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Dear NHS Band Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and that you were able to find some time this summer to get away and relax. As I am sure you are aware, band camp will be starting in just a few short weeks - which means the start of another school year is not far behind. I wanted to pass along several reminders and additional information as we prepare to start band camp on July 25.

1. If you have not submitted the **initial deposit for the Marching Band Fee or your Physical Form**, please be sure to put those in the mail as soon as possible. The address is included on the summer schedule.
2. Be prepared for warm, sunny weather during band camp. Get outside now and start to exercise - acclimating yourself to the warmth of the summer heat.
3. There is a **mandatory** parent meeting on **Thursday, July 28**, at 7:00 PM in the band room. We will discuss the schedule for band camp for the following week, as well as the procedures and expectations of our program. A parent/guardian from each family and all band students must be present.
4. Orders for marching shoes and gloves for wind and percussion members will be ordered through the NHS Band Boosters. All students will be fitted for these items by our uniform volunteers and must place an order for these items during band camp. **All wind and percussion members will need a pair of black marching shoes. Wind players will also need at least one pair of gloves.** Marching shoes are \$35, and gloves range in price from \$2-\$4 per pair, depending on the style of gloves you wish to purchase. Payment must be made when the order is placed and can be paid via BCP, cash, or check (made payable to the NHS Band Boosters). This expense is not covered as part of the 2022 Marching Season Fee.
5. Soon, you will receive information from the NHS Administration concerning the **2022-2023 Orientation Process**. Orientation for all grade levels falls during band camp rehearsal time, so our administration agreed to allow all band students to attend orientation on **Tuesday, August 2**, from **12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**. Parents, please be sure to have completed the online registration before the orientation day. You will receive an email message from the district about this process in the next few weeks.
6. **PRACTICE!!!** It is essential that what we learn at band camp is as strong as possible to allow more time to learn the end of the show during the first few weeks of school. It is everyone's responsibility to become familiar with the music before band camp starts. **If you need a copy of the music**, go to our website, and click on the "Members" section (password: *NHSPR2022*). Likewise, be sure to attend the rehearsals on July 19 for extra help. Ultimately, the more work you put in before camp directly impacts the success you will enjoy in October.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any of this information, feel free to call or send us an email. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmest Regards,

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