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THE NAVO BAND WEEKLY BEAT



The official weekly newsletter of the
Navo Middle School Panther Band

It was so great to have everyone at our Zoom Parent Meetings last week. If you were not able to make it, click the link below for the meeting that you missed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Open House on Tuesday from 5:30-7:00pm

[Beginner Band Parent Meeting](#)

[Advanced Band Parent Meeting](#)

I will be sending out electronic/digital forms to fill out for our charms database, the DISD permission to travel form, the DISD Instrument Usage Form (for those using school owned instruments only), and our Private Lesson Interest Form. Please let me know via email if you prefer to have paper forms to fill out and I will send those home to you.

Band Fees are \$65 and are due by **Friday, September 3rd**. Cash or Check only (made out to Navo Band). We will collect fees at open house if that is convenient for you. Otherwise, feel free to send in with your student to school. Don't forget that if you send a check, please include your phone number on the check. Thank you!!!

School has started and we could use your help! We've created a wishlist of some items that we will be needing this school year in the band room. We appreciate any help you are able to offer big or small. This wishlist is set up to where you can choose to ship items from this wishlist directly to Navo MS Band to make it convenient for you. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your support of our students and directors in the Navo Band! We are looking forward to a fantastic year!!!



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Amazon Wishlist

Thank you

IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAM!

Beginner Band Notes

The beginner band is off to a great start! We had a great week learning about our musical alphabet and learning to count some basic music rhythms. We have learned procedures in the band room, we've received band lockers to place instruments in, and we've received our band binders! All students have been fitted for an instrument and now we await the counselors to get student schedules correct. I will send an email home letting you know that we've got everyone in the correct class. Until then, we will not do instrument specific things in class so we don't leave anyone behind!

This week in band we will continue to get better at counting our rhythms and we will start passing off our musical alphabet lines. Students need to memorize how to say their musical alphabet forward AND backward. They pat the beat as they say the letters A B C D E F G A G F E D C B A. If they can do this starting on the letter A then they will receive a sticker on their sheet and can move on to the next line which starts on B. B C D E F G A B A G F E D C B...and so on beginning on each letter. 7 passoffs = a 100 in the gradebook! I've challenged some students to also complete the double time side (doing the same thing as above but saying 2 letters for every beat. Many were excited about trying! I can see we have some competitive natured students! You'll find this Alphabet All-Stars Pass-Off sheet in their band binders this week.

Advanced Band Notes

The Advanced Bands are off to a great start! We were able to begin playing in 3rd period and some students in 4th period this week. The rest of the students will begin tomorrow! We are working on fundamentals in rehearsal and playing some band builders that I've passed out in their binders. All students should have received their band binder and band locker by now. Please have students check in with myself or Mr. Hudson if they didn't get one of these.

Sectionals begin this week for our Honors (Varsity) and Symphonic Band (Non Varsity) Students. This was explained in the parent meetings. Students need to attend 1 sectional each week and may choose from the following:

Woodwinds: Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30pm or Thursdays from 7:00-7:45am

Brass: Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45am or Thursdays from 3:45-4:30pm

Percussion students are having optional All-Region help sessions on Saturdays...check Mr. Miller's email for more details. This next Saturday will be at Navo!

Students need to only attend one, but if they would like to come to both, that is fine too.

Open House is on Tuesday!

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Tuesday from 5:30pm-7:00pm

At Open House you can:

- Meet the directors
- Pay Band Fees / Fill out forms
- Visit the 2 music stores that will be in the band hall to rent instruments and/or purchase supplies

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