



NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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July 8, 2020

Dear Marching Band Students and Parents:

Congratulations on your choice to be a part of the 2020 Eagle Marching Band. We are very proud of our band program, and it is through the dedication and superior work of our members (like you!) that we are able to strive towards our goal of truly being the “Pride of North Olmsted”.

Following this letter you will find three separate documents. First is the new guidelines and changes to the way the marching band runs due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please read this thoroughly and make sure students read it as well. Second is the Season’s Marching Band Packet which outlines the rehearsals, performances and general recommendations to be successful in marching band. Lastly is current Marching Band Calendar. Please save all the dates on the calendar knowing full well that there may be large changes to it due to the pandemic.

Please fill out the Marching Band Forms Google Form that is linked in the packet. All students need to have a filled out form to participate in rehearsals and performances.

Our main form of communication is through Remind. Please join the marching band remind by texting @NOHSMB to 81010.

We are also communicating with students through our Marching Band Google Classroom: Code: hka6gyf

If you have any concerns about the schedule or the band, please contact Mr. Kalish (Erik.Kalish@nocseagles.org) with any questions. We try hard to plan ahead enough to avoid conflicts however unintended conflicts or issues may arise, please let us know and we will keep working on our goal of trying to find the best way to meet the needs of our students and keep them safe.

Finally, thank you for your patience as we have worked hard to plan amid these crazy times and we look forward to beginning another successful season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Erik Kalish
Band Director

Mrs. Megan Kovach
Assistant Band Director

Mrs. Gina Caroscio
Eaglet Kickline Advisor

Kim Ocepek
Eaglet Flag Advisor

Andrew Schmidt
Assistant Marching Band Director/
Low Brass Coach

Jonathan Radwan
Drumline Instructor

2020 Eagle Marching Band Covid-19 MODIFICATIONS

Due to the coronavirus pandemic across our country and state, we have had to make some adjustments to the way the Eagle Marching Band will operate in the coming year.

Our expectation and hope is that these modifications will be adjusted and rolled back to our normal operating procedures as the season progresses and with hopes that we will be back to normal by next school year. Please be assured that our main intent is to create a safe environment for all our students to have the best experience possible under these new circumstances.

******* ALL MODIFICATIONS/GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE AS NEW DIRECTION IS GIVEN TO US FROM ADMINISTRATION AND STATE OFFICIALS *******

Phasing Process

In order to limit community spread and exposure of our students, we are unable to proceed as normal with all students meeting at the same time in the same place. To facilitate the learning, our students need to begin marching band in smaller groups. We will begin by having the band split and only seeing one of our instructors at a time for the Phase 1 section of rehearsing.

Our staff is the same as previous years and will take lead on their respective sections.

Gina Caroscio: Kickline

Kimberly Ocepek: Flags

Jonathan Radwan: Drumline

Megan Kovach: Woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax)

Erik Kalish: High Brass (Trumpet, Mellophone)

Andrew Schmidt: Low Brass (Trombone, Baritone, Tuba)

Each Instructor will be educating students on safety protocols, music, and marching. As we transition into Phase 2, we will be able to combine groups and then with hopes to have full band rehearsals by Phase 3. Phase 1 is currently scheduled for the last two weeks of July, when we would normally have our Band Camp rehearsals.

A few restrictions to what we are able to do are as follows:

- Fewer students rehearsing at one time
- Students are able to only be on campus to rehearse for a maximum of two hours a day
- All rehearsals must take place outdoors (therefore if there is inclement weather expected, rehearsals will be cancelled)

Safety Protocols

The following safety protocols will be followed at each rehearsal:

- Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal by the instructor and will be determined after the following has been confirmed:
 - Students will have temperature taken by the instructor. (A student with a confirmed temperature over 100.4F will be sent home)
 - Students will have to pass a Covid-19 screening of symptoms (questionnaire) Students exhibiting any of the following symptoms (coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, fever chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell will be sent home)
- All Students will be required to wear a mask at all times when not playing a wind instrument. We will supply an official Marching band mask (as part of your uniform for the season). You may wear your own mask when we are not in uniform. A student without a mask will be sent home.
- All Students must have their own full water bottle at rehearsal. There will be no access to water fountains. No sharing of water bottles will be allowed.
- All Students will be required to supply their own small bottle of hand sanitizer for use at rehearsal when they feel the need to do so. A few sanitizer stations will be available for use, however they may be far away from the rehearsal locations.
- When in the stadium there will be a single stall bathroom available, however try to minimize its use to avoid unnecessary exposure.
- All students will have to come to and leave rehearsal with their instrument, music and personal items. There will be no storing of anything at the school between rehearsals. (Exceptions: drumline and tubas)
- There will be no access to the inside of the school. (Except for Drumline and Tubas to get instruments and put away instruments)
- There will be no changing at the school, so come dressed and ready to rehearse.
- Students will have to maintain social distancing of 6ft during all rehearsals.
- Students will need to observe and follow all signage and posted guidelines regarding facility usage.

Attendance

As always, students are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances. Our normal excused absence procedures are still in place. The only modification is that if you don't feel comfortable coming to rehearsals or performances due to Covid-19 related circumstances, you are excused.

Examples:

- You have Covid-19 symptoms
- You have been exposed to someone with Covid-19
- You are under quarantine due to exposure to covid-19
- You or your family is concerned about your safety and/or exposure to covid-19

It is fully expected that if you are showing up to rehearsals, that you will continue to do so. Please contact your instructor if you will not be at rehearsal due to a Covid-19 related circumstance.

Band Leadership

Since we are greatly limited on time to rehearse, spacing on the field, and number of students at rehearsals together, the marching component of the band this year will be greatly reduced and changed. Because of this we will not start the year with our normal 4 person squad style leadership structure. Each section will have a section leader and 1 or 2 squad leaders. This allows for us to have a leadership group that fits into the size of our "Phase 1" meeting restrictions. Section Leaders' main responsibility will be on music help and Squad Leaders' main responsibility will be teaching marching.

If we find that our restrictions are lifted during the season, we have the flexibility to expand leadership to include more students as we hopefully transition to our "normal" way of doing things. Therefore, if you applied for leadership this year and are not named a squad leader, don't worry, there is a possibility we will promote you later in the season. And as always, you don't need a title to be a leader within the band.

Booster and Parent Involvement

At this time, only very limited parent or booster assistance can be allowed when students are present. No visitors are allowed at rehearsals. Our booster board and the directors are in communication to make sure we follow all guidelines to allow boosters to help where help is needed. Look for communication from the boosters regarding how parents can help this season.

Shows and Performance Expectations

Due to these current guidelines, the band will be rehearsing less in the coming months than usual. This will have an impact on the types of shows we do as well as how much marching will take place. There is a possibility that due to transportation difficulties, as well as trying to lessen community spread between our neighboring communities, that we will not be traveling to away games. We will do our best to have the students perform at the highest level possible with the focus on enjoyment of what we do as we follow these guidelines and keep the students safe. More information regarding how our shows will look this year is forthcoming.

**The North Olmsted High School
Eagle Marching Band
Packet**



2020–2021

updated 7/1/20

To Parents and Band Members

We are preparing quickly to have our season this year! In light of Covid-19 and changing guidelines be prepared to be flexible this year and know some of the dates and times in this packet may change. We will always try to give students and parents at least 2 weeks notice for any changes to the calendar. One of the main changes you will see is that we are not having a "Band Camp" this season, instead rehearsals will be phased in as we prepare for our first game. This packet will outline the specifics of Phase 1 and also give information of what phase 2 and 3 will look like.

Summer Band Rehearsals are pre-requisite for participation in marching band.

FACTS ABOUT MARCHING BAND PHASE 1 REHEARSALS

DATES:

Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 31st, 2020

PLACE:

North Olmsted High School, North Olmsted OH

TIMES:

Drumline: 6-8pm Monday-Thursday: July 20th-23rd.

New Marchers and Leaders 9am-11am (July 22nd)

All Marchers 9-11am (non drumline) July 23rd, 24th

Whole Band: 9-11am July 27-31st

STAFF:

3 Band Directors, 2 Eaglet Advisors, 1 Percussion Advisor

FEES:

Marching Band Rehearsals are FREE to attend. The hard work students do to fundraise throughout the year helps to pay for these weeks of learning. A mandatory uniform fee must be paid to supply each marcher with the necessary pieces and parts for their uniforms. The form will be available soon and no later than sometime in August. It will be posted on www.eaglemusic.org and sent via email to all registered emails

MEALS:

Students are on their own to eat prior to and after rehearsals. At this time, due to Covid-19, we will not be feeding students.

Year Permission Slips:

This form is virtual this year and is due by **July 20th**. This form serves as your reservation for band (and inclusion in the band drills and roster). Make sure that the form is absolutely complete and read by both parents and students.

Link: <https://forms.gle/xyhRzBGik8iasgD3A>

COMMUNICATION:

We communicate with adults and students through both remind and google classroom. All Students should join both, and parents can feel free to join the remind classroom. Text @NOHSMB to x81010 to join the remind. The Google Classroom Code is: hka6gyf

MEDICAL:

An emergency medical form and permission form must be completed **BEFORE** your son/daughter will be permitted to go to rehearsals. If there is anything about your child's medical history we should know, please inform us. If you have problems with your knees or ankles, please bring knee and ankle supports. If anything should happen, we will contact you ASAP.

WHAT TO BRING:

Water bottle (it gets hot, so stay hydrated)

Clothing for warm and cold weather, Hat and/or Sunglasses

Sunscreen, Blistex or chapstick

A pair of GOOD marching shoes (athletic shoes made of leather or canvas, no vinyl or plastic, or sandals)

INSTRUMENT:

Be sure it is in EXCELLENT playing condition. (Brass players: This means all slides move) Bring valve oil, slide oil, **EXTRA REEDS**, extra drumsticks, and tape. Have your instrument inspected before band starts. **MUSIC LYRES AND FOLIOS ARE A MUST! – every local music store has these.**

PARENT HELP:

If you want to volunteer to help with the band, please contact NOBOB President Mrs. Wanda Groden: 440-725-8931(cell) / 440-777-6503 (home)
wgroden@sbcglobal.net

PERCUSSIONIST/DRUMLINE:

There is a mandatory drumline camp July 20- July 23rd. These rehearsals will be from 6pm - 8pm at NOHS. Our drumline instructor, Mr. Radwan, will be holding auditions at the first day of rehearsal on July 20th. More information about auditions is forthcoming.

The drumline placement will be chosen based on need and ability by Mr. Radwan and confirmed by Mr. Kalish.

SWINGS AND THINGS:

This yearly outing is postponed until further notice due to Covid-19

BAND PICTURES:

Individual and group band pictures, as well as pictures for photo-buttons, will be taken in the afternoon of Tuesday, August 4th. Additional information or the potential date change will be communicated at a later time.

UNIFORM FITTINGS:

We are still working out how to do uniform fittings under current Covid-19 guidelines. Stay Tuned!

THE FOLLOWING PHASE 1 REHEARSAL DATES ARE MANDATORY:

Drumline - Mon July 20th-24th: 6-8pm

New Marchers and Leaders - Wed July 22nd: 9-11am

All non-drumline Members - Thursday, Friday July 23, 24th: 9-11am

All Members of the Band: Monday-Friday, July 27-31st: 9-11am

****THESE REHEARSALS WILL COVER MARCHING FUNDAMENTALS AND MUSIC REHEARSAL AND WILL BE IN CONDUCTED IN SMALLER GROUPS**

After phase 1 we will transition to phase 2 with evening and afternoon rehearsals for the remainder of the summer. Please look at the attached calendar and save the dates and times listed

****Band Rehearsals will take place every Wednesday night during football season and after school starts from 6pm-9:00pm****

ALL students are expected to attend ALL of these rehearsals...please keep this in mind when scheduling doctors' appointments, driving classes, work, vacations etc. Additional tips and information can be found at www.eaglemusic.org later this summer.

NOTICE: FOOTBALL GAMES AND PERFORMANCES BEGIN in late August and continue until the end of October. (PERFORMANCES MAY BE ON SATURDAYS OR FRIDAYS)

THERE ARE NO 'BYE' WEEKS (weekends without performances), PLEASE SCHEDULE TRIPS AND VACATIONS BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS (trips and vacations are unexcused absences to band performances and rehearsals)

*******A season long schedule is included in this packet*******

BAND REHEARSAL RULES

1. Students are expected to be at ALL rehearsals and activities.
2. ABSOLUTELY no hazing will be tolerated.
3. Respect and obey the Marching Band Staff.
4. Students cannot loiter on school grounds before or after rehearsals until further notice.
5. No excuses for tardiness will be accepted without prior approval.
6. No bare feet or sandals permitted on the marching field or parade block.
7. If needed: All prescription medication will be labeled and turned into the staff member who is in charge. Students are responsible for taking their own medications, but if necessary, will be reminded to do so by the volunteers.
8. In addition, all rules of North Olmsted High School, and North Olmsted City Schools will be in force during the entire duration of the summer rehearsals. Any violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action by the directors.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MR. KALISH

KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE

Please use the Following Link to fill out the form for participation:

<https://forms.gle/xyhRzBGik8iasgD3A>

North Olmsted High School EAGLE MARCHING BAND CALENDAR - 2020/2021

6/30/20

JULY 2020

PHASE 1

Fri	7/17	Pre-Season Work Day - Officer/Librarians/Section Leaders	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Sat	7/18	Leadership Workshop (Student Leadership Staff Only)	Bradley Woods	9:00am-11:00am
Mon	7/20	Drum line Camp	NOHS	6:00pm-8:00pm
Tues	7/21	Drum line Camp	NOHS	6:00pm-8:00pm
Wed	7/22	Drum line Camp	NOHS	6:00pm-8:00pm
Thurs	7/23	Drum line Camp	NOHS	6:00pm-8:00pm
Wed	7/22	Phase 1 Rehearsals: New Marchers and Leaders (Excluding Drumline)	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Thurs	7/23	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members (Excluding Drumline)	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Fri	7/24	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members (Excluding Drumline)	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Mon	7/27	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Tues	7/28	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Wed	7/29	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Thurs	7/30	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am
Fri	7/31	Phase 1 Rehearsals: All Members	NOHS	9:00am-11:00am

AUGUST 2020

PHASE 2/3: Very Tentative... Save these dates and times:

Mon	8/3	Full Band Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Tues	8/4	Band Picture Day	NOHS	TBD
Thurs	8/6	Full Band Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Mon	8/10	Full Band Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Tues	8/11	Afternoon Rehearsal	NOHS	2:00pm-6:00pm
Thurs	8/13	Afternoon Rehearsal	NOHS	2:00pm-6:00pm
Mon	8/17	Evening Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Tues	8/18	Evening Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Thurs	8/20	Evening Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Sun	8/23	City Homecoming Parade & Concert	NOHS	12:00pm-3:45pm
Mon	8/24	Evening Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Tues	8/25	BAND CAMP SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE	NOHS STADIUM	6:00pm-7:30pm
Thurs	8/27	Evening Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	8/28	Football Game vs Eastlake North	HOME	6:00pm Inspection
Mon	8/31	Evening Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm

SEPTEMBER 2020

Tues	9/1	Full Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Thurs	9/3	Full Rehearsal	NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	9/4	Convocation Performance	NOHS	7:30am-9:00am
Fri	9/4	Football Game @ Westlake	AWAY	5:15pm Inspection

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6/30/20

SEPTEMBER CONT.

Wed	9/9	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	9/11	Football Game vs North Ridgeville	(ALUMNI SHOW)	HOME	6:00pm Inspection
Sat	9/12	Solon Band Show		SOLON HIGH SCHOOL	5:00pm Inspection
Wed	9/16	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	9/18	Football Game @ Amherst		AWAY	5:00pm Inspection
Wed	9/23	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	9/25	Football Game vs Lakewood (HOMECOMING)		HOME	6:00pm Inspection
Wed	9/30	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm

OCTOBER 2020

Fri	10/2	Football Game @ Midview		AWAY	5:15pm Inspection
Wed	10/7	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	10/9	Football Game @ Avon		AWAY	5:15pm Inspection
Mon	10/12	Columbus Day Parade		Little Italy	9:30am-1:45pm
Wed	10/14	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	10/16	Football Game vs Olmsted Falls (SENIOR RECOGNITION)		HOME	6:00pm Inspection
Sat	10/17	Parma Band Spectacular		BYERS FIELD	5:00pm Inspection
Wed	10/21	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	10/23	Football Game @ Avon Lake		AWAY	6:00pm Inspection
Wed	10/28	Full Rehearsal		NOHS	6:00pm-9:00pm

Tues-Fri 10/27-10/30 CONCERT BAND AUDITIONS (AFTER SCHOOL- Sign up for a time) **NOHS** **3:15pm-6:00pm**

Fri 10/30 Football Game vs Berea-Midpark (SENIOR SHOW) **HOME** **6:00pm Inspection**

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	11/1	"Sounds of the Season" Concert		NOHS GYM	1:00pm Inspection 2:30pm Show Time
Wed	11/4	Marching Band Recognition Banquet		NOHS PAC	7:00pm

* Eaglets will have additional practices scheduled by their coach*

THIS CALENDAR IS ONLY FOR MARCHING BAND

A FULL YEAR NOCS DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR ALL MUSIC PERFORMANCES
IS ALSO AVAILABLE

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CALENDAR FOR CONCERT BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT DATES AND TIMES

FOR UPDATES/ADDITIONS PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE: www.Eaglemusic.org