



**Northville High School Band**

**2025 – 2026 Band Packet**

*Welcome to the Northville High School  
Mustang Marching Band!*

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# **WELCOME TO THE NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

Dear Northville High School Band Students and Families,

On behalf of the Northville High School (NHS) Band Staff, welcome to the 2025-2026 Mustang Marching Band! This Band Packet contains important information concerning all Band activities for the entire school year. It is pertinent that students and parents read all information carefully and refer to this packet frequently throughout the school year.

For the most up-to-date information, refer to [NorthvilleBand.org](http://NorthvilleBand.org), [Remind](#), and the [NHS Band Facebook Group](#) in addition to what is contained in this packet. Please note that you must answer all security questions in order to be allowed to join the Facebook group, which is strictly limited to current Band students and family members. Weekly announcements are posted on the Band website, emailed to students and parents, written on the Band Room whiteboard, verbally communicated in class to students, posted on Facebook, and sent via Remind. Refer to the Band Handbook for information about each communication line.

**Band Camp is Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 on weekdays at Northville High School.** Lunch breaks are 11:30 AM – 1 PM. No lunch service is provided, so students must bring their own lunch. Students may leave campus for lunch. Please refer to the Band Schedule at the end of this packet for detailed information regarding Band Camp, rehearsals, performances, and events for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Students** — Be sure to practice on a regular schedule, especially leading up to Band Camp. Our programs are challenging and will require both musical skills and physical endurance. Individual practice of the music selections, both with a metronome and along with the recordings on the JW Pepper website, for the 2025 Marching Band Show entitled “Rock of Ages” will be extremely beneficial to everyone: [Saturday Night’s Alright](#), [Dream On](#), and [Thunderstruck](#). Returning students must review all Marching Band techniques, including but not limited to this past year’s Pre- and Post-Game music, *Go Orange* and *Eat ‘em Up*, commands, facings, attention, marching, instrument carry, and Pep Band music (if participating). One great advantage of being in Band is the opportunity to interact with students of all ages. When you start school, you already know many students in all grades three weeks prior to the first day of school and have a higher level of confidence than non-Band students. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on their first scheduled day of Band Camp.

**Parents** — **Band Parent Information Night will be in the Band Room on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7 PM.** This meeting is for all parents, not just those new to the Band this year. You will have the opportunity to meet the Band Staff, adult and student leadership, hear about the program, and learn more about the ways you can actively participate at Band events. If you are unable to attend, please refer to [SignUp Genius](#) if you would like to volunteer at Band events.

Freshmen and New Students receive required equipment during Band Camp, including a Marching Band folder and lyre and a school-owned instrument when appropriate. The enclosed schedule includes specific details for all events for all ensembles. All students are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances ready to play on time by arriving early with all required equipment. During the school day, we rehearse Marching Band during normally scheduled class time with additional full Band after-school rehearsals listed in the Band Schedule. Observe the Band Schedule carefully; do not schedule activities that conflict with rehearsals or performances. If you have any questions or concerns, email both Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara.

We owe our legacy and continuing success to the high standard of performance set by the Northville High School Band. We are looking forward to another great year...and it all starts now!

Sincerely,

**Mr. Michael H. Rumbell**, Band Director – [rumbelmi@northvilleschools.org](mailto:rumbelmi@northvilleschools.org)

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# **BAND HANDBOOK**

- 1. INFORMATION** — Information in the Band Packet is shared via the communication platforms listed below. The goal of these resources is to keep students and parents informed to the best of our ability and to answer most questions. Please check them frequently. If you are unsure about anything after referring to these resources, ask a friend or parent before asking the Band Directors.
- 2. COMMUNICATION** — Parents and students should use these communication lines in order to be well-informed.
  - ★ [NorthvilleBand.org](#) — Includes all Band information and this packet. Refer to the Band Calendar and subscribe to the weekly email announcements for important information and reminders about upcoming events. Calendar events can be imported to your personal calendars (Google Calendar, iCal, Outlook, etc.)
  - ★ [Email Announcements](#) — Students and parents (email addresses listed in MiStar) will automatically receive emails with the weekly schedule and performance reminders. Additional family members should sign-up for email announcements to stay in-the-loop.
  - ★ [Facebook Group](#) — Important information is posted here, including weekly announcements and performance reminders. Members can share reminders, ask questions, and post Band- and other music-relevant information.
  - ★ [Remind](#) — Receive announcements by class: [2026](#), [2027](#), [2028](#), [2029](#); [Drumline](#), [Front Ensemble](#), [Pep Band](#).
  - ★ [Schoology/MiStar](#) — Students may receive important information and reminders from Mr. Rumbell.
  - ★ [Band Room Whiteboard](#) — Announcements are written on the whiteboard at the front of the Band Room.
  - ★ [Verbal Communication](#) — All information is verbally reiterated in class to students.
- 3. VOLUNTEERS** — We value and appreciate family member participation. We encourage all families to take part in at least one of our volunteer opportunities available via [SignUp Genius](#) for Band Camp, Uniforms, Home Football Games, Pep Band, Concerts, Festivals, Band Awards, and many other activities throughout the year.
- 4. ATTENDANCE** — **Attending all classes, after-school rehearsals, and performances is a course expectation.** The Band Schedule for the entire year is included at the end of this packet. Please go through personal calendars and mark all rehearsals and performances outlined in the Band Schedule. We understand that unavoidable conflicts may arise. The attendance policy requires parents and students to notify Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara of absences at least 30 days in advance at [rumbelmi@northvilleschools.org](mailto:rumbelmi@northvilleschools.org) and [kolliparaad@northvilleschools.org](mailto:kolliparaad@northvilleschools.org).
- 5. UNIFORMS & ATTIRE** — We use uniforms and attire that are district-owned and student-owned. Marching Shoe and Tuxedo Shirt fittings occur on one day during Band Camp. If you cannot attend, you must inform Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara ahead of time. Late orders will incur additional fees that students and parents must pay.
- 6. PROTOCOLS** — Detailed information about Band Camp, Home Football Games, Parades, Concerts, Festivals, Pep Rallies, Pep Band, Band Awards, Graduation Band, and many other activities are outlined in the Handbook.
- 7. PRACTICE** — Students must practice individually on a regular schedule regardless of how soon a performance is. Each performance program is challenging and will require both musical skills and physical endurance. We owe our continuing success to the high standard of performance set by the legacy of the Band.
- 8. HEALTH & SAFETY** — For Band Camp and rehearsals, wear comfortable athletic clothing for outside and closed-toe athletic shoes or marching shoes. **DO NOT wear Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, boots, ballet flats, Converse, Vans, Keds, any shoes with heels over 1 inch, or the like.** Incorrect footwear causes injury, fatigue, and incorrect marching style. Marching Shoes are best. **Eat a nutritious breakfast,** bring a personally labeled [½+ gallon water jug](#), snacks, food, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and waterproof/warm clothing for light rain/wind/snow.

**Please review the following contents of the Band Handbook that further explain the above information:**

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| A. The Role of Family in Our Program | E. Attendance Policies & Procedures |
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## **A. THE ROLE OF FAMILY IN OUR PROGRAM**

**THANK YOU!** You are the reason your student is here and able to share their musical gifts with fellow students and the community. You have encouraged them and funded their talent, and the return on your investment is now. You have the advantage of being in a prestigious district with an excellent award-winning program – just look at all the plaques on the Band Room walls! Please encourage your student to practice by providing a time and place to practice. Each parent should carefully read this Handbook with their students, adhere to it, and avoid scheduling conflicts. The Band was featured several times recently, and we look forward to continuing this legacy: [Northville Today](#), [#proudMeducator](#), [CBS](#).

You can support our students by attending Band performances and volunteering your services in the many areas of need. We ask all parents to choose at least one area in which to volunteer. Being an active member of the [NHS Music Boosters](#) and attending monthly meetings keeps you informed of any needs. The Band Parent Information Meeting during Band Camp explains the different roles available via [SignUp Genius](#). The **2025-2026 Adult Leadership Team** is as follows:

- ★ **SignUp Genius Volunteering, Uniform Chairperson, Band Awards** — Ann Ryan
- ★ **Music Boosters Board** — Lora Graentzdoerffer (*Vice President, Secretary*), Maria Warmuth (*Treasurer*)
- ★ **Band Trailer Drivers** — Adam Kollipara, Mike Cooney
- ★ **Home Football Game Pizza** — Sarah Weber
- ★ **Home Football Game Drinks, Parade Water** — Laura Bares
- ★ **Home Football Game Equipment** — Joe Gajda
- ★ **Pep Band & Away Football Games** — Adam Kollipara
- ★ **Band Awards Banquet** — Laurie Selik
- ★ **Band Awards Slideshow** — Jen Prouty

## **B. FUNDRAISING**

The district significantly supports our Band program, but cannot possibly keep up with a program of our magnitude due to our program's size and rising costs. We limit fundraising to what is absolutely necessary to keep our annual fees low, yet still support our program's needs. We depend on Annual Band Fees, Trailer Advertising, Concert Ticket Sales, Donations, and the [NHS Music Boosters](#) Raffle and Shopper's Rewards. We rely on each family's support in buying or selling at least 5 Raffle Tickets for a successful fundraising program. Raffle winners are drawn at the 2nd Holiday Concert in December.

## **C. STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Band is an excellent opportunity for all students to acquire leadership skills and explore leadership positions, such as Drum Major (DM), Assistant Drum Major (ADM), Section Leader, and Section Captain. We are very proud of the students that participated in leadership clinics this year and demonstrated a high level of expertise in a variety of skills. These students attended rigorous clinics, the audition, and have earned these positions. Student leaders are assigned to teach Marching Band techniques to all students. All students are expected to listen to student leadership and follow their directions. Any issues with student leadership must be immediately reported directly to Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara. The **2025-2026 Student Leadership Team** is as follows (listed alphabetically):

- ★ **Drum Majors** — Connor Feng, Mizuki Kanda, Maddie Richard, David Selik
- ★ **Assistant Drum Majors** — Matthew Edwards, Emily Kluck, Finn Moore, Blair Neuwirth, Noelle Prouty, Canna Seitz, Moritz Wildemann
- ★ **Brass Section Leaders** — Sophia Carpenter, Matthew Edwards (ADM), Finn Moore (ADM), Roland Wang, Layla Yasin
- ★ **Woodwind Section Leaders** — Kaitlyn Cooney, Kiera Harkin, Caleb Kim, Yeeun Kim, Saamaja Krishnan, Angelina Saka, Alyssa Thornton
- ★ **Drumline Captains** — Austin Hanold, Elliott Ryan
- ★ **Front Ensemble Captain** — Rand Mavrinac
- ★ **Color Guard Captain** — Simra Baig
- ★ **Sousaphone Captain** — Vihaan Das

## **D. BAND AS A CLASS**

**Band is a FULL YEAR performance class in the curriculum, not an extracurricular activity nor exploratory class.**

Band is as important as the rest of your academic classes and may require more time and effort. Each student's homework for Band class consists of preparing music given for performances. We provide a well-rounded curriculum. The [2025-2026 Course Catalogue](#) states the following: *"In the summer and fall, students will concentrate on Marching Band preparation. This will include approximately two weeks of pre-season instruction, rehearsals during the class period, after-school rehearsals, and performances at all Home Football Games, Pep Rallies, and Parades."* Your Band grade is based on your musical achievement at rehearsals, performances, and playing assessments – including Band Camp. You are expected to attend every class, rehearsal, and performance. Regular individual practice outside of Band class is expected, and private music lessons are highly encouraged. Contact Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara for recommended private lesson instructors.

**Do not schedule activities that conflict with the Band Schedule.** With a program the size of the NHS Band, there are particular timelines set up for rehearsals and performances. Be sure to mark your calendars with all events on the Band Schedule so that your other activities do not conflict. We have provided the Band Schedule for the entire school year; therefore, you are expected to plan ahead for the entire school year. Do not schedule school club meetings, private music lessons, martial arts lessons, work, doctor or dentist appointments, drivers education, participation in play auditions, National Honor Society events, standardized testing, etc., or outside performance ensembles, such as Winter Guard, Winter Drumline, DSO Youth Ensembles, U of M Youth Ensembles, Michigan Philharmonic Youth Ensembles, etc., that conflict with the Band Schedule. For standardized tests (e.g. SAT, ACT, etc.), you must choose dates that do not conflict with the Band Schedule. **DO NOT ask to leave early or be excused from rehearsals or performances due to homework for other classes or any of the aforementioned activities. You will sacrifice one grade for another.** Students are expected to attend the full length of rehearsals and performances; for example, a Marching Band performance at a Home Football Game includes the rehearsal at the plateau, Pre-Game, Halftime, and Post-Game Performances. Do not ask to be the exception to a deadline or rule. To be absent from a performance seriously compromises all the goals set for that performance. The greatest irony is that the students who attend the performance are the ones whose performances are compromised as they attempt to cover the parts of the missing players. It creates tremendous stress and performance issues that reflect poorly on the entire NHS Music Department.

**Never touch or use instruments that are not assigned to you.** Students use privately-owned instruments or assigned school instruments. **Even for a one-time tryout on an instrument, permission must be granted directly by Mr. Rumbell.**

**Phone use during class is prohibited.** This is a **DISTRICT POLICY**. **All phones must be placed out of sight and not used during class unless authorized by a Band Director.** Phones must be left in the Band Room or with a Band Director when given permission to be excused during class, such as going to the restroom. **Taking photos or videos of any student's performance in class is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

**We DO NOT tolerate foul language, harassment, bullying, and put-downs.** Regardless of it being in-person or on social media, we have zero tolerance for this behavior. We are a clean Band. Report all issues to the Band Directors.

## **E. ATTENDANCE POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

All parents and students must review and follow the attendance policies and procedures. Failure to follow the attendance policies and procedures as stated below may result in a lower class grade.

**Scheduled rehearsals, whether they are during class or after-school, are a required part of your Band grade.** If a student is in attendance during the school day, they are expected to be at after-school rehearsals. For outdoor rehearsals and performances, we play in all weather conditions – including light rain, wind, and snow – but not lightning or heavy rain. Be ready to begin at the stated time by arriving early. Excellent rehearsals will lead to excellent performances. Occasionally, rehearsal may be cancelled or rescheduled due to circumstances beyond our control and will be relayed via all communication lines. Parents and students must communicate unavailability as soon as possible if there is an absence due to a Band Schedule change.

**We pride ourselves as Band Directors that we share students with all NHS sports and activities.** Timing conflicts with NHS sports and activities are handled on a case-by-case basis. The Band Directors and many coaches and leaders for NHS sports and activities have made prior agreements for splitting time between Band and the sport or activity. Ask the Band Directors and your coach or leader for this information. Email Mr. Kollipara and Mr. Rumbell with your NHS sports and activities schedules.

**If a legitimate scheduling conflict occurs, parents and students must contact the Band Directors for next steps.**

**PARENTS must email both Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara at least 30 days in advance; only PARENTS may excuse their students, and absences are unexcused until this step is taken.** Sensitive information regarding an absence is kept confidential. Provide an accompanying sports schedule, doctor's note, or other form of verification about the absence. A 30-day notice gives the Band Directors enough time to make necessary adjustments. Unanticipated situations may occur, such as illness, injuries, and emergencies, which are exceptions that will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**These policies and procedures CANNOT be used as an alternative to attending rehearsals and performances.** The significance of the attendance policies and procedures reflects the importance of every Band student attending all rehearsals and performances. All parts in any piece of music exist because the composer believed they were important to include. Large or small, every part down to a single note is vital to fully realize the vision of the composer. Do not minimize or marginalize the importance of the smallest part. Nobody is excused because of the way they feel about the music.

## **F. UNIFORMS & ATTIRE**

### **STUDENT-OWNED UNIFORMS**

**Summer Uniform** — All Band members must wear the [Band Polo](#) (purchase from Canton Embroidery), **black dress pants** (no yoga pants, leggings, running/sport pants, joggers, jeans, or “casual” pants), **long crew-length black socks** (no stripes or logos), **black belt**, and **Marching Shoes** (purchased via RevTrak and fitted during Band Camp). If your Band Polo or Marching Shoes are worn out or too small, buy new ones. Band Polos and Marching Shoes from previous years can be used as long as they fit and are in good condition. Any student who shows up for a performance without black socks will have to purchase a pair from the NHS Band. Do not wear flashy hair or clothing accessories. Be sure that phones are not showing in pockets. Sunglasses may be worn outside. The Summer Uniform is also the Concert Uniform for Symphonic Band 9/10. Purchase replacement Band Polos throughout the year from Mr. Kollipara.

**Percussion & Color Guard** — These groups will be given information to design and order specialized attire through Canton Embroidery. [Percussion](#) and [Color Guard](#) wear these attire at the discretion of the Band Directors and Captains.

**Tuxedo Shirt & Bowtie** — For Symphonic Band 11/12, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble (purchased via RevTrak and fitted during Band Camp). These are paired with the district-owned Tuxedo. See “*District-Owned Band Uniforms*” for more details. Purchase replacements throughout the year from Mr. Kollipara online: [Tuxedo Shirt](#) & [Bowtie](#).

**Dressy/“Sunday Best”** — For the Band Awards Ceremony & Banquet and Graduation Band. Dress in nice, respectable attire. Be classy and appropriate. Avoid casual clothing. Think of dressing up for the Homecoming Dance, a religious service, or a special outing. Any colors are fine. Men can wear suits, nice slacks, or shorts with a polo or buttoned shirt with nice shoes. Ladies can wear dresses, skirts, or slacks with blouses or other nice tops.

**Band Spirit Wear** — “[Halftime is Gametime](#)” [Band T-Shirts](#) and [Marching Band Show Shirts](#) (purchased from Canton Embroidery) can be worn under the Marching Uniform or for Pep Band, pep rallies, etc. Student-designed Marching Band Show Shirt designs must be original designs without copyright infringements. Design submissions and voting take place during Band Camp. Mr. Kollipara will relay information regarding ordering and pickup. Family members are encouraged to purchase Band spirit wear!

**Section Shirts** — This is a tradition for many sections. They are student-designed and not required. Captains and Section Leaders must have designs approved by the Band Directors before production.

## DISTRICT-OWNED UNIFORMS

Marching Uniforms and Tuxedos are property of Northville Public Schools. Marching Uniforms are fitted during Band Camp. Tuxedos are fitted after Band-O-Rama. Every effort is made to best fit each student with the available uniforms. Please help keep them in great condition for years to come by following the Uniform Care and Wear Instructions. These uniforms are tagged with barcodes which are recorded under the student's name. Students are responsible for keeping track of items issued to them. If a student turns in an item issued to another student, their own item will be considered missing and a monetary fine will be assessed. A repair fee will be assessed for any damages.

**You must complete the [Band Uniform Agreement](#) before being fitted and issued any district-owned uniforms.**

**Marching Uniform** — The Marching Uniform consists of the **Jacket, Bibbers** (overalls), **Shako, Plume, long crew-length black socks** (no stripes or logos), **Marching Shoes**, and **uniform-issued Marching Gloves**. Wear weather-appropriate clothing underneath that cannot be seen – **short sleeves and shorts at minimum; no tank tops or hoodies!** It is fine to wear warmer black gloves in cold weather. **Clarinets** cut off the glove fingertips for playing. **Percussion** uses different **[gloves with grips](#)** (suggested). **Front Ensemble** wears percussion hats and **Sousaphones** wear berets – shakos and plumes are not issued to them. **Color Guard** wears a district-owned **Tunic with black pants or leggings** that are uniform across the section in addition to **long crew-length black socks** (no stripes or logos), **Marching Shoes**, and specific **[Guard Gloves](#)**.

**Marching Uniform replacement costs are as noted:**

|                |                  |                    |                    |                          |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Jacket – \$200 | Shako – \$50     | Plume – \$20       | Black Hanger – \$5 | Color Guard Tunic – \$80 |
| Bibbers – \$90 | Shako Box – \$10 | Plume Holder – \$5 | Garment Bag – \$10 |                          |

**Concert Uniform** — **Symphonic Band 11/12, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble** wear the **Tuxedo Jacket, Pants, Shirt, and Bowtie with long crew-length black socks** (no stripes or logos) and **Marching Shoes or black dress shoes**. **Symphonic Band 9/10** wears the **Summer Uniform with Marching Shoes or black dress shoes**. Students in Symphonic Band 9/10 **and** Jazz Ensemble **and/or** Percussion Ensemble wear the Tuxedo for all performances – do not switch uniforms between performances.

**Tuxedo replacement costs are as noted:**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Jacket – \$200 | Pants – \$90 |
|----------------|--------------|

**Care and Wear Instructions for District-Owned Uniforms** — **Never let Bibbers/Pants drag on the ground.** Sleeves and Bibbers/Pants must be hemmed to the correct length. **Never cut uniform items for any reason.** They need to be able to be altered for different students in the following years. If Bibber/Pants or Jacket sleeves become frayed because they were not properly hemmed, you will be assessed a fine. **Never put uniform items in the dryer.** Always hang them up to air dry if they are wet. If the Plume is wet, dry it with a hair dryer on low heat. Always keep the dry Plume in the cardboard Plume Holder when not in use. **If the uniform needs to be cleaned during the school year, they must be professionally dry cleaned at your expense.** Any student wearing a dirty or incomplete uniform (e.g. socks that are not black or have logos/designs, incorrect shoes, missing Plume, etc.) is out-of-uniform and may receive a grade deduction for the specific performance. Never store or leave uniforms at the school or in insecure areas, such as lockers or Band storage rooms. **Always keep them at home on the hanger in a closet to avoid wrinkles and damage.** Abandoned district-owned uniform items will be collected and appropriate monetary fines will be assessed.

**District-Owned Uniform Return** — All district-owned uniforms must be turned at the designated times. Arrangements are made with our dry cleaner to pick them up promptly at the end of the return day. We cannot accommodate special requests for alternative return days. If you are unable to personally turn in your district-owned uniforms, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with a parent or fellow Band member to turn it in for you during the designated time. The Annual Band Fee includes the cost for the final cleaning for the year. **Returning students that have improperly maintained or not turned in district-owned uniforms will not be allowed to enter transition day, and seniors will not**

receive **graduation caps, gowns, diplomas, and transcripts**. A bill will be issued to cover the costs of replacing the damaged or lost uniform. **Students will only be able to attend transition day and receive the held items after fees have been paid in full for damaged or missing uniform items, or once missing uniform items are returned professionally dry cleaned in the dry cleaner's plastic garment cover with a copy of the receipt.**

**Uniform fitting/distribution and return dates are as noted:**

- ★ **Marching Uniform Fitting and Distribution:** Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>; Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>; Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ★ **Marching Uniform Return:** Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7:30 – 8:30 AM and 2:20 – 4 PM
- ★ **Tuxedo Fitting and Distribution:** Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (*during 4A & 3B*)
- ★ **Tuxedo Return:** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 7:30 – 8:30 AM and 2:20 – 4 PM

## **G. EVENT PROTOCOLS**

**Band Camp** — Band Camp is 9 AM – 5 PM unless otherwise stated. Report to the Band Room with instrument and music prior to 9 AM. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and closed-toe athletic shoes or marching shoes. **DO NOT wear Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, boots, ballet flats, Converse, Vans, Keds, any shoes with heels over 1 inch, or the like.** Incorrect footwear causes injury, fatigue, and incorrect marching style. Marching Shoes are best. **Eat a nutritious breakfast**, bring a personally labeled **½+ gallon water jug**, snacks, food, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and waterproof/warm clothing as needed. Lunch breaks are 11:30 AM – 1 PM. No lunch service is provided, so students must provide their own lunch. Students may leave campus for lunch. We have a picnic near the end of Band Camp at Millenium Park. The NHS Music Boosters will provide pizza, salad, and breadsticks. Many helping hands are needed. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.

**Detroit Jazz Festival** — The Jazz Ensemble from the previous year, including graduated seniors, performs at the Detroit Jazz Festival in Downtown Detroit, where they have performed for 40+ years alongside the nation's top jazz artists during Labor Day Weekend. The festival provides chairs, stands, amps, piano, and drums, but bring any additional instruments and equipment needed for the songs being performed. There are no buses or trailer – carpool with friends/parents. All are invited to attend this annual free event, which is the largest free jazz festival in the world.

**In-Class & After-School Rehearsals** — Refer to the Band Schedule for specific details for each rehearsal. For outdoor rehearsals and performances, we play in all weather conditions – including light rain, wind, and snow – but not lightning or heavy rain. Be ready to begin on time by arriving early, wearing proper clothing, and bringing all required equipment.

**Home Football Games** — Home Football Games are at the 8 Mile Stadium (formerly Tom Holzer Field). There are no buses – carpool with friends/parents. The Band will rehearse prior to the game on the grass plateau east of the Stadium. The Band marches into the Stadium for the Pre-Game Performance. At Halftime, the Band performs the Marching Show and receives pizza and drinks. The Band presents a Post-Game Performance at the conclusion of the game. After the Post-Game Performance, Leadership, Front Ensemble, Drumline, Sousaphones, and Color Guard load the trailer then unload at NHS. Many helping hands are needed for Home Football Games. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.

**Pep Band** — Pep Band is a voluntary activity where a portion of the Band goes to away football games. There are no buses or trailer – carpool with friends/parents. Pep Band plays Marching Band music and specific Pep Band music. Keep all interactions and behaviors positive – you are representing all of Northville, not just the Pep Band. If you are participating in Pep Band, you are required to submit the [Pep Band Google Form](#) and join the [Pep Band Remind](#). Rehearsals will be scheduled during seminar and after-school to rehearse music and review best practices. Pep Band rehearses in the NHS Band Room before each game. On occasion, we may play at Home Playoff Games when the entire Band does not attend. On occasion, we are asked to perform at various other venues, such as non-football sporting events, churches, weddings, and much more. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to chaperone.

**Parades** — The Band performs in Downtown Northville for the Victorian, Homecoming, Holiday Lighted, Memorial Day, and Independence Day Parades. There are no buses or trailer – carpool with friends/parents. Water is provided after each parade. The Band Schedule includes specific details for each parade. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.

**Homecoming** — The Band and Drumline perform at the Homecoming Pep Rally during the school day. There are no buses for the parade or game – carpool with friends/parents. Sousaphones and Color Guard must transport their own equipment. Front Ensemble unloads the trailer directly at 8 Mile Stadium, then joins the rest of the Band for the Homecoming Parade. The Band marches the parade to the Stadium, then performs the Marching Show during the usual Pre-Game Performance time. The Band performs a specific routine at Halftime before the presentation of the Homecoming Court. After the Homecoming Court formalities are complete, the Band receives pizza and drinks. The Band presents a Post-Game Performance at the conclusion of the game. After the Post-Game Performance, Leadership, Front Ensemble, Drumline, Sousaphones, and Color Guard load the trailer then unload at NHS. Many helping hands are needed for the Homecoming Parade & Football Game. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.

**Concerts** — The Band performs in the NHS Auditorium for Band-O-Rama, Holiday Concerts with the choir and orchestra, Pre-Festival Concerts, and All-American Spring Concert. The Band Schedule includes specific details for each concert. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.

**MSBOA Band Festivals** — The Band attends MSBOA’s District XII Band Festival, State Band Festival, and State Jazz Festival. There are buses and trailer for these festivals. The date ranges are included in the Band Schedule. Festival dates are determined by MSBOA at the District XII and State levels and will be announced and added to the Band Schedule as soon as they are released. These are required and graded performances. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to chaperone.

**Optional MSBOA Activities** — All-State and District XII/State Solo & Ensemble Festivals are optional additional activities for students to participate in. There are no buses or trailer – you must provide your own transportation. The Band Schedule includes registration links and event dates. Visit the [Band Website MSBOA Webpage](#) for details about these optional activities.

**Spring Musical Pit Orchestra** — Students are selected to participate in the Pit Orchestra which performs live during the NHS Theater’s Spring Musical Production. It should be understood that there is no audition – student selection is made by Mr. Rumbell to fit the specific instrumentation and orchestration of the music arrangements for the Spring Musical Production. The Spring Musical Production is not determined by the Band Program. Any students in the Pit Orchestra who were not fitted for Tuxedos will be issued a Tuxedo, Shirt, and Bowtie.

**Band Awards Ceremony & Banquet** — The ceremony takes place in the NHS Auditorium. It is an overview of the entire year recognizing and celebrating the Bands and all students. Students will receive festival medals, and depending on grade, students will receive varsity letters and numbers, music pins, graduation stoles, and more. Family and friends are encouraged to attend this celebration. The banquet and Jazz Ensemble performance will be in the NHS Cafeteria after the ceremony. Many helping hands are needed for the Band Awards Ceremony & Banquet. Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.

**Graduation Band** — Grades 9, 10, and 11 perform “Pomp & Circumstance” at the beginning and end of the ceremony. It is an honor to participate in this required performance, and should be treated as such. Wind instrumentalists play Symphonic Band instruments and percussionists play Drumline instruments and cymbals. There are no buses or trailer – carpool with friends/parents. Traffic and parking will be challenging – arrive early!

## **H. FEES & EQUIPMENT**

The itemized list below outlines the various fees that are collected to help cover Band expenses, such as activities and equipment. Complete one form per student. **Please only pay for relevant items, e.g. do not pay the Tuxedo Shirt & Bowtie fee if you are not currently in a group that uses the Tuxedo.** Contact Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara directly if payment is a concern. **Participation is NOT denied due to financial hardships, and this information is kept confidential.**

You must submit the [Band Fees via RevTrak](#)  
no later than **MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025.**

**Marching Band Fee** — The annual Marching Band Fee per student is paid via RevTrak. This fee covers expenses related to Band Camp, pizza and drinks at Home Football Games, uniform dry cleaning, and other amenities offered during the year.

**Drillmaster Marching Shoes** — Purchased by all Freshmen and New Students. Marching Shoes are paid via RevTrak and fitted during Band Camp. Returning students reuse their shoes, or must be re-fitted and purchase new shoes if needed. Purchase replacements throughout the year from Mr. Kollipara or online: [Marching Shoes](#).

**Marching Gloves** — One free pair is issued to Freshmen and New Students at Marching Uniform distribution. Returning students reuse their gloves, or must purchase new gloves via RevTrak if needed. **Clarinets** cut off glove fingertips to play. **Percussion** uses different [gloves with grips](#) (suggested) and **Color Guard** uses specific [Guard Gloves](#). Purchase replacements throughout the year from Mr. Kollipara.

**Tuxedo Shirt & Bowtie** — Purchased by Symphonic Band 11/12, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble. Tuxedo Shirts & Bowties are purchased via RevTrak and fitted during Band Camp. Returning students reuse their Tuxedo Shirts & Bowties, or must be re-fitted and purchase a new Tuxedo Shirt if needed. New Tuxedo Shirts come with a new Bowtie. Purchase replacements throughout the year from Mr. Kollipara or online: [Tuxedo Shirt & Bowtie](#).

**Percussion Fee** — All Percussionists pay an annual fee via RevTrak. This fee is in addition to the annual Marching Band Fee and covers expenses for sticks and mallets.

**Folders & Lyre** — All students are issued a Marching Band folder and lyre. The Marching Band folder is a black plastic flip folder that holds music. The lyre is a metal piece that attaches the folder to the instrument. The Marching Band folder and lyre are one piece for some instruments. Marching Band folders and lyres are required for all Marching Band rehearsals and performances, even if music is memorized. Students reuse their lyre and folder from the previous year if it is in good condition. All students are issued a Symphonic Band folder in October. These are required for all Symphonic Band rehearsals and performances. Request replacements throughout the year from Mr. Rumbell or Mr. Kollipara.

**You must complete the [Band Handbook Agreement](#)  
no later than **MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025.****

**Yard Signs** — Purchase from the [NHS Music Boosters Website](#). Signs are orange and black and customized with BAND, CHOIR, or ORCHESTRA, student's name, and optional instrument or choir designation. They are PVC on a steel stake.

**2x3 Senior Banners** — Purchase from the [VSN Website](#). Banners are displayed at the 8 Mile Stadium during the marching season and can be picked up in the Band Room after Band-O-Rama.



# SCHEDULE

*Any schedule changes will be reflected in this packet and the Band Calendar. Any changes will also be communicated via Email, Facebook, and Remind in addition to the Band Room whiteboard and verbal communication from Mr. Rumbell during class. **\*District XII and State Band and Jazz Festival dates are announced as soon as they are available to us. These dates are beyond our control, as they are determined by MSBOA at the District XII and State levels. DO NOT schedule any commitments, e.g. exams, vacations, appointments, etc., during these date ranges. These are required and graded performances.***

Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Band Camp

2025 Marching Band Show Theme: “Rock of Ages”

Performance Selections: [Saturday Night’s Alright](#) – [Dream On](#) – [Thunderstruck](#)

Band Camp Location: Northville High School

Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: Band Camp for All Leadership, Percussion, Sousaphones, and Color Guard

**Leadership:** Report to Band Room @ 9 AM – 3 PM.

**All New and Returning Percussion, Sousaphones, and Color Guard:** Report to Band Room @ 1 – 3 PM.

**Percussion Auditions for Freshmen and New Students:** Report to Band Room @ 1 PM. Pickup students @ 3 PM.

Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>: Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM, Marching Uniform Fittings

**Leadership** and all **Percussion, Sousaphones, Color Guard, Freshmen, and New Students** report to Band Room.

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>: Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM, Marching Uniform Fittings

**All Students** report to Band Room.

**Band Parent Information Meeting** in Band Room @ 7 PM – [SLIDESHOW](#).

Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM, Transition Week, Marching Uniform Fittings

**Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores:** Complete registration between 8 – 9 AM. Report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM.

**Freshmen:** Registration with a school tour and activities @ 8 AM ~ 12 PM. Report to Band Camp @ 1 – 5 PM.

**All Students:** Remember to bring water, proper shoes, and all other Band Camp necessities with you prior to registration.

**Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:** Senior Transition Day @ 8 AM. All Students report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM. Marching Uniform fittings in Band Room. Marching Shoe and Tuxedo Shirt fittings in Ensemble Room @ 1 PM. Marching Shoe fittings for all Freshmen, New Students, and anyone who needs new shoes. Tuxedo Shirt fittings for any Symphonic Band 11/12, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble members who need a Tuxedo Shirt. Notify Mr. Rumbell and Mr. Kollipara in advance if you cannot be there so we can inform the fitters of your shoe and shirt sizes. **DEADLINE to submit all [BAND FEES via RevTrak](#) and order [BAND POLO from Canton Embroidery](#) – REQUIRED.**

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Junior Transition Day @ 8 AM. All Students report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM.

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>:** Sophomore Transition Day @ 8 AM. All Students report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM.

**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:** Freshmen Transition Day @ 8 AM ~ 12 PM. Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM. Freshmen report to Band Camp @ 1 – 5 PM.

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** All Students report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM. Kona Ice @ 5 PM, courtesy of Music Boosters!

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: Marching Show Shirt Design Submissions

[Marching Show Shirt Design Submissions](#) close @ 5 PM.

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM, Make-Up Transition Day

**Make-Up Transition Day** @ 8 – 10 AM for any students that missed their transition day last week. If attending the make-up day, complete registration between 8 – 9 AM and report to Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM.

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>: Band Pictures @ 1 PM, Band Camp @ 3:30 – 5 PM

**Band Yearbook Pictures for All Students** in Main Gymnasium @ 1 PM in Marching Uniform, minus shako. Be in uniform to begin pictures @ 1 PM. **DEADLINE to order [BAND PICTURES](#) and [2x3 SENIOR BANNERS](#).**

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>: Band Camp @ 3:30 – 5 PM, Band Picnic, Marching Show Shirt Design Voting

**Band Picnic** at Millennium Park Pavilion @ 5 PM. **Parents:** please visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer or bring items.

[Marching Show Shirt Design Voting](#) closes @ 11:59 PM.

Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: Band Camp @ 9 AM – 5 PM

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025: 2024-2025 Jazz Ensemble @ 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Jazz Festival

**Rehearsals:** August 20, 22, 25-28 @ 5 – 5:45 PM and August 29 @ 9 – 10 AM in Band Room

**Attire:** Tuxedo | **Location:** [Valade Jazz Center](#) | **Report to NHS:** 11:30 AM | **Report to Valade:** 1:30 PM | **Perform:** 2 – 2:30 PM

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025:** First Day of Classes for 2025–2026 School Year

You will march during Band class. Bring all Marching Band rehearsal necessities and dress for the weather.

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025:** After-School Marching Band Rehearsal @ 2:30 – 5 PM and Kona Ice

Bring all Marching Band rehearsal necessities and dress for the weather. Rehearsals are every Wednesday until the final Home Football Game. Kona Ice @ 5 PM, courtesy of Varsity Football to celebrate Band Appreciation Week!

**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** “Band Appreciation Night” Home Football Game vs. Plymouth Wildcats

**Attire:** Marching Uniform | **Location:** Plateau / 8 Mile Stadium

**Report to NHS (Leadership, Front Ensemble, Sousaphones, Color Guard):** 4 PM | **Report to Plateau:** 5 PM

**Pre-Game Performance:** 6:40 PM | **Kickoff:** 7 PM | **Halftime:** Marching Show | **Post-Game Performance**

**Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** After-School Marching Band Rehearsal @ 2:30 – 5 PM

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Pep Band at Away Football Game vs. Howell Highlanders – **optional** – **PEP BAND**

**Attire:** Northville Colors & NHS/Band Spirit Wear | **Locations:** NHS Band Room / Howell HS Football Stadium

**Report to NHS Band Room:** 4:30 PM | **Depart NHS:** 5:15 PM | **Enter Howell HS Football Stadium:** 6:15 PM

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** After-School Marching Band Rehearsal @ 2:30 – 5 PM

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Victorian Parade & “Youth Night” Home Football Game vs. Salem Rocks – **PARADE ROUTE**

**Attire:** Marching Uniform | **Locations:** Cady & Griswold Intersection (*Parade*) / 8 Mile Stadium (*Game*)

**Report to NHS (Leadership and Front Ensemble):** 4 PM | **Report to Parade:** 5:45 PM | **Parade:** 6:30 – 7 PM

**No Pre-Game Performance** | **Kickoff:** 7 PM | **Halftime:** Marching Show | **Post-Game Performance**

Front Ensemble unloads trailer at Stadium before reporting to parade. Sousaphones and Color Guard transport their own equipment. The Band will perform while marching the parade. After the parade, the Band reports directly to the Band bleachers at the Stadium for the football game and will receive water. No Pre-Game Performance due to parade; only the Marching Show at Halftime and Post-Game Performance.

**Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025:** Deadline for MSBOA **All-State** Audition Registration – **optional** – **REGISTRATION**

If auditioning, be aware of October 18-19, 2025 audition dates and January 22-24, 2026 rehearsal and performance dates.

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** After-School Marching Band Rehearsal @ 2:30 – 5 PM

**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Pep Band at Away Football Game vs. Brighton Bulldogs – **optional** – **PEP BAND**

**Attire:** Northville Colors & NHS/Band Spirit Wear | **Locations:** NHS Band Room / Brighton HS Football Stadium

**Report to NHS Band Room:** 4:30 PM | **Depart NHS:** 5:15 PM | **Enter Brighton HS Football Stadium:** 6:15 PM

**Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:** After-School Marching Band Rehearsal @ 2:30 – 5 PM

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025:** Homecoming Parade & Home Football Game vs. Canton Cobras – **PARADE ROUTE**

**Attire:** Marching Uniform | **Locations:** **NPS Board Office Parking Lot** (*no dropoff or staging at Library*) / March to 8 Mile Stadium

**Report to NHS (Leadership and Front Ensemble):** 4 PM | **Report to Parade:** 5 PM | **Parade:** 6 – 6:30 PM

**Marching Show:** 6:40 PM | **Kickoff:** 7 PM | **Halftime:** Homecoming Court | **Post-Game Performance** | **Drumline Feature**

Front Ensemble unloads trailer at Stadium, then reports to parade. Sousaphones and Color Guard transport their own equipment.

**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** After-School Marching Band Rehearsal @ 2:30 – 5 PM – No School, but **REHEARSAL IS ON!**

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** “Senior Night” & “Pink-Out” Home Football Game vs. Hartland Eagles

**Attire:** Marching Uniform | **Location:** Plateau / 8 Mile Stadium | **Seniors & Escorts Report to NW End of Track:** 6:20 PM

**Report to NHS (Leadership, Front Ensemble, Sousaphones, Color Guard):** 4 PM | **Report to Plateau:** 5 PM

**Pre-Game:** 6:30 PM Senior Night Ceremony | **Kickoff:** 7 PM | **Halftime:** Marching Show | **Post-Game Performance**

No Pre-Game Performance due to Senior Night Ceremony; only the Marching Show at Halftime and Post-Game Performance.

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Symphonic Band Season Begins – bring Symphonic AND Marching instruments to school

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Weekly After-School Jazz Ensemble Rehearsals Begin

Jazz Ensemble rehearsals after-school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30 – 3:30 PM. Rehearsals will continue for the remainder of the school year unless stated otherwise. Any cancellations or additional rehearsals will be announced and updated on the Band Website, Calendar, and Weekly Announcements as needed.

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Deadline for MSBOA *District XII Solo & Ensemble* Festival Registration – *optional* – [REGISTRATION](#)

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Pep Band & Drumline at Meads Mill Pep Rally – *optional* – [EVENT DETAILS](#)

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Pep Band at “Teacher Appreciation” Away Football Game vs. Novi Wildcats – *optional* – [PEP BAND](#)

**Attire:** Northville Colors & NHS/Band Spirit Wear | **Locations:** NHS Band Room / Novi HS Football Stadium

**Report to NHS Band Room:** 5 PM | **Depart NHS:** 5:45 PM | [Enter Novi HS Football Stadium:](#) 6:15 PM

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** MSBOA *All-State* Auditions – *optional* – [INFORMATION & SCHEDULE](#)

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Pep Band at KLAA Crossover Away Football Game vs. Livonia Franklin Patriots – *optional* – [PEP BAND](#)

**Attire:** Northville Colors & NHS/Band Spirit Wear | **Locations:** NHS Band Room / Livonia Franklin HS Football Stadium

**Report to NHS Band Room:** 4:30 PM | **Depart NHS:** 5:30 PM | [Enter Livonia Franklin HS Football Stadium:](#) 6:15 PM

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025:** Holiday Lighted Parade – [PARADE ROUTE](#)

**Attire:** Marching Uniform | **Location:** Northville Art House | **Band Room Open:** 4 PM | **Report:** 5:30 PM | **Parade:** 6:30 – 7:30 PM

The Band performs “A Christmas Special” while marching the parade. Bring all marching music since it will be played as warm-up music prior to the parade. Wear warm clothing under your uniform – no hoodies! Hand warmers are a good idea.

**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Rehearsals

After-school rehearsals prepare for Band-O-Rama: Jazz Ensemble @ 2:30 – 3:30 PM; Indoor Marching Band @ 3:30 – 4:30 PM.

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Band-O-Rama

**Attire:** Marching Uniform (*no gloves, shakos, or hats*) | **Location:** NHS Auditorium | **Report:** 5 PM | **Concert:** 7 – 9:45 PM

**Percussion Ensemble Prelude:** 6:30 PM | **Tickets:** \$10 – [NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com](#); cash/check to NHS Band at the door

This concert features the Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Bands, Jazz Ensemble, Drumline, and a Marching Band finale.

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Marching Uniform Return @ 7:30 – 8:30 AM and 2:20 – 4 PM

All district-owned Marching Uniform items **must** be returned on this day within the specified times, **no exceptions**.

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Tuxedo Fitting and Distribution

Symphonic Band 11/12, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble will receive Tuxedos during 4A & 3B Symphonic Band class.

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** “Peace on Earth” Holiday Concert 1

**Attire:** Concert Uniform | **Location:** NHS Auditorium | **Report:** 5:30 PM (*SB 9/10*), 6 PM (*SB 11/12*), 6:30 PM (*Full Orchestra*)

**Concert:** 7 – 9 PM (*begins with Full Orchestra*) | **Tickets:** \$10 – [NorthvilleHSChoirs.Ludus.com](#)

Holiday Concert 1 features Full Orchestra, Symphonic Bands, Choirs, and Orchestra.

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** “Peace on Earth” Holiday Concert 2

**Attire:** Concert Uniform | **Location:** NHS Auditorium | **Report:** 5:30 PM (*SB 9/10*), 6 PM (*SB 11/12*), 6:30 PM (*Full Orchestra*)

**Concert:** 7 – 9 PM (*begins with Full Orchestra*) | **Tickets:** \$10 – [NorthvilleHSChoirs.Ludus.com](#)

Holiday Concert 2 features Full Orchestra, Symphonic Bands, Choirs, and Orchestra. Music Boosters Raffle Drawing at 8 PM.

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** After-School Festival Rehearsals Begin

**Jazz Ensemble:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays @ 2:30 – 3:30 PM for remainder of school year, unless stated otherwise

**Symphonic Band 9/10 (*beginning Week of January 12*):** Tuesdays @ 3:30 – 4:30 PM until District Band Festival

**Symphonic Band 11/12 (*beginning Week of January 12*):** Mondays @ 3:30 – 4:30 PM until District Band Festival

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** MSBOA *All-State* Performance – *optional* – [DETAILS](#)

Only the students who are selected by MSBOA based on their All-State Audition will participate in this performance.

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026:** MSBOA *District XII Solo & Ensemble* Festival – *optional* – [INFORMATION & SCHEDULE](#)

**Attire:** Dressy/"Sunday Best," Tuxedo, or Band Polo | **Location:** Livonia Franklin High School – 31000 Joy Rd, Livonia, MI 48150  
You are responsible for transporting yourself, instruments, and music (your copies **and** original piece/full score with numbered measures). Take everything home on Friday – the Band Room will not be open on Saturday, except for Percussion Ensemble. Arrive early and check-in at your assigned warm-up room at the District S&E site. You will receive guidance from volunteers.

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026:** A "Pre-Festival Celebration" Concert 1

**Attire:** Concert Uniform | **Location:** NHS Auditorium | **Report:** 5:45 PM (SB 11/12) | **Concert:** 7 PM

**Tickets:** \$10 – [NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com](http://NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com); cash/check to NHS Band at the door

Pre-Festival Concert 1 features NHS Symphonic Band 11/12, Meads Mill MS Band 8, and Hillside MS Band 8.

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** A "Pre-Festival Celebration" Concert 2

**Attire:** Concert Uniform | **Location:** NHS Auditorium | **Report:** 6 PM (SB 9/10, Perc. Ens.), 6:45 PM (Jazz) | **Concert:** 7 PM

**Tickets:** \$10 – [NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com](http://NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com); cash/check to NHS Band at the door

Pre-Festival Concert 2 features NHS Symphonic Band 9/10, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble.

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** Deadline for MSBOA *State Solo & Ensemble* Festival Registration – *optional* – [REGISTRATION](#)

Events earning 1<sup>st</sup> Division Ratings at District XII Solo & Ensemble Festival can register for State Solo & Ensemble Festival.

**\*Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** MSBOA *District XII Band* Festival

**Attire:** Concert Uniform | **Location:** Ypsilanti Lincoln High School – 7425 Willis Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Symphonic Band 9/10:** Report to NHS in Summer Uniform at 2:30 PM; Perform at 5:50 PM; Return to NHS by ~8:00 PM

**Symphonic Band 11/12:** Report to NHS in Tuxedo at 4:45 PM; Perform at 7:45 PM; Return to NHS by ~9:50 PM

From NHS, students are bussed to and from festival. Percussion and larger instruments are taken via trailer. All other instruments are taken via bus. Students are responsible for ensuring that the instrument and equipment they specifically use are loaded and unloaded from the trailer and buses, and safely transported to and from festival. SB 9/10 brings all percussion instruments needed for SB 11/12. District XII Band Festival is required and graded for all Band students.

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026:** MSBOA *State Solo & Ensemble* Festival – *optional* – [INFORMATION & SCHEDULE](#)

**Attire:** Dressy/"Sunday Best," Tuxedo, or Band Polo | **Location:** Novi High School – 24062 Taft Rd, Novi, MI 48375

You are responsible for transporting yourself, instruments, and music (your copies **and** original piece/full score with numbered measures). Take everything home on Friday – the Band Room will not be open on Saturday, except for Percussion Ensemble. Arrive early and check-in at your assigned warm-up room at the State S&E site. You will receive guidance from volunteers.

**\*Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** MSBOA *State Jazz* Festival

**Attire:** Tuxedo | **Location:** Bloomfield Hills High School – 4200 Andover Rd, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48302

**Excused from 3B/C-Lunch:** 12:30 PM | **Performance:** 3:30 PM | **Return to NHS:** 5:30 PM (*approximately*)

From NHS, students are bussed to and from festival. All instruments are transported on the bus. Students are responsible for ensuring that the instrument(s)/equipment they use are loaded/unloaded from the bus and safely transported to/from festival. Piano and vibes are provided. State Jazz Festival is a required and graded performance for Jazz Ensemble members.

**\*April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, or 29<sup>th</sup> (during school day) or April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 (date TBD by MSBOA):** MSBOA *State Band* Festival

**Attire:** Concert Uniform | **Location:** TBD

**Symphonic Band 9/10:** Report to NHS in Summer Uniform at TBD; Perform at TBD; Return to NHS by TBD

**Symphonic Band 11/12:** Report to NHS in Tuxedo at TBD; Perform at TBD; Return to NHS by TBD

From NHS, students are bussed to and from festival. Percussion and larger instruments are taken via trailer. All other instruments are taken via bus. Students are responsible for ensuring that the instrument and equipment they specifically use are loaded and unloaded from the trailer and buses, and safely transported to and from festival. SB 9/10 brings all percussion instruments needed for SB 11/12. State Band Festival is required and graded for all Band students.

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** Tuxedo Return @ 7:30 – 8:30 AM and 2:20 – 4 PM

Return Tuxedo jacket and pants during seminar or after-school. Jazz Ensemble members keep Tuxedos for summer performances. *All others **must** return Tuxedos on this day within the specified times, **no exceptions**.* If you are unable to bring it, you are responsible for having a friend/parent bring it within the specified times. **SENIORS: Any missing uniform items will result in your graduation cap/gown and diploma being held until you return the items or pay the necessary fees.**

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** An “All-American” Spring Concert

**Attire:** Summer Uniform | **Location:** NHS Auditorium | **Report:** 5 PM

**Jazz Ensemble Prelude:** 6:15 PM | **Concert:** 7 PM (*begins with Percussion Ensemble*)

**Tickets:** \$10 – [NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com](http://NorthvilleHSBands.Ludus.com); cash/check to NHS Band at the door

Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band 9/10, Symphonic Band 11/12, and a Combined Band grand finale.

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** Band Awards Ceremony & Banquet – **RSVP Information TBA in April/May**

**Attire:** Dressy/“Sunday Best” | **Locations:** NHS Auditorium & Cafeteria | **Jazz Ensemble Report:** 5:45 PM to set up in cafeteria

**Ceremony:** 6:30 PM (*auditorium*) | **Dinner:** 7:30 PM (*cafeteria*) | **Jazz Performance:** 8:15 PM (*cafeteria*)

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony – **PARADE ROUTE**

**Attire:** Summer Uniform | **Location:** Cady & Griswold, Downtown Northville

**Band Room Open:** 8 AM | **Report:** 9 AM | **Parade:** 10 AM | **Ceremony:** 11 AM | **Ice Cream:** after conclusion of ceremony

Eat a nutritious breakfast and hydrate. *A Salute to Freedom, You're a Grand Old Flag, and God Bless America* are performed while marching the parade. The parade briefly stops at Oakwood Cemetery, then proceeds to Rural Hill Cemetery for the ceremony, briefly stopping at the bridge before entering. *The Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America* are performed by the Band during the ceremony. Water is distributed to the Band at Rural Hill Cemetery. Guernsey provides free ice cream to all in the Casterline Funeral Home parking lot after the ceremony. Return instruments to NHS on Tuesday.

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026:** Band Leadership Clinics & Audition – ***optional***

**Location:** NHS Band Room | **Clinics:** Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3:30 – 4:30 PM

**Audition:** Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:45 ~ 5 PM

Leadership clinics prepare students interested in auditioning for band leadership for the next school year: Drum Majors, Assistant Drum Majors, Section Leaders (*Woodwind, Brass*), and Section Captains (*Drumline, Front Ensemble, Color Guard, Sousaphone*). Returning leadership members who intend to maintain their position or audition for a new position must attend clinics and the audition. The audition tests vocal commands, facings, marching, conducting, and includes a written segment. **All students who accept the leadership positions must attend all Band events and arrive before report times.**

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** “A Night of Jazz” with the Jazz Ensemble in Northville Town Square

**Attire:** Tuxedo | **Location:** Stage in Northville Town Square (*by the clock on Main St*) | **Load Trailer:** 5:30 PM (*if needed*)

**Report:** 6 PM to Stage | **Rhythm Section:** Unload on Mary Alexander Ct behind stage | **Concert:** 7 – 9 PM

Jazz Ensemble members transport instruments. The trailer (*if needed*) will be at NHS at 5:30 PM to load percussion instruments and chairs/stands. Bring a plexiglass sheet or clips to prevent wind from blowing music off stands. Rhythm section must ensure they have extension cords and audio cables for guitars, electric keyboard, and amps.

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026:** Graduation Band at Class of 2026 Commencement

**Attire:** Dressy/“Sunday Best” | **Location:** USA Hockey Arena – 14900 Beck Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170

**Band Room Open:** 4 PM | **Arena Doors Open:** 4:30 PM | **Report:** 5 PM | **Ceremony:** 6 – 8 PM

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will perform *Pomp & Circumstance* for the Class of 2026 Commencement. Winds play Symphonic Band instruments. Percussionists play Marching Band instruments: Drumline and cymbals only.

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026:** Jazz Ensemble at Cliff Bell's with the Swing Syndicate Big Band – **PARKING INFORMATION**

**Attire:** Tuxedo | **Location:** Cliff Bell's – 2030 Park Ave, Detroit, MI 48226

**Report to Cliff Bell's:** 6 PM | **Performances:** 7 – 10 PM | **Tickets:** \$25 per audience member – *ticket sales open 45 days prior*

Jazz Ensemble performs at 7:00 – 7:45 PM, followed by the Swing Syndicate Big Band at 8:15 – 9:15 PM, then a combined band jam session at 9:30 – 10:00 PM to close out the evening. More details are forthcoming.

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** Independence Day Parade – **PARADE ROUTE**

**Attire:** Band Polo with any Pants/Shorts and Athletic/Marching Shoes

**Location:** Cady & Griswold, Downtown Northville | **Band Room Open:** 8 AM | **Report:** 9 AM | **Parade:** 10 – 11 AM

**ALL BAND MEMBERS, including graduated seniors, perform in this parade.** Eat a nutritious breakfast and hydrate. *A Salute to Freedom, You're a Grand Old Flag, and God Bless America* are performed while marching the parade.