



NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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February 7, 2011

Dear Students and Parents,

WELCOME TO THE 2011 NCHS MARCHING IRONMEN! We are anticipating another exciting summer and fall season as we get ready to unveil this year's all-new production. The design team has met and come up with several amazing ideas for the show and we'll be picking the theme very soon! We're sure you will enjoy band camps this year as we learn the music and drill and prepare for our fall performances at parades, home football games, and make our long-awaited return to the State of Illinois High School Marching Band Championships at ISU.

The Marching Band is a competitive unit and one of the largest organizations at Normal Community High School, involving approximately 100 students, 12 part-time staff members, 2 full-time directors, and countless parent volunteers. Students who play a woodwind or brass instrument are not required to audition for the Marching Band; however, membership in the Color Guard and Drum Line is by audition only. (See the attached schedule for spring workshop dates.)

Students in the band program have fun spending time with their friends as they work together to present an exciting and entertaining musical and visual production. Many band students also participate in sports, clubs, student council, and other activities. In addition, some of the school's top academic achievers are a part of the band program. This past December, members of the Marching Ironmen and their families traveled to Florida where they marched at Walt Disney World and performed in the Orlando Citrus Bowl Parade! In addition to all the opportunities for students, the band offers **parents** great ways to get connected and volunteer with the IRON CREW, our parent-support team. From building sets and props for the show to providing water for the band at parades, the IRON CREW is a crucial part of the Marching Ironmen.

This packet includes all the information you need to get started on a successful marching season: **schedules, information about participation fees, a commitment form (due Friday, March 18), and a medical form.** Drum Major and Section Leader information (for sophomores, juniors, and seniors) is available separately; please see a director for an application. Please read all information carefully and return forms and payments on time. This will help us plan for you and get everything ready before our first camp. For all of the latest information about the NCHS Marching Band, please bookmark our website: www.nchsmarchingironmen.com, and be sure to subscribe to the email updates.

Once again, welcome to the 2011 marching band season!

Musically,

Mr. Meadows
Director of Bands
meadowld@unit5.org

Mr. Masterman
Marching Band Director
mastermj@unit5.org

2011 Marching Season Calendar Overview

(Keep this calendar for your reference)

Drum Line (Battery Percussion) Workshops/Auditions

*There will be several workshops held this spring for percussionists interested in playing snare drum, tenors, or bass drum in the marching band. More information about Drum Line will be available soon on our website, www.nchsmarchingironmen.com.

Drum Major Workshops/Auditions

March 28, April 4, 11, 18 – Workshops (4:30-5:30 p.m.)

April 25 - Auditions

*Incoming Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors only. Workshops will cover conducting music, marching maneuvers, commands, and important leadership/organizational skills.

Color Guard Workshops/Auditions:

April 19, 21, and 26 – Workshops (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

April 28 – Auditions (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

*More information about Color Guard will be available soon on our website, www.nchsmarchingironmen.com.

Band Parent Information Meeting:

Monday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the NCHS band room.

Summer Camps: All camps are held from 1-9 p.m. with a dinner break from 4-6.

Session 1: June 6-9

Session 2: July 25-28

Session 3: August 1-4

***IN ORDER FOR THE BAND TO BE SUCCESSFUL, STUDENTS MUST
PLAN TO ATTEND ALL CAMP SESSIONS!**

Regular Weekday Rehearsals:

Mondays: Percussion and Color Guard, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays: Woodwind and Brass, 6-8 p.m.

Thursdays: Full Ensemble, 6-8 p.m.

The regular weekday rehearsal schedule will begin on Monday, August 8th and continue through Thursday, October 27th.

Performance Schedule:

September 2 – Intercity Football Game @ ISU (at Hancock Stadium)

September 5 – Labor Day Parade in downtown Bloomington

September 16 – Homecoming Parade and Football Game

September 24 – Pontiac Competition

September 30 – Home Football Game (Band Senior Night Tailgate)

October 7 – Home Football Game

October 8 – Metamora Competition

October 21 – Home Football Game

October 22 – St. Louis Competition (at the Edward Jones Dome)

October 28 – 1st Round of Football Playoffs

October 29 – ISU Competition (State Championships)

May 28, 2012 – Memorial Day Parade in downtown Bloomington

2011 Marching Ironmen Participation Fees

The school district charges each sport/activity participant \$75.00 to cover transportation costs; you will pay this fee at registration.

The Marching Band participation fee is \$140.00. Please make checks payable to "NCHS Bands" and include your student's name in the memo section. You may pay in full or by installments.

- Installment #1 (\$75.00) Due: Friday, March 18 (Please send this along with your commitment form but DO NOT staple your check to the commitment form.)
- Installment #2 (\$65.00) Due: Tuesday, May 31

Students will not be allowed to participate in the Marching Band until the participation fees are paid in full. Money should not prevent you from participating in the Marching Band; contact Mr. Meadows or Mr. Masterman if there are issues regarding payment – we may be able to help.

NCHS Marching Ironmen

2011 Commitment Form

The NCHS Marching Band is looking forward to an exciting competitive season this fall (please refer to the attached calendar overview). In order to properly plan and receive our instructional materials in time for summer, we have to know the number of marching musicians in each section. Please take a few minutes to review the attached calendar and fill out the information below. Students should plan to attend all camp sessions, rehearsals, and performances. In addition to the time commitment, there is also a financial commitment which helps pay for t-shirts, camp instructional fees, show design costs, and other expenses associated with the band. **Each and every member of the ensemble makes a difference and your participation is important to the program!**

NAME: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

Yes! I will be a member of the NCHS Marching Ironmen this summer and fall.

PARENTS and STUDENTS:

We have read the enclosed calendar and understand the commitment for all of the dates.

Potential Conflicts: _____

Signed: Parent or Guardian _____

Student _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian Email Address _____

Student T-Shirt Size _____

PARENTS:

Yes! I'm interested in helping the Marching Ironmen and would like more information about the IRON CREW.

Parent Name(s): _____

Please return this form, along with your medical form and the first installment of the marching band participation fee, to Mr. Masterman or Mr. Meadows by **Friday, March 18, 2011.**

Joshua Masterman
Normal Community High School
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June 1, 2011

In the event of illness, injury, or the need for dental care, I give my permission for my son/daughter, _____ to receive treatment and/or medication by qualified personnel. I agree that the cost of any treatment will be my responsibility. This agreement will be in effect during all Music Department rehearsals, performances, trips and activities occurring outside the regular school day. This agreement will be in effect from June 1, 2011 through June 1, 2012.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Home phone

Home phone

Work phone

Work phone

Cell phone

Cell phone

Date

Date

PLEASE FILL OUT OTHER SIDE AND RETURN TO MR. MEADOWS

PLEASE INFORM THE DIRECTOR OF ANY CHANGES IN MEDICAL OR INSURANCE INFO

Dr. Jeanette Nuckolls
Principal

Mr. David Bollmann
Associate Principal

Mr. Michael Gourley
Assistant Principal

Mr. Dennis Larson
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Robin Musson
Assistant Principal

Emergency Medical Form

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Child's Physician _____ Physician's Phone _____

Current Medical Status of Student:

Allergies (medications, foods, etc.) _____

Medications (insulin, penicillin, etc.) _____

Diseases/Illnesses (asthma, diabetes, etc.) _____

Immunizations up to date, including Tetanus? Yes _____ No _____

Insurance Information:

Insurance Company Name _____

Address _____

Policy Holder's Name _____ Policy Number _____

Policy Holder's Social Security Number _____

This is optional, but is helpful to hospital personnel.

If your insurance is through your employer:

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Comments (any other important information that would be helpful in caring for your child):

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