

Dear NMHS Band Members and Families,

May 22, 2018

Welcome to the 2018-2019 NMHS Marching Band! We hope this letter finds you full of anticipation for the exciting season ahead of us. It is an exciting year because we are traveling to DISNEY WORLD!! I am getting this information out earlier than in past years so that you can organize your schedules and we can plan our season effectively. Due to this, the year's halftime show theme has not yet been decided! There are many positive performance opportunities awaiting you for this season and we are looking forward to creating a wonderful memory for all members. You are part of an organization that has a tradition of excellence and outstanding achievement. Participation in the band will not only offer you the joy found in performing as a group, but will instill in you values which will have a positive effect on the rest of your life. You now have many responsibilities and commitments, which are outlined on the enclosed pages. Please read carefully the attached schedule and calendar. Our rehearsal schedule has been designed to allow ALL students to participate fully and benefit from the expert instruction our staff can provide.

**Marching Band is not an optional part of the band program at NMHS.** Every student enrolled in the band must also participate in marching band. There are a few exceptions such as playing on the varsity football and soccer teams and religious conflicts. If this is true for you, you **MUST** fill out an exemption form that you can get from Mrs. H. We will then meet with your parents and Mr. Mannupelli to give you an alternate assessment plan.

Remember, each member is an essential and integral part of the Marching Band. All members have been assigned important roles and positions within the organization. The success of our performances is dependent on each individual rehearsing and performing to the very best of his/her ability. Be sure to provide yourself with a personal calendar to mark the dates included on the attached pages. The listed performance and rehearsal dates take on the nature of a PRIOR COMMITMENT, unless notification of an existing conflict has been submitted to the Director of Bands immediately upon receipt of this letter and no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Email any concerns or any schedule conflicts to band director, Mrs. Haderthauer at [hhaderthauer@newmilfordschools.org](mailto:hhaderthauer@newmilfordschools.org) ASAP!!!

Enclosed in this letter, you will find the:

- List of Required Items
- 2018-2019 NMHS Marching Band Schedule and Calendar
- Guidelines for NMHS Instrumental Music Students
- Marching Band Membership Responsibilities
- Band Permission Slip (due back by 6/1/18)
- Marching Band Shoe Order Form
- NMHS Medical Form must be filled out ONLINE prior to Band Camp beginning at <http://nmhs.powermediallc.org/sports-permission-packet/>

Please read this thoroughly and share this information all of your family members, in order to insure your full participation and the honoring of your commitment to our organization. Now is the time to clear your schedule so that no conflicts impede your ability to fulfill your commitment. In an effort to work as efficiently as possible, it is essential that everyone adhere to the printed deadlines for returning paperwork. Failure to do so will make the staff, officers, and parent volunteers work even harder than necessary. If you or your parents need any assistance or have any questions, do not hesitate to ask!

On behalf of the entire New Milford High School Marching Band Staff, we wish you an enjoyable and productive summer, while looking forward to the upcoming marching season.

For the entire band staff,

*Heidi Haderthauer*

Mrs. Heidi Haderthauer

## LIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS

As a member of the New Milford High School Marching Band, you are **REQUIRED** to provide the following items for yourself:

1. One pair of black marching band uniform shoes. Students will try on shoes during band camp. Please have a check for \$30.00 made out to NMHS General Fund upon arrival to band camp.
2. ALL BLACK CALF-LENGTH socks. You cannot wear short sports socks. Put extras in your uniform bag.
3. Black cotton dress gloves. Woodwind players will be able to cut the fingers off for better performance. These will be available from your band director at the beginning of the season for \$2.00.
4. A fully functional instrument (all slides move/all pads good) with all necessary supplies for your instrument including: reeds, valve oil, mouthpiece, lyre (provided by director), pencils, etc.
5. One combination lock for your instrument locker (MANDATORY) Since your instrument represents a considerable monetary investment; all students **MUST** secure their instrument in their assigned band locker with a quality padlock. Lockers will be assigned at band camp and combinations will be recorded.
6. A **one-gallon** size or larger insulated water jug with your name clearly written in permanent marker. *Hydration is a critical issue for outdoor activities to ensure health, safety, and maximum productivity.*
7. A device in which the drill can be downloaded (cell phone or tablet). If you don't have one of these, you must have a three-ring binder with sheet protectors for paper copies of the drill.

### **The following items MUST be brought to all band rehearsals:**

- Your instrument and supplies (reeds, valve oil, sticks)
- Charged Smartphone or Tablet (we use an app to learn our drill)
- Pen and pencil
- **Sneakers** with socks (*Flip-flops, sandals, or boots are **NEVER** permitted for marching.*)
- Sunscreen
- Water jug, sports drinks and snacks
- Hat

*The Band Director must approve any absences! Requests must be **submitted in writing** to [hhaderthauer@newmilfordschools.org](mailto:hhaderthauer@newmilfordschools.org) no more than 24 hours to the absence.*

## 2018 BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Freshman Session (for all incoming 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders and new marchers)

Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>: 1pm-3pm

### Band Camp Sessions (MANDATORY ATTENDANCE)

Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 20th

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and New Marchers: 1pm-3pm

**All Band members:** 3pm-8pm

Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1pm-8pm: Dinner Break 4:30-5:30pm

Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm: Band Family Performance and Picnic 5-8pm

## 2018-2019 Marching Band SCHEDULE

<b><u>Tuesday and Thursday Mandatory Rehearsals</u></b>			
<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>	<b>Arrive by 5:45pm</b>	<b>August 28 – Nov. 1</b>	<b>6pm-8:30pm</b>
For Friday night games – Rehearsal from 3:30-4:30pm Dinner 4:30-5:30pm		This schedule could change based on rehearsal needs and travel time needed.	
<b><u>Football Games</u></b>			
Thursday August 30 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	Home	vs.	Pompton Lakes
Friday September 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	Away	vs.	Harrison
Friday September 14 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	Away	vs.	Elmwood Park
Friday September 21 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm	Home	vs.	Hawthorne
Saturday September 29 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm	Away	vs.	Lyndhurst
Friday October 5 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (Senior Night)	Home	vs.	Secaucus
Friday October 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	TBD	vs.	TBD
Friday October 26 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	TBD	vs	TBD
Friday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	State Game	TBD	TBD
Saturday November 10th	State Game	TBD	TBD
November 16 <sup>th</sup> or 17 <sup>th</sup>	State Game	TBD	TBD
November 24th (Tentative)	State Game	TBD	TBD
December 1 (Tentative)	Championships	TBD	TBD
<b><u>Other Performances</u></b>			
Sunday September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Bergenfield Marching Band Competition	9am-4pm	US Bands Competition
Sunday November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Bloomfield Marching Band Competition	10am-5pm	Competition
Sunday December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018	New Milford Tree Lighting	5pm-7pm	
Sunday March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Bergenfield St. Patrick's Day Parade	1pm-5pm	
Thursday April 11 <sup>th</sup> – Monday April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Disney World – Parade Performance and Workshop	Informational Meeting September 12th	
May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019: 8am-11am	New Milford Memorial Day Parade	9am-11am	
<b><u>Other Events</u></b>			
Possible Band Flea Market	TBD		
Mattress Sale Fundraiser	TBD		
Ford Test Drive Fundraiser	TBD		
Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser	TBD		
Ashley Farms Fundraiser Kickoff	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018		
Marching Band Awards Dinner	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Tentative Date	

# ---GUIDELINES---

(Required reading for Band members)

Your membership in the New Milford High School Marching Band means that you will come to know, or learn, the spirit of energy, loyalty, personal organization, diligence, dedication, pride and self-discipline. These are required to successfully fulfill your role as participant and performer.

## **RULE #1 – KEEP YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS INFORMED**

This includes policies of the department including the rehearsal and performance schedule and commitment. Students must be sure that their parents (and employers) understand and support the commitment that all participants are required to make – (See Rule #3).

## **RULE #2 – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Band members are expected to listen to the daily announcements and check the website. In addition, they are expected to read and know all announcements posted in the Band Room on a daily basis.

## **RULE #3 – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS**

Attendance at all rehearsals, performances, etc. is REQUIRED. The minimum expectation is 100% attendance. As a member of the band program, you occupy an important part and space in each band function. Inasmuch as the band works as a finely trained team, it is essential that every member be present for ALL functions which include rehearsals, concerts, competitions, music performance assessments, football games, parades, and out-of-town trips. Any member who is absent makes the band less effective and has an adverse effect on the morale of the band.

### Procedure for Absence

Naturally, sickness and other hardships make it necessary to miss on a rare occasion. The PARENT must notify the director as far IN ADVANCE as possible if a student must miss a rehearsal or performance.

After following the procedure above, the absence will fall into one of three categories:

1. PERMITTED (Advance notice given was at least 5 school days)
2. EXCUSED Reason: Family emergency or illness. (Student loses points for the activity/event; make-up assignment is allowed)
3. UNEXCUSED Any absence which is not permitted or excused. (Student loses points for the activity/event; no make-up)

### Consequences for Absences

- The first unexcused absence to a performance or rehearsal (outside school hours) will result in being benched for the next upcoming performance.
- The second unexcused absence will result in being benched from the next two performances.
- Missing two band classes may result in being benched for the performance that week or being removed from the performing ensemble.
- Missing ANY out-of-school rehearsals may result in being benched for the performance that week.

A benched person must attend all band functions, sit in the stands and play in uniform.

Please understand that rehearsals and performances are the same as exams in other classes. We cannot divert teaching time from those who have been in attendance in order to mainstream a student who has not been in attendance. Since there is no way to "make up" these events, missing a rehearsal or performance is equivalent to not taking an exam and receiving a zero as a grade. However, ANY outside rehearsal or performance missed for an acceptable reason must be made up by completing an assignment approved by the Director. **FAILURE TO MAKE UP AN ABSENCE WILL RESULT IN LOWERING OF THE BAND GRADE.**

### Procedure for Tardy

TARDINESS will not be tolerated. Tardies cause delays in time schedules and are discourteous and irritating to your fellow band members who have to wait for you. All tardies are unexcused unless excused by valid reasons or a written pass. The procedure for tardies is the same as that for absences.

1. EXCUSED (Student does not lose points)
2. UNEXCUSED (Student loses up to 1/3 of points for the activity/event; no make-up)

Students do NOT pick and choose the band events in which they wish to participate. If the band performs or rehearses, everyone is to be there every time! Conflicts with other activities are to be resolved as far IN ADVANCE as possible (not the day of the event!)

If an outside event appears to be "rained-out", always report to the band room for indoor rehearsal. Rarely is a rehearsal ever called off because of rain.

Performance takes precedence over practice concerning another school activity. Only reasons of GRAVE EMERGENCY should be used for missing a performance or rehearsal. These arrangements must be made in advance.

- a) Rehearsals are scheduled far enough in advance to allow you to plan and schedule other involvements so as to avoid conflicts with the rehearsal schedule. The rehearsal schedule becomes (in almost all incidents) a "PRIOR COMMITMENT" and this concept must be established at home, at work, etc. Any exceptions must be dealt with per (c), (d), or (e) below.
- b) You are responsible to your Director for any problems that vary from the procedures regarding performances and rehearsals, and it is **YOUR** responsibility to see that you, your parents, your employer, etc., have a clear understanding of these procedures.
- c) If being sent home by the school nurse or administration for any reason on the day of a rehearsal or performance, be sure that your Director is so informed. You cannot attend an afternoon or evening rehearsal or performance if you are sent home from school during that day. The responsibility for the delivery of the message remains YOURS.

### **RULE #4 – PROCEDURE WHEN ILL FOR A NON-SCHOOL DAY PERFORMANCE OR REHEARSAL**

- a) Have a parent or guardian send an email to Mrs. Haderthauer or call 551-206-9883 (cell) informing your Director of your illness. This should be done as far in advance of the rehearsal/performance starting time as possible. Failure to report the absence in advance will result in a grading penalty.
- b) Bring a doctor's note certifying your illness when reporting to the next meeting (class, rehearsal, etc.) of your organization.

### **RULE#5 –YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM**

- a) You understand that ANY equipment issued to you, or used by you, is to be maintained by you and returned at the appropriate time in a condition at least as fine as the condition at the time of issuance (allowing for minimal, NORMAL, wear and tear). Damage caused by misuse or neglect is the sole financial responsibility of you and your family.
- b) You understand that no equipment or music problems should be handled on the day of a performance.

Plan well ahead to avoid unnecessary emergencies. Before leaving school prior to a performance day, be sure YOU have checked everything YOU need and that YOUR equipment is checked for condition and ready to go (uniform, instrument, music, etc.).

- c) You understand that no one will wait on you. Repairs (under staff supervision or through a qualified repair technician), care and maintenance are your responsibility. (The staff MAY be able assist you in an emergency situation).
- d) You understand that maintenance of equipment as outlined above ALSO applies to your own personal instrument as well. It should be kept in good working condition at all times and any problems are taken care of by YOU. (See a, b, c above.)

#### **RULE #6 – YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND ACT ACCORDING TO THESE RULES**

- a) You should study these pages (rules #1-6) so that you have a working knowledge of the material.
- b) You are expected to ask questions when in doubt of any item.
- c) You understand that failure to follow the above guidelines jeopardizes the success of the organization and violates your commitment, which may affect your grade, participation, or both.

### **NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (ALL MEMBERS)**

ALL New Milford High School Band Members should exhibit the following characteristics:

- Fulfill all commitments completely and to the best of his/her ability.
- Respect the staff and their decisions.
- Serve as a positive peer role model.
- Maintain an enthusiastic, positive attitude towards all functions.
- Understand that positive modeling and enthusiasm carries through the entire year, in Marching Band, concert bands; in orchestra and choir; and in each individual's daily contact with the entire school and community.
- Learn to deal with peers in an effective, positive, and consistent manner.
- Assist all officers and peers in their efforts whenever possible.
- Understand that ALL band members are exemplars of the organization

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# MARCHING BAND SHOES

All members are required to have a pair of Marching Band Shoes. During band camp you will be sized for these and they will arrive prior to our first performance! These shoes will be used for all four years of your marching band experience.



The **PLUS ONE** has a unique flexible sole specifically designed for the ever-changing trends of the marching activity. This one-of-a-kind sole allows you to point, flex and bend your foot, and yet give you needed support. The perfect foundation for today's demanding marching techniques.

- ♣ Nappa leather upper.
- ♣ First protected split-sole band shoe.
- ♣ Extremely soft upper gives comfort so your band members can perform.
- ♣ Heel with corps style curve.
- ♣ Padded collar with Achilles comfort notch.
- ♣ Tricot lined with foam cell base.
- ♣ Designed for every conceivable marching technique.
- ♣ Non-slip sole with strategic traction points.
- ♣ Women's sizes 5 to 12 including all half sizes in medium and wide widths.

♣ Men's sizes 6 1/2 to 11 including all half sizes, and 12-17 in whole sizes, in medium and wide widths.

Cost: \$ 30.00/pair

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**New Milford High School  
Marching Band  
2018-2019 Season  
Marching Shoe Order Form**

The Music Department has made special arrangements with Music Modes, a band supply company, to provide marching shoes at a new wholesale price. The "Plus-One" has plush cushioning in the sole and around the heel and is made of the finest quality materials. With proper care, the shoe could last the students' high school career. Please use the form below to order your shoes. Make checks payable to "New Milford High School" and return the form no later than Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (First day of Band Camp.)

*Orders received after this date will be subject to an additional \$10 rush handling charge by Music Modes.*

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe size and width \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**2018- 2019**  
**NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND OFFICIAL BAND**  
**T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

Each year, the New Milford High School Marching Band will have a t-shirt designed that serves as both a commemorative item for the season, as well as our informal uniform for casual events. This t-shirt will be worn under our uniforms at all times so that if the weather gets warm, we can take off our jackets and still be "in uniform"! Therefore, it is **required** that each student purchases a band T-shirt. The cost of each shirt is \$15. Purchasing more than one shirt as an extra, or for members of the family is also encouraged.

Please return this form in an envelope with a check payable to NMHS by 6/15/2018.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity:

Adult Sm: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult XL: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Md: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 2XL: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Lg: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 3XL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of Shirts** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$15 = Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_