

The newsletter would like to welcome new assistant band director, Mr. Ryan Budzinski. For more information about Mr. B check out his bio at: <http://www.unit5.org/nchs/music/Biopage.htm>

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Well June Rehearsals are over for this year. The weather has been most cooperative and the band has made good progress thus far, according to Mr. Meadows. The next hurdle to get over for the band members and for us band parents is "Music Memorization". All students will need to have the following music memorized by the time they arrive at Band Camp on July 31:

- Heartbeat (all 3 movements)
- National Anthem
- School Song
- Chorale

During Band Camp the students will be learning and memorizing drill sets for the music and this will be very difficult if the music is not already memorized.

Parents - go to the website below and read the information there. Then sit down with your band member(s) and explain it to them.

<http://www.lbpolymusic.com/Stevens/Memorize.aspx>

You may want to consider asking your band member at least once a week in July where they are at in their memorization and have them play the material for you, so you can judge their progress.

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This month I am going to talk about the marching band page,

<http://www.unit5.org/nchs/music/MarchingIronmen.htm>. This is an important source of information for freshman or new band member parents and for all band parents. Most anything you need to know about the band can be found there (and if it can't let me know and we'll get it there!). Sections that have recently been updated are:

Forms - new documents from the parents meeting and new parents shirt order form

Volunteers - add some Iron Crew info

Itinerary Page - added a line about Orlando

Uniform Care - added some additional info

Biopage - added Mr. B's bio

Band Camp - revised a few things here.

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Dates to keep in mind:

**Color Guard & Percussion Camp July 24-28**

**Ironmen Band Camp July 31-Aug 4th**

**Aug 1st - Orlando Trip payment**

See you at Band Camp!!!

Mark