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

June 25, 2009

Dear North High Band Family:

We hope this letter finds each of you well and enjoying the warm months of summer. Thank you to those band students who participated in our July 4th parade practice last night. If you had a conflict with the first practice, don't forget to join us at South High on July 1st for our final parade practice. **We're counting on you!** And many of you have recently attended (or are currently attending) summer music camps; we trust those experiences have been rich with musical rewards.

This mailing contains several important reminders as we look ahead to August and the beginning of our academic year together. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the contents of this document – **and be sure to make special note of the Activities Registration Form (enclosed), and the instructions for returning it.**

Please also note the enclosure that details our policy for memorization of the School Song. All Marching Band members need to make special note of this information.

Much of the information we have traditionally included in this summer mailing is a repeat of documents that were previously mailed home in late April. Rather than expend a great deal of paper on duplicate materials, we have uploaded the April mailing to our band's website. Please note that the following may be found on-line in the April mailing:

- 2009 Band Camp dates and times
- Information regarding the required parent/guardian & student meeting, in the North Auditorium at 8 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. This meeting is for **all music parents** – not just Marching Band.
- Forms to reserve seats for North High football games/Marching Band performances
- Marching Band rehearsal and performance calendar
- Information regarding fees for uniform cleaning, shoes, etc.
- Performance eligibility requirements
- 2009-2010 Fine Arts Department calendar
- Music Booster Contributing Members information

Our website address is: *dgnbands.blogspot.com*

Because several of our band performances and activities fall within the jurisdiction of our *Student Activities* program (Marching Band away trips, Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, Band Tours, etc.) **all Band students (including those who have registered for a “Fall Sports Exemption”) must complete the enclosed “Activities Registration Form” and return it – prior to Monday, August 17, 2009.** (Additional copies of the form may be downloaded on our website.)



Please note this school policy: **The Activity Registration Form must be completed and signed by both student and parent/guardian before a student will be eligible to begin practicing with the 2009-10 band.** After you have carefully read the document, including the Code of Conduct, please discuss the obligations as a family and sign. You then have two options for returning this form:

1. **(Recommended)** Mail to: Student Activities Office
Downers Grove North High School
4436 Main Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515
2. Student or parent/guardian may return the form, in person, to the Student Activities Office of North High anytime prior to 9:00 AM on Monday, August 17, 2009.

The remaining information in this letter is specifically related to Marching Band.

Marching Band Uniform Check-Out and Fee-Payment Schedule

- **Returning Seniors and Juniors:** Wednesday, August 19, 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM.
- **Returning Sophomores:** Thursday, August 20, 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM.
- **All Newcomers:** Friday, August 21, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Payment Information: **New members** to the band will need to pay **\$57.00**, which will include new uniform shoes, the uniform t-shirt, uniform hat, gloves, and the cleaning fee. **Formers** (who do not need new shoes) will need to pay **\$32.00**, which will cover the cleaning fee, t-shirt, uniform hat, and gloves.

All moneys are due at the time of uniform check-out, and may be paid in cash or, preferably, a check made payable to “Community High School District 99 - North Music.”

Instrument Lyres

Each member of the Marching Band (with the exception of Percussion - see below) must PURCHASE an instrument lyre from a local music store. This lyre, which attaches to your instrument or arm, will hold your music flip folder in place during music practices. **YOU WILL NEED THIS LYRE BEGINNING TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18.** Lyres may be purchased at many local music stores, however we suggest you call ahead to make sure they have your instrument lyre in stock. It is recommended that you take your instrument with you when you go to buy the lyre, in order to assure a correct fit. Lyres range in cost, depending on the instrument, but are generally only a few dollars. It will be your own personal responsibility to keep track of your lyre, and to replace it if it is lost or broken. (A hint to clarinet players: clarinet lyres break more easily than other instruments. You may want to consider purchasing two, so that you have a back-up.) You are advised against leaving your lyre in your slot, as it may get lost. The best bet is to keep it in your case or locker.

Flutes: Your lyres are a little different than most instruments, and we recommend you purchase an arm-lyre called, “The Flutist Friend.”

Percussion: You are expected to maintain a three-ring binder containing all your marching band music. Music should be kept in clear plastic pages that attach to your binder. Binders are to be kept in your locker, and brought to each music rehearsal. Under normal circumstances, percussion music must be MEMORIZED for each performance.

We look forward to working with each of you next year!



Brayer Teague
Band Director



William Miller
Band Director

Marching Band Members – READ!

2009 – School Song Memorization

You will be tested on your memory of this music at our Band Camp in August!

The School Song is performed so frequently during the football season that it becomes important that band members can play it quickly, without the need to locate sheet music.

All North High Band students are required to memorize the School Song. We will not pass out the sheet music to students as a part of the marching band music folder.

The sheet music for your instrument is available on our website, dgnbands.blogspot.com. Look for the link that reads, “North High School Song Parts,” and click on it. (You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer.) Find and print your part. To determine what part you should memorize for this year, please consult the chart below*:

	<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>
<u>Flute</u>	Flute 2 (Flute 1 optional)	Flute 2 (Flute 1 optional)	Flute 1	Flute 1
<u>Clarinet</u>	Clarinet 3	Clarinet 2	Clarinet 1	Clarinet 1
<u>Alto Sax</u>	Alto Sax	Alto Sax	Alto Sax	Alto Sax
<u>Tenor Sax</u>	Tenor Sax	Tenor Sax	Tenor Sax	Tenor Sax
<u>Trumpet</u>	Trumpet 3	Trumpet 2	Trumpet 1	Trumpet 1
<u>French Horn</u>	Horn 2	Horn 2	Horn 1	Horn 1
<u>Trombone</u>	Trombone 2	Trombone 2	Trombone 1	Trombone 1
<u>Baritone</u>	Baritone	Baritone	Baritone	Baritone
<u>Tuba</u>	Tuba	Tuba	Tuba	Tuba
<u>Percussion</u>	as assigned	as assigned	as assigned	as assigned

* During Band Camp, selected students *may* be asked to take additional time to memorize an alternate part based on instrumentation needs, balance needs, and expressed student interest.

Students will be tested on their memorization of the School Song during Band Camp. This will be the first grade for Quarter 1. Please do your best to prepare the music accurately.