

Normal Community High School Marching Ironmen Summer Rehearsal and Camp Schedule

This year's field show music will be from Eric Whitacre's *Godzilla Eats Las Vegas*. It should be great show with lots of fun music and opportunities for general effect. The new parade tune for this year is *Aztec Fire*.

Summer Rehearsal Schedule

All students participating in the Marching Ironmen should attend rehearsals on June 11, 12, and 13 from 1- 4 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m. at NCHS. We will use this rehearsal time to learn/memorize the show music, school song, Star Spangled Banner, and parade tune. We will also learn marching skills and most of the pep band music that we will use in the stands during football games. If you are unable to attend any part of these rehearsals, you **MUST** make a note of that on the commitment form that you return to Mr. Meadows.

Color Guard and Percussion Camp

Color Guard and Percussion Camp will take place July 28 – August 1, 2008, at NCHS. Times for each day's activities are 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. These dates and times are required for all students who will be participating in the Color Guard or the Percussion sections. Please do not schedule other activities or appointments during these rehearsals! In order for the group to be successful, we must be at full strength for the entire rehearsal.

Band Camp

The dates for Band Camp are August 4 – 8, 2008, at NCHS. Times for the camp will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. On Friday, August 8 camp will end at noon. There will be a Parent Preview performance of the show on Thursday evening of camp at 7:30 p.m. All members of the marching band must attend all sessions. No exceptions will be made. Lunch will be provided for the students Monday through Thursday of camp as part of your Marching Band Fee. If you are a vegetarian or have special dietary needs, please communicate this information to Mr. Meadows on the commitment form.

Marching Band Fee

The fee for Marching Band will be \$125.00. This fee will pay for the student's lunches during Band Camp, defray the cost of our music arrangements, drill writer, and extra camp staff. In addition, all marching band members will receive a windshirt and each freshman/new student will also receive a Band

Polo shirt. The fee may be paid in two installments. The first payment of \$50.00 is due with the form attached to this document and is non refundable. Please make all checks payable to NCHS Bands and mail to Kelli Gibbons, 37 Paige Place, Bloomington, IL. 61704. Please include "marching band fee" on the memo line. The second payment of \$75.00 is due by June 30, 2008. NOTE: This fee is separate from the activity fee that Unit 5 will have you pay in the Fall when you register for school. If you have any questions, or if this fee will cause financial difficulties for your family, please contact Mr. Meadows (meadowld@unit5.org).

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

In addition to the daily rehearsals in class, the Band and Color Guard will rehearse on Thursday nights from 6 – 9 p.m. Percussion and Color Guard will rehearse on Tuesday nights from 6 – 9 p.m. These rehearsals are required. Thursday night marching band rehearsals at NCHS from 6 – 9 p.m: August 19 (on Tuesday that week instead of Thursday), 28, Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23.

Tuesday night rehearsals at NCHS from 6 – 9 p.m. for Percussion and Guard: Aug. 26, Sep. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21.

Fall Performance Schedule

Aug. 29	Football Game (Sr. Night)	Oct. 4	Washington Show
Sep. 1	Labor Day Parade	Oct. 10	Football Game (H.C.)
Sep. 5	Inter-City Football	Oct. 24	Football Game
Sep. 19	Football Game	Oct. 25	Greater St. Louis
Sep. 20	Pontiac Show	Oct. 31	Play offs begin
Sep. 27	Geneseo Show		

On competition days, all students should plan to be with the band the entire day.

Fiesta Bowl Participants

Students who will be participating in the Fiesta Bowl Tour should plan to continue rehearsing on Tuesday/Thursday nights in November and December. Exact dates and times will be announced in the Fall.

Please return this form to Mr. Meadows by April 30, 2008

_____ I will be able to attend NCHS Percussion/Color Guard Camp, July 28 - August 1 (for Percussionists and Color Guard students only).

_____ I will be able to attend NCHS Band Camp, August 4 - 8.

_____ I would like to participate in the Concert Band in the fall.

_____ I will not be participating in Band next year.

Student Name _____ Instrument _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent email address _____

Please print clearly

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email addresses will be used for distributing information to parents!

JUNE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE CONFLICTS:

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS FOR BAND CAMP: