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April 2009

Dear North High Band Student and Parents/Guardians:

**Greetings!** To our incoming Freshman class ...welcome to our North High School Band Program! And to those families who will be returning next year, "welcome back!" This current year has been very successful for a variety of reasons. The Marching Band, with 200 students completed a terrific year, performing at five home football games, a half-time show at the Carl Sandburg Marching Festival, the annual *Band-O-Rama Concert*, and recently a parade at the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, FL. Our Concert Bands have been busy performing a wide variety of quality literature for concerts. The Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Combo have performed at the Purdue University Jazz Festival and will end the year by performing with the Downers Grove South High School Jazz Ensembles at a concert in Fishel Park. All of our parents, staff and students are excited to begin plans for another great year in 2009-10. **We are confident that next year's band will continue the strong tradition of excellence that began with the first North High Band in 1929!**

**Parents**, the music curriculum in District 99 provides wonderful opportunities for your students who share common interests in music. Band students inherently become good time managers – a terrific training ground for future academic and professional endeavors. While your students are busy with their musical pursuits in band activities, we will be asking you to support their efforts in a variety of ways that range from chaperoning trips, to possibly serving on our Music Boosters Board. Your personal attendance at your child's concert performances is also an important way to acknowledge their hard work and dedication to the arts, and we look forward to having you be a part of our audience.

**Believe it or not**, "next year" starts now! Included in this packet you will find important information about this Summer, next Fall, and our **2009-10 Fine Arts Department Calendar**.

The attached pages include some very important information that should help your family in planning to participate fully in the curriculum. Thank you for taking the time to go through all of the included information carefully. (We know it's a lot to digest!) We look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year.

Warm regards,



William S. Miller



Brayer Teague

# 2009 BAND CAMP & AUGUST REHEARSALS

Band Camp is *required* of all Marching Band members, and will be held on the North High campus in several distinct parts. **Please read the schedule below carefully to make sure you understand exactly when your section of the band will be rehearsing.** A Leadership Workshop will be held August 10-12 for Drum Majors and Section Captains with August 13-15 set aside as work days.

|                            | <u>DATE</u>          | <u>TIME</u>                             | <u>WHO</u>                     | <u>WHAT</u>        |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Leadership Workshop</b> | Monday, August 10    | All Day                                 | DM/DI/SL                       | Workshop           |
|                            | Tuesday, August 11   | All Day                                 | DM/DI/SL                       | Workshop           |
|                            | Wednesday, August 12 | All Day                                 | DM/DI/SL                       | Workshop           |
|                            | Thursday, August 13  | TBA                                     | DM/DI/SL                       | Work Day           |
|                            | Friday, August 14    | TBA                                     | DM/DI/SL                       | Work Day           |
|                            | Saturday, August 15  | 5-8 PM                                  | DM/DI/SL                       | Dinner/Party       |
|                            |                      | TBA                                     | DM/DI/SL                       | Work Day if needed |
| <b>Color Guard</b>         | Friday, August 14    | 8 AM –12 / 1-5 PM                       | Color Guard                    | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Saturday, August 15  | 8 AM –12 / 1-5 PM                       | Color Guard                    | Rehearsal          |
| <b>Percussion</b>          | Thursday, August 13  | 8 AM –12 / 1-5 PM                       | Percussion                     | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Friday, August 14    | 8 AM –12 / 1-5 PM                       | Percussion                     | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Saturday, August 15  | 8 AM –12 / 1-5 PM                       | Percussion                     | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Monday, August 17    | 8-12 PM / 1-5 PM                        | Percussion                     | Rehearsal          |
| <b>Band Camp</b>           | Monday, August 17    | 8 AM – 12 Noon & 6 – 9 PM               | NEWCOMERS & DM/DI/SL and Guard | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Tuesday, August 18   | 8 AM – 12 Noon                          | ALL STUDENTS                   | Rehearsal          |
|                            |                      | 6 – 9 PM                                | ALL                            | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Wednesday, August 19 | 8 AM – 12 Noon                          | ALL                            | Rehearsal          |
|                            |                      | 6 – 8 PM                                | ALL                            | Rehearsal          |
|                            |                      | 8:00 PM                                 | STUDENTS/PARENTS               |                    |
|                            |                      | *** Required Meeting For Parents!!! *** |                                |                    |
|                            | Thursday, August 20  | 8 AM – 12 Noon                          | ALL                            | Rehearsal          |
|                            |                      | 6 – 9 PM                                | ALL                            | Rehearsal          |
|                            | Friday, August 21    | 8 AM – 12 Noon                          | ALL                            | Rehearsal          |
|                            | 5 – 6 PM             | ALL                                     | Rehearsal                      |                    |
|                            | 6 PM                 | ALL / PARENTS                           | Band Camp Showcase             |                    |
|                            | 6:30 PM              | ALL / PARENTS                           | ICE CREAM SOCIAL               |                    |
| Tuesday, August 25         | 5 – 8:00 PM          | ALL                                     | Rehearsal                      |                    |
| Thursday, August 27        | 5 – 9 PM             | ALL                                     | Rehearsal                      |                    |

## MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The “TROJAN” Marching Band will run daily music rehearsals during 5th period. Rehearsing during the school day (as opposed to before or after school) enables students to participate with minimal scheduling conflicts. Students will be assigned to a 5<sup>th</sup> period Music Resource opposite their scheduled lunch.

- Woodwinds and Color Guard – Marching Band 5A / Lunch 5B
- Brass and Percussion – Lunch 5A / Marching Band 5B

In addition to daily music rehearsals, the Marching Band rehearses **every Thursday night in the fall, beginning with Band Camp and running through the end of the season.** These practices begin at 5:30 PM (5:00 for Percussion and Color Guard) and end at 8:30 PM. These co-curricular rehearsals allow the band members to practice with the Athena’s and to perform on Carsten’s Field under the lights. **Marching Band members are REQUIRED to be in attendance at these important rehearsals, and should clear any potential work conflicts well in advance of these dates.**

## PERCUSSION & COLOR GUARD

PERCUSSION and COLOR GUARD will hold special section rehearsals **each Tuesday, during the Marching Band Season.** Percussion will rehearse from 7 – 9:00 PM. Color Guard times will be announced in the fall. A final schedule will be announced during Band Camp.

## MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

|       |  |         |          |    |
|-------|--|---------|----------|----|
| 8/21  | Band Camp Showcase / Ice Cream Social        | 5:00 PM | DGN      | MB |
| 9/4   | Football Game vs. Willowbrook (Senior Night) | 5:00 PM | DGN      | MB |
| 9/11  | Football Game vs. LTHS (Jr. High Band Night) | 5:00 PM | DGN      | MB |
| 9/12  | NU Band Day                                  | TBA     | Evanston | MB |
| 9/18  | Football Game vs. DGS (AWAY trip)            | 5:00 PM | DGS      | MB |
| 9/25  | Football Game vs. York (Homecoming)          | 5:00 PM | DGN      | MB |
| 10/8  | Band-O-Rama Concert                          | 7:00 PM | DGN      | MB |
| 10/16 | Football Game vs. Glenbard West              | 5:00 PM | DGN      | MB |

NOTE: Please hold the following dates for *potential* football playoff performances:

**October 23, 24, 30, 31 November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28**

## UNIFORMS

Marching Band Uniforms will be distributed during the week of Band Camp, August 17 – 21, 2009. Students will receive information on the first day of camp instructing them as to their assigned “check-out time.”

The “TROJAN” Marching Band Uniform will be made up of several garments that will be checked out to each individual student, including: Jacket, Pants, Hat, Plume, and one pair of white gloves (Percussionists do not wear gloves). *Your uniform requires extreme care.*

In addition you will be asked to purchase (if you have not already) a uniform marching shoe to be worn during the season. We will take orders for shoes during Band Camp. **ALL NEW STUDENTS MUST PURCHASE THESE SHOES, ALONG WITH ANY FORMER STUDENTS WHO HAVE EITHER LOST OR OUTGROWN THEIR PREVIOUS PAIR. Shoes cost \$25.00.**

ALL STUDENTS will be required to purchase a “TROJAN Marching Band” uniform T-shirt that will be worn directly under the jacket. This shirt will also serve two other functions: 1) to be worn to school by band members on game days, and 2) to be worn in a parade situation when the weather is too hot for standard uniforms. T-shirts should be purchased at the time of uniform check-out. **T-shirts cost \$10.00.**

ALL STUDENTS will be required to purchase a “TROJAN Marching Band” uniform hat. **Hats cost \$10.00.**

All Marching Band members are required to pay a “Uniform Usage Fee” that is collected directly by the Fine Arts Department. **The fee of \$12.00 covers one scheduled cleaning,** and will be payable at the time of uniform check-out.

### ***TO SUMMARIZE***

**New members** to the band will need to pay **\$57.00**, which will include the uniform shoes, the uniform T-shirt, hat, and the uniform usage fee.

**Formers** (who do not need new shoes) will need to pay **\$32.00**.

All moneys are due at the time of uniform check-out, and may be paid in cash or, preferably, a check made payable to “DGN — BANDS.”

Once your uniform is assigned, it should remain at school at all times (with the exception of the T-shirt, hat, gloves and socks). On trips, uniforms must be transported carefully in garment bags.

***Long hair must be securely tucked under all marching band hats, or worn in a pony-tail that is tucked under the collar of the uniform jacket. No jewelry should be visible. This includes, but is not limited to earrings and necklaces. Cell Phones may not be carried in a band uniform without permission of a director.***

When in uniform, your personal appearance and your actions reflect not only upon you, but all members of the band, the school, and the community. It is an honor to wear the uniform of the "TROJAN" Marching Band — be proud of your uniform and treat it with great respect.

## **PERFORMANCE ELIGIBILITY**

Exemplary *personal conduct* and *rehearsal attendance* is the key to a successful performance experience for all students. For that reason the Fine Arts Department has adopted the following criteria to be used in determining performance eligibility for Marching Band members.

- **All students must sign the North High Activities/Athletic Code of Conduct and adhere to all policies detailed therein.**
- **All students must attend Band Camp rehearsals** as detailed in the attached schedule. Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal. Students who are unable to attend all Band Camp rehearsals may not be allowed to perform with the “TROJAN” Marching Band in field show performances.
- **All students must attend Thursday night practices** as detailed in the attached schedule. Attendance will be taken at each Thursday night rehearsal. Students who are unable to attend a Thursday night rehearsal may not be allowed to perform with the “TROJAN” Marching Band in the following Friday night field show performance.
- The Marching Band has many field show performances at home/away football games. **If a student has a conflict with two or more field show performances, we will not “chart a spot” for him/her in the half-time shows.** It does remain possible however for the student to march pre-game with the band, assuming he/she participated in Band Camp and attends the Thursday night practice preceding that performance.

## **ABSENCES and WORK CONFLICTS**


Absences will be excused only in the case of illness or family emergency; a signed note from a parent/guardian stating the reason for absence is required. **Unexcused absences from rehearsals and performances, both curricular and co-curricular, will have a negative impact on a student’s class grade.**

**Absences due to student employment will NOT be considered an excused absence.** The community expectation is that “school comes first.” Employers generally have the same philosophy if approached EARLY with school district schedules. **If you plan to work this Fall, give your employer our schedule *immediately*. This will eliminate unnecessary complications in the future.**



## **FALL SPORTS EXEMPTION**

Participation in the “TROJAN” Marching Band is considered a curricular experience for ALL students who enroll in a band class at North High School. While the majority of rehearsals and some performances are scheduled within the school day, there are other rehearsals and performances that take place after school. Some students who participate in a District 99 Fall Sport find it challenging to play the sport and make it to scheduled Marching Band obligations. **This varies widely**, depending on the actual sport and the team’s practice/competition schedule. Students may choose a “Fall Sports Exemption” from the CO-CURRICULAR components of the Marching Band Schedule. Fall sports include: (Boy’s) Soccer, Football, Cross Country, Golf; (Girl’s) Tennis, Volleyball, Swimming/Diving, Cross Country, Golf, Athenas and Varsity Cheerleaders.



**Students wishing to take the exemption must register by submitting the “Fall Sports Exemption Request” form to Mr. Miller no later than May 15th, 2009. (Included in this mailing.) \*\*\* Please note that the registration deadline is before the end of this school year. \*\*\***

Because students enrolled in band classes receive curricular credit for work, the responsibilities of students who elect the “Fall Sports Exemption” will be modified slightly to include the following:

- Attendance at all indoor performances of the Marching Band, including all School Assemblies and the **Band-O-Rama concert on October 8, 2009.**
- Completion of a special music inquiry project. Details of the assignment will be distributed to students in class.

Students who take the exemption will not be eligible to audition for Drum Major, Drill Instructor, or Section Leader in that year, or the school year that follows, unless they have at least one year of prior marching band experience.

***All students and parents should consider participation in BOTH a Fall sport and Marching Band before making a final decision. Please see “Can I Play A Sport And Be In Marching Band?”***

## **CAN I PLAY A SPORT AND BE IN MARCHING BAND?**

The answer is “*we hope so, and encourage you to try!*” The answer also varies from one sport to another. For example, it may be easier to do both as a golfer or tennis player than it is as a soccer player. But it’s never *impossible!* It will be up to you and your family to compare the Marching Band rehearsal schedule and performance schedule with that of your sports team. We are willing to work with students and parents to plan for participation in both.

Here are some guidelines that the *Fine Arts Department* will use in determining your eligibility for performances. These guidelines may also be helpful to you in determining whether or not you wish to try both Marching Band and a Fall Sport.

- **All students must attend Band Camp rehearsals** as detailed in the attached schedule. Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal. Students who are unable to attend all Band Camp rehearsals (or at least portions of all rehearsals) may not be allowed to perform with the “TROJAN” Marching Band in field show performances. However, if a student is attempting to do both the sport and Marching Band, and the sport has practices the same week as Band Camp, we are willing to determine a compromise schedule that will allow the student to participate in both.
- **All students must attend Thursday night practices** as detailed in the attached schedule. Attendance will be taken at each Thursday night rehearsal. Students who are unable to attend a Thursday night rehearsal may not be allowed to perform with the “TROJAN” Marching Band in the following Friday night field show performance. However, if a student is attempting to do both the sport and Marching Band, we will make every effort to include the student in all performance opportunities, *even if they had to miss a portion of a Thursday night rehearsal due to a sports competition.*
- The Marching Band generally has five field show performances at home/away football games. **If a student has a conflict with two or more field show performances, we will not “chart a spot” for him/her in the half-time shows.** It does remain possible however for the student to march pre-game with the band, assuming he/she participated in Band Camp and attends the Thursday night practice preceding that performance.

# Fall Sports Exemption Request

**This form must be submitted NO LATER than May 15, 2009**

**\*\* We *must* have your request on time in order to plan appropriately! \*\***

**Mail to: Mr. William Miller, Marching Band Director  
Downers Grove North High School  
4436 Main Street  
Downers Grove, IL 60515**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school this coming Fall:            9            10            11            12

Name of Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this request form, the student and parent/guardian agree to all the requirements/curricular obligations of a band student who selects the "Fall Sports Exemption" as detailed in the information below:

Because students enrolled in band classes receive curricular credit for work, the responsibilities of students who elect the "fall sports exemption" will be modified slightly to include the following:

- Attendance at all indoor performances of the Marching Band, including all School Assemblies and the Band-O-Rama concert.
- Completion of a special music research project. Details of the assignment will be distributed to students in class.

Students who take the exemption will not be eligible to audition for Drum Major or Section Captain in that year, or the school year that follows, unless they have at least one year of prior marching band experience.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: (REQUIRED!) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ***2009-10 NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS CALENDAR***

## **MUSIC – THEATRE – VISUAL ART**

**Current as of May 18, 2009**

| <b>DATE</b>             | <b>EVENT</b>                                   | <b>TIME</b>                            | <b>PLACE</b> | <b>ENSEMBLE</b> |
|-------------------------|--|--|--------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>AUGUST</u></b>    |  |  |              |                 |
| 8/10-14                 | Marching Band Leadership Team Training         | (See Band mailing for detailed times!) |              |                 |
| 8/13-15                 | Drum Line Camp                                 |  |              |                 |
| 8/17-21                 | Marching Band Camp                             | (See Band mailing for detailed times!) |              |                 |
| <b>8/19</b>             | <b>Music Student/Parent Meeting (REQUIRED)</b> | <b>8:00 PM</b>                         | <b>DGN</b>   | <b>ALL</b>      |
| 8/21                    | Band Camp Showcase / Ice Cream Social          | 5:00 PM                                | DGN          | MB              |
| 8/29                    | Orchestra Retreat                              | 9 AM – 5 PM                            | DGN          | Orch            |
| <b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b> |  |  |              |                 |
| 9/4                     | Football Game vs. Willowbrook (Senior Night)   | 5:00 PM                                | DGN          | MB              |
| 9/11                    | Football Game vs. LTHS (Jr. High Band Night)   | 5:00 PM                                | DGN          | MB              |
| 9/12                    | NU Band Day                                    | TBA                                    | Evanston     | MB              |
| 9/18                    | Football Game vs. DGS (AWAY trip)              | 5:00 PM                                | DGS          | MB              |
| 9/25                    | Football Game vs. York (Homecoming)            | 5:00 PM                                | DGN          | MB              |
| <b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>   |  |  |              |                 |
| 10/8                    | Band-O-Rama Concert                            | 7:00 PM                                | DGN          | MB              |
| 10/13                   | IMEA Auditions                                 | 5 PM                                   | Hinsdale C.  | SS              |
| 10/15                   | District 99 Orchestra Concert                  | 7:00 PM                                | DGN          | Orch            |
| 10/16                   | Football Game vs. Glenbard West                | 5:00 PM                                | DGN          | MB              |
| 10/20                   | Fall Choir Concert                             | 7:00 PM                                | DGN          | FC, CC, TC, AC  |
| 10/22-24                | Fall Studio Play                               | 5:00/7:00 PM                           | DGN          | Theatre Program |
| <b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>  |  |  |              |                 |
| 11/6-11/8               | All-School Musical                             | 7:00/3:00 PM                           | DGN          | Theatre Program |
| 11/14                   | IMEA District Jazz Festival                    | All Day                                | TBA          | SS              |
| 11/17                   | Band Concert (JE, JW, CB, WE)                  | 7:00 PM                                | DGN          | JE, CB, WE      |
| 11/19                   | Band Concert (JLB, PE, SB)                     | 7:00 PM                                | DGN          | JLB, PE, SB     |
| 11/21                   | IMEA District Festival                         | All Day                                | TBA          | SS              |
| 11/29                   | D.G. Holiday Parade                            | TBA                                    | Main St.     | MB              |
| <b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>  |  |  |              |                 |
| 12/7-12/11              | Holiday Mosaic Art Show                        | All Day                                | DGN          | Art             |
| 12/7                    | (Mosaic Tech Rehearsal)                        | 3:30 PM                                | DGN          | WE/Choirs/Orch  |
| 12/8                    | Holiday Mosaic Concert                         | 5:30 PM                                | DGN          | WE/Choirs/Orch  |
|                         | (two performances)                             | 8:00 PM                                |              |                 |
| 12/9                    | Mosaic Concert School Assembly                 | At School                              | DGN          | WE/Choirs/Orch  |
| 12/9                    | Mosaic Art Show Reception                      | 6-7:30 PM                              | DGN          | Art             |
| 12/10                   | South HS Holiday Concert                       | 7:00 PM                                | DGS          | Orch.           |
| 12/11                   | South HS Holiday Assembly                      | 8:00 AM                                | DGS          | Orch.           |
| <b><u>JANUARY</u></b>   |  |  |              |                 |
| 1/8                     | The Jazz Café                                  | 6:30 PM                                | DGN          | JE, JLB, JW     |
| 1/21                    | North High Choral Festival                     | 3:30-9 PM                              | DGN          | SS              |
| 1/15-1/16               | Purdue University Jazz Festival                | All Day(s)                             | Purdue Univ. | JE, JLB         |
| 1/27-30                 | IMEA All-State Conference                      | All Day(s)                             | Peoria, IL   | SS              |

**FEBRUARY**

|          |                                       |         |     |                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---------|-----|-----------------|
| 2/5      | NIU Jazz Ensemble Concert             | 7:00 PM | DGS | JE, JLB         |
| 2/7      | Scholastic Art Show Opening Reception | 1:00 PM | DGN | Art             |
| 2/7-2/10 | Scholastic Art Show                   | Various | DGN | Art             |
| 2/11     | North HS Vocal Festival               | All Day | DGN | SS              |
| 2/12-13  | Orchesis Performance                  | 7:00 PM | DGN | Theatre Program |
| 2/25-3/1 | Choir Tour                            | All Day | TBA | Choirs          |

**MARCH**

|           |                                |              |            |                 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| 3/4       | Spring Choral Concert          | 7:00 PM      | DGN        | FC, CC, TC, AC  |
| 3/6       | IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest   | All Day      | TBD        | SS              |
| 3/9       | Dist. 99 Choral Honors Recital | 7:00 PM      | Gloria Dei | SS              |
| 3/11-3/13 | Winter Studio Play             | 5:00/7:00 PM | DGN        | Theatre Program |
| 3/17      | District 99 Orchestra Concert  | 7:00 PM      | DGS        | Orch            |
| 3/18      | Band Concert                   | 7:00 PM      | DGN        | CB, SB, WE      |
| 3/19      | Community Outreach Concert #1  | 12:45 PM     | DGN        | WE              |
| 3/25      | Community Outreach Concert #2  | 12:45 PM     | DGN        | WE              |

**APRIL**

|      |  |         |          |                 |
|------|--|---------|----------|-----------------|
| TBD  | Hinsdale Center of the Arts – Art Show       | TBA     | Hinsdale | Art             |
| 4/13 | Jazz Bands Concert (“Sharing is Caring”)     | 7:00 PM | DGN      | JE/JLB/PE       |
| 4/27 | Dist. 99 Instrumental Program Honors Recital | 7:00 PM | DGS      | SS              |
| 4/30 | Spring Play                                  | 7:00 PM | DGN      | Theatre Program |

**MAY**

|         |                                       |              |             |                 |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 5/1-2   | Spring Play                           | 7:00/3:00 PM | DGN         | Theatre Program |
| 5/3     | Spring Art Show Opening Reception     | 6-7:30 PM    | DGN         | Art             |
| 5/3-5-7 | Spring Art Show                       | All Day      | DGN         | Art             |
| 5/6     | Band Concert                          | 7:00 PM      | DGN         | CB, PE, SB      |
| 5/7     | Orchestra Banquet                     | TBA          | DGS         | Orch            |
| 5/10    | Spring Choral Showcase Tech Rehearsal | 6:00 PM      | DGN         | FC, CC, TC      |
| 5/11    | Spring Choral Showcase                | 7:00 PM      | DGN         | FC, CC, TC      |
| 5/14    | Choir Recognition Dinner              | 6:00 PM      | DGN         | All Choirs      |
| 5/20    | Graduation Concert                    | 7:00 PM      | DGN         | WE, AC          |
| 5/22    | Annual Band Awards Banquet / Dance    | 5:30 PM      | Willowbrook | Band families   |
| 5/24    | Dist. 99 Vocal Honors Program Recital | 4:00 PM      | DGS         | Auditorium      |
| 5/24    | Drama Banquet                         | 6:00 PM      | DGN         | Theatre Program |
| 5/25    | Jazz in the Park Concert              | 6:30 PM      | Fishel Park | JE, JLB         |
| 5/26    | District 99 Orchestra Concert         | 7:00 PM      | DGN         | Orch            |
| 5/27    | Acting Showcase                       | 4:00 PM      | DGN         | Theatre Program |

**JUNE**

|         |                            |         |        |                 |
|---------|----------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| 6/2     | Chamber Choir Concert      | 7:00 PM | DGN    | Chamber Choir   |
| 6/4     | Graduation Exercises       | 7:00 PM | DGN    | Bands, AC       |
| 6/7-11  | Orchestra Tour ‘Boot Camp’ | All Day | DGN    | Select D99 Orch |
| 6/12-26 | D99 Orchestra Tour         | Tour    | Europe | Select D99 Orch |

**WE**(Wind Ensemble) **SB** (Symphonic Band) **CB** (Concert Band) **PE** (Percussion Ensemble)  
**FC**(Freshman Choir) **CC**(Concert Choir) **TC**(Treble Choir) **AC**(A Cappella Choir)  
**JE**(Jazz Ensemble) **JLB**(Jazz Lab Band) **JW** (Jazz Workshop) **MB**(“TROJAN” Marching Band) **Orch**(Orchestra)  
**Pep Band**(Basketball Pep Band) **PO**(Pit Orchestra) **99HB**(District 99 Honors Band) **SS**(Selected Students) **Art** (Art Students)

# Marching Band Reserved Seating!

At home football games just for band families...

To reserve your seats in time for the first game,  
please have your check arrive by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Band Parent seats are in the section of bleachers just south of the band.

The DGN Music Boosters thanks the Trojan Boosters for supporting this initiative. 100% of the proceeds go to our Music Boosters organization.

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check to the address below.

## 2009 Trojan Football Reserved Seat Request – BAND SEATS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I had seats last year. \_\_\_ Similar to last years seats.

Try to seat me near the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

\$25 for first seat \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ additional at \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_

**Total of your check** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail and make checks payable to:

Trojan Booster Club  
PO Box 10  
Downers Grove, IL 60515



Please do not send checks to anywhere but the P.O. Box. 100% of your check supports the Music Boosters.

**Please note: Purchasing a reserved seat is not an admission ticket. Tickets are sold at the gate. Family Passes can be purchased on Fee Payment Day.**

**Please Mark Your Calendars Now!**

**Mandatory Band Parent/Student  
Meeting**

(For **ALL** Band students ... regardless of Marching Band Status)

*August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*8:00 PM*

*North High School Auditorium*

*General Band Curriculum Information  
Activity and Athletic Code of Conduct Information  
Marching Band Season Information*

**\*\*\* Each student MUST attend with at least one  
Parent/Guardian. This includes  
'Sports Exemption' band members as well.\*\*\***



# UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

## DISTRICT 99 SUMMER MARCHING BAND

As we have for over two decades, we will combine the North and South High School band students and participate in community parades on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The first parade is in Darien (morning) and the second parade is in Downers Grove (early afternoon). There will be two rehearsals on Wednesday evenings preceding the parades. One will be on the North campus, and the other on the South campus. Students will wear District 99 Marching Band Polo Shirts (provided) with their own KHAKI SHORTS, gym shoes and white socks.

**WE COUNT ON YOU!!!**

**Our local villages support the DGN and DGS bands in many ways. This is an opportunity for us to give something back to the community. We need ALL band students who are in town, and available to march on July 4th to do so. Returning students: consider this a *mandatory* event if you are in-town for the July 4th festivities.**

This is an outstanding opportunity for incoming Freshman or newcomers to our program who are looking to get a “head start.” We will teach all new students the basic marching fundamental needed to successfully participate in the two July 4th parades. Come join us, and meet your future fellow band members!

### *District 99 Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule*

|                    |                             |                |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday, June 24 | North High School Band Room | 6:30 – 8:30 PM |
| Wednesday, July 1  | South High School Band Room | 6:30 – 8:30 PM |

**The Darien and Downers Grove Parades will be held on Saturday, July 4.**

**Specific details will be available at school on June 24 and July 1.**

# *Special Information for Percussionists*

## **How do I know if this information applies to me?**

*If you are a percussion student, and you are NOT applying for a Fall Sports Exemption (see additional requirements regarding this option in the enclosed information), this information applies to you. It may also apply to you if you play a non-marching band instrument such as bassoon or oboe.*

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Dear 2009-2010 North High Drum Line Member:

As we move into the spring and summer we want to take a minute to let you know about some special percussion practices that will be held in preparation for the next school year. These summer practices are REQUIRED for Marching Band percussionists as noted on the enclosed schedule. We will be learning the music for next year's field show, and practicing important warm-up exercises and cadences. **The schedule for these required practices is included in this packet.**

North High Drum Line members will again be working with Mr. Mark Botti during the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Botti is an accomplished percussion instructor and band director who has worked with many award-winning marching bands, including the Northwestern University "Wildcat" Marching Band Drum Line.

### **Important**

- In the case of an **emergency**, parents/guardians should telephone Mr. Botti to notify him of the absence. Mr. Botti should be contacted at 630-263-8311.
- Summer job schedules will not be considered an excused absence. Please share this schedule with your employer now to avoid conflicts.

***All practices will be held in the band room at North (room 142). Enter the music area through the north-west doors next to the music loading dock. (You must walk into the stadium area to access these doors, and walk up the short group of stairs next to the loading dock.)***

If you play an instrument that is not considered a "traditional marching instrument," such as **oboe or bassoon**, you have several options for Marching Band. You may have already learned how to play a secondary wind instrument (i.e. saxophone), and in that case we prefer for you to play that instrument. You also have the option of auditioning for the Color Guard later this spring. If neither of these opportunities are an option for you, we invite you to join us this at our upcoming spring practices to begin learning about percussion instruments. You will not be alone; there are several students currently playing in the "drum line" who also play other instruments.

**We are looking forward to meeting you at our special practices!**



# Drum Line

## *Spring / Summer Schedule 2009*

|                    |                |  |
|--------------------|----------------|--|
| Saturday, April 18 | 1:00 – 5:00 PM | Incoming Freshman Clinic   |
| Saturday, May 2    | 1:00 – 5:00 PM | Specific Audition times TBA *  |
| Saturday, May 9    | 1:00 – 5:00 PM | Rehearsal  |
| Saturday, May 16   | 8:00 AM - Noon | Rehearsal  |
|                    |                |  |
| Wednesday, June 24 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM | District 99 Summer Marching Band<br><b>North High School</b><br>Drum Line Practice (for July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade) |
|                    |                |  |
| Wednesday, July 1  | 6:30 – 8:30 PM | District 99 Summer Marching Band<br><b>South High School</b><br>Drum Line Practice (for July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade) |

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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday, August 13 | 8 AM – 12 / 1 – 5 PM | Drum Line Camp ** |
| Friday, August 14   | 8 AM – 12 / 1 – 5 PM | Drum Line Camp ** |
| Saturday, August 15 | 8 AM – 12 / 1 – 5 PM | Drum Line Camp**  |
| Monday, August 17   | 8 AM – 12 / 1 – 5 PM | Drum Line Camp ** |

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**\* This date is *critically important* in that part assignments for the Drum Line will be established. If you or your family has a conflict with this date, Mr. Botti must be informed at least two weeks in advance of the audition so that an alternate audition time may be established in advance of this date.**

\*\* Mandatory rehearsals. Absences will be excused only for medical or family emergencies. Unexcused absences will impact the student's Quarter 1 grade for Band class. Students who fail to attend these rehearsals *may* forfeit their instrument assignment to students in attendance.



**Community High School District 99 – Downers Grove North High School  
Fine Arts Department**

April 2009

Dear band students interested in Color Guard:

I am happy to share with you information relating to the 2009-2010 Downers Grove North High School Color Guard. As you are probably aware, the North High Color Guard is one of the most highly visible components of the Marching Band, and provides a tremendous visual accent to the music the band performs in parades as well as on the football field. The Color Guard is made up of dedicated students (from within the band) that are interested in learning a new skill, meeting & making new friends, and making an extremely positive contribution to school.

Informational and Instructional Clinic

*Saturday, May 9, 2009*

**8 – 8:15 AM – Interested students who were not on the 2008-2009 squad meet in North Band Room (142) with a parent/guardian for short information meeting.**

**8:15 – 10 AM – Instructional clinic to teach color guard flag techniques to new students.**

**10 – 12 noon – Former Color Guard members join clinic for review.**

**12 – 1 PM – Auditions for Captain**

Try-outs

*Saturday, May 16, 2009*

**8:30 – 11:00 AM – Auditions. Students will only be required to attend for approximately thirty minutes. Students will sign up for a time on May 9.**

Wear comfortable clothing to both the clinics and the try-out. Be sure to wear tennis shoes. No sandals or boots! Report to the Band Room (142) both days.

*All current band students – as well as 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are enrolled in band for the 2009-2010 school year – are eligible to participate in the clinics and audition process. This letter is being sent to students who have previously expressed an interest in the Color Guard. Please feel free to share this with any of your friends who are planning to be in the band next year, and who may also wish to participate in the Color Guard. They do not need to contact our office; they may simply come to the clinic on May 9 and sign-in at that time.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Fine Arts Department office at 795-8080. We hope to see you on May 9<sup>th</sup>!

Musically yours,

Brayer Teague  
Fine Arts Department Chairperson