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TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF 2019 PURPLE REGIMENT MEMBERS
RE: 2019 MARCHING SEASON FEE

First, let me thank you for the many forms of support you provide the Northwestern High School Band and Booster Club. Without the financial, moral, and physical support you provide our band students, we could not enjoy the success or provide the kind of experience your student deserves. I hope you are as proud of the band program here at Northwestern as I am. The bands of the **PURPLE REGIMENT** are a source of pride for our band family, school, and community!

The NHS Band Booster Club exists to support the band so that it can continue successfully competing and providing a quality musical experience that is on par with the best high school programs in the country. A big part of that success is financial support. We all need to help, support, and do our part to ensure success. Fundraising events should be supported by ALL band parents and students. Remember, if we all pitch in and do our part, then no one person or family has to be overburdened.

This year's **2019 Marching Season Fee** is the same as the last eleven years – \$500. The following payment schedule is suggested:

May 17, 2019	\$75 (included with submission of <i>2019 Letter of Intent</i>)
August 1, 2019	\$75
September 1, 2019	\$75
October 1, 2019	\$75
November 1, 2019	\$75
December 1, 2019	\$125

The 2019 Marching Season Fee must be paid in full before the end of the semester (12/20/2019) or the school will consider them delinquent. Any family that is experiencing hardship should consider applying for financial aid through the NHS Band Booster Club. A scholarship form may be obtained from the band office or band booster website. We make every effort to provide financial assistance for a family truly in need. **Please note that no member or family will ever be denied the opportunity to participate in the Northwestern High School Band as a result of financial hardship. By taking part in our fundraising opportunities, no family should have to pay for a band fee completely out-of-pocket.**

As in years past, if a family has more than one child in the band simultaneously, the second sibling's band fee is reduced to \$250. Likewise, if your child qualifies for Free/Reduced Lunch through the school district - your band fee is adjusted as follows:

<i>Reduced Lunch</i>	\$250
<i>Free Lunch</i>	\$0

All payments for the 2019 Marching Season Fee should be made directly to Northwestern High School. Payment of this fee can be made via cash, check (made payable to Northwestern High School), money order, or Band Credit Point (BCP) Authorization Form. Please drop your payment off in the NHS Band Office or mail them to our attention at the school. Please do not mail cash. **A receipt will be issued.**

If you wish to use BCPs to pay for the 2019 Marching Season Fee, please fill out a BCP Authorization Form and drop it in the Purple Box. BCP forms are available in the NHS Band Room, on Charms, and the band website). BCP student accounts are housed under the NHS Band Boosters. The band booster club treasurer will record your request to use BCPs and issue a check to the school each month with a list of names and amounts to be applied towards each student's marching season fee.

To check your balance of the 2019 Marching Season Fee, please contact Mr. Tinker via e-mail – rtinker@rhmail.org

The 2019 Marching Season Fee will be discussed further in our upcoming mandatory band parent meeting; however, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmest Regards,

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