigned as an alternate by poor attendance, failure to turn in conflict forms, not paying band fees, missing band camp, or not being able to master the basic marching skills. Alternates may be put in the marching show should a spot become available. (It is likely that no one will be put on alternate status.)

Tips for Band Camp & Pre-Camp

- Please EAT BREAKFAST! I know some students do not usually eat breakfast. Most students also do not usually run around on a football field in August either.
- Put on sunscreen. You can burn in 30 minutes. We will be outside longer than that daily.
- You MUST drink water on water breaks. Drink more than you think you need.
- Wear good tennis shoes and socks.
- Arrive on time, with a positive attitude, ready to learn and have fun!

M.B. Saturday Contests

Contest Saturdays are all-day events usually beginning with rehearsal in the morning and contest in the afternoon. I often do not receive the Saturday itinerary until that week. Saturday schedules are on our website and Facebook page for downloading or found in the band room. Please keep **all-day** clear on Saturdays. *Many* parent volunteers are needed to make contest days run smoothly.

Attendance

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory and required for a grade. If a student is ill the day of a rehearsal, call the band office prior to rehearsal at 822-5265. Work is never an excuse to miss a rehearsal / performance. It is the student's responsibility to plan accordingly.

General Rules

DO NOT TAKE YOUR CELL PHONE OUT DURING CLASS OR REHEARSAL!

As a member of the Northridge band it is imperative that you create a good impression wherever we go... we have a reputation and fortunately it's a good one.

1. Show respect for staff, other members, and equipment.
2. No smoking, drugs or alcohol at any time.
Northridge Co-Curricular Policy is in effect. (copies available on band's site)
3. Obey the staff and bus chaperones at all times.
4. No use of foul language at any time you are with the band, including rehearsal.
5. Take care of your uniform. No eating or drinking in uniform except water.
6. While at another school, do not touch any property. We could get a penalty.
7. Cell phones are not to be used for any reason during class/rehearsal.

Grading Policy

One unexcused absence from a rehearsal results in a 50% reduction in the Participation grade which is 40% of the total. An unexcused absence from a performance results in the loss of the *entire* Participation grade for that quarter. All performances are required. Each tardy (after the first one) from an outside-of-school day rehearsal will result in a 5% reduction in the Participation grade. 60% of the final grade is based on playing, memorization, and written tests. Students will be tested each week on memorization of the marching show music. The show will be broken into small segments and students will be re-tested until an A+ is achieved up until the end of the grading period.

There is no “make up” assignment that can be given to substitute for what is learned in a performance situation. ALL performances are mandatory and required for a grade. Missing a concert or contest for any reason other than bed-confining illness or last minute family medical emergency will not be excused. Please mark ALL dates as some of them are nearly a year away.

Band / Chair Placement

Northridge has 2 concert bands (Symphonic and Concert) with personnel determined by achievement. The Symphonic Band is the top ensemble. Placement for January thru the end of school may be based on a winter audition and student effort, dedication, and past performance in learning concert music.

CONCERT ATTIRE:

The concert attire consists of tuxes for the gentlemen and dresses for the ladies. These are both provided. Gentlemen will need to purchase a tuxedo shirt from the band office after marching season. **The cost per shirt is \$15.00.** The boys must wear black dress shoes and black socks. Anyone for whom obtaining black dress shoes is a problem will be allowed to wear black Drillmaster marching shoes as long as they are cleaned up and approved by the uniform parents.

Girls will need to provide black dress shoes (flats). Appropriate undergarments, that are not visible, must be worn with concert dresses. No flip flops are allowed.

Fees

Band fees are used to pay for equipment, instruction, uniforms, percussion & colorguard writing, music, props, copyright permission, contest entry fees, flags, etc.

In order to maintain a high quality marching program it is necessary to charge a fee for participation in the marching band. Our fee is \$100.

Fee Breakdown

Marching Band Fee **\$100**. This fee includes...

- The "show shirt" required as part of the uniform
- A portion of meals for Band Camp and throughout the season

Transportation **\$40**

\$40 to pay for buses to all contests. Make checks out to "Northridge" (NOT Band Boosters)

Marching Shoes **\$30**

These must be black Drillmasters and are available for sale in the band office. *All* new students will need to buy marching shoes. Cash or check to "Northridge Band Boosters". There may be some used shoes available for \$10. See the MB Uniform Dept.

At minimum, \$50 of the band fee is due by May 26th to secure your spot in the show. The remaining balance is due by the end of band camp, Aug. 5th. All families are encouraged, if at all possible, to pay all of the "MB Fee" in full by May 26th.

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Make checks payable to **Northridge Band Boosters** (except the Transportation Fee). Please do **not** send **cash** with your student! Contact Mr. Zook if there is a problem paying fees.

NORTHRIDGE BAND BOOSTERS 2022-2023

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| President: | John Mansfield | jandvmansfield@gmail.com |
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| Secretary: | Richelle Culp | rculp41151@gmail.com |
| Treasurer: | Rhonda Smucker | rbsmucker@gmail.com |
| Sponsorships | Mandy Miller | mmiller@bgcelkhartcounty.org |

Meetings

Every 3rd Monday at NHS band room at 6:30

June 20 July 18 Aug. 15 Sept. 19 Oct. 17 Nov. 14
No - Dec. Jan. 23* Feb. 27* Mar. 20 Apr. 17 May 15

*Note that the * meetings are due to school holiday closings.*

NHS Band Booster Connection

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| Email | nhsbandboosters1@gmail.com (requires a submitted email) |
| Facebook | Northridge Raider Band |
| Website | www.northridgeband.org www.bandboosters.weebly.com |
| Phone Text | Remind.com (requires a submitted phone number) |
| Mailbox | P.O. Box 83, Middlebury, IN 46540 |

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| Food | Rob Taylor | rvt46540@yahoo.com |
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| Equipment | Jason Stacy | stacyjasonm@hotmail.com |

MB Responsibility Checklist

*No student will be allowed to perform with the band until *all* of the following responsibilities have been met.

_____ “MB Enrolment” form filled out online. (Due now)

_____ “Permission to Travel” & “Code of Conduct” forms signed and turned in.

_____ “Food Allergy Policy” form signed & turned in.

_____ \$100 Fee (\$50 minimum May 26th, \$50 Aug. 5th)

_____ \$40 Transportation Fee. Due prior to the first contest.
(Make check to “Northridge”)

_____ New shoes, if needed, bought from the band office before the first performance. \$30

_____ “Volunteer Background Check” form filled out online and cleared before any parent may help the band this school year.

No cash will be accepted for fees.

PLEASE PAY WITH CHECKS mailed to Northridge Band Boosters, PO Box 83, Middlebury, 46540

Or online payment is available at www.Northridgeband.org

(Shoes & tux shirts may be paid with cash if you have the correct amount)

Please make checks payable to...

NORTHRIDGE BAND BOOSTERS

Please write student's name and reason on the memo line.

All forms are found on our website below.

Northridge H.S. Band Schedule 2022 – 2023

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| Aug. 19 | Home Football Game | 6:30 | Friday | |
| Sept. 9 | Home Football Game | 6:30 | Friday | <i>Senior Night</i> |
| Sept. 10 | Goshen Band Contest | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| Sept. 17 | Concord Band Contest | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| Sept. 23 | Home Football Game | 6:30 | Friday | <i>Pictures</i> |
| Sept. 24 | Penn Band Contest | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| Sept. 30 | Home Football Game | 6:30 | Friday | |
| Oct. 8 | Plymouth Band Contest | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| Oct. 14 | Home Football Game | 6:30 | Friday | |
| Oct. 15 | ISSMA Regional | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| Oct. 27 | Community Show | 7:00pm | Thursday | |
| Oct. 29 | ISSMA Semi-State | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| Nov. 5 | ISSMA State Finals | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |

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| Nov. 12 | Swing Fry – Jazz Band | <i>TBA</i> | Saturday | |
| Dec. 12 | Winter Concert | 7:30 | Monday | |
| Feb. 4 | Solo & Ensemble | | Saturday | |
| Feb. 17 | Percussion Concert | 7:00 | Friday | |
| Feb. 25 | State S & E | | Saturday | |
| March 4 | Ball State Jazz Festival | <i>All Day</i> | Saturday | |
| March 25 | “Pan Cake Breakfast” Concert | | Saturday | |
| April 21 | Concert/Symphonic Contest | | Friday | @NHS |
| May 19 | Spring Concert/Awards | 7:00 | Friday | |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Concert | 10:00am | Monday | |

*Attendance at all performances is required for a grade, except solo & ensemble.

There are no excused absences from performances.
(Obviously, except illness.)