

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

THE NAVO BAND WEEKLY BEAT



The official weekly newsletter of the
Navo Middle School Panther Band

UPCOMING DATES:

Sep 8 - Band Fees Due (All students \$60) and Instrument Fees Due for those using school owned instruments.

Sep 9, 16, 23, Oct 7, Oct 21 - Advanced Percussion Region Practice Sessions at BHS Band Hall w/ Mr. Miller from 9am-12pm (not required but highly recommended)

Sep 16 - Region Help Session 9am-12pm at Braswell HS (required for All Honors Band students).

Oct 2 - Sounds of the Stadium Performance at CH Collins Stadium (Advanced Bands)

Oct 14 - All-District Auditions at McMath MS - Honors Band and Advanced Percussion (individual times will be assigned)

Oct 20 - 8th Grade Night at the Braswell Football Game. 5:30pm-end of game (around 9pm) - required for all 8th grade

Oct 25/28 - All-Region Auditions in LISD - some Honors Band and Advanced Percussion students (individual times will be assigned)



Dear Parents and Students -

I hope everyone is enjoying their 3 day weekend and enjoying the less than 100-degree days. Just a reminder that Band Fees are Due on Friday. The band fee for all band students is \$60. This covers their band t-shirt, binder and binder supplies, bus transportation to our contests/festivals/trips, clinicians for masterclasses, and contest entry fees for our festivals and contests.

Binders and binder supplies were already ordered and shirts are about to be ordered, so paying these fees by Friday will help us get our shirts on time. Cash or Checks made out to Navo Band please.

Students will also be voting on this year's t-shirt design in class on Tuesday. Check out the choices on Page 2.

PRIVATE LESSONS at NAVO

To sign up,

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUBsg3GWqSm0xORE92ZX0YkLGBIkyYHdUx2E1SJ068uTT0Eg/viewform>



Beginner Band Notes

We had a great week in beginner band! The woodwind beginners were able to take home instruments by the end of the week and are working on the small portion of their instruments (we'll be adding full instruments later this week) and the brass all made their first sounds and will be taking home instruments very soon (look forward to an email from Mr. Hudson when they head home that first time).

Students continue to pass-off those Alphabet All-Star Pass-offs. We've already had a handful that have completed Level 1 (single-time side), a few more that have completed the Level 2 (double-time side) and I'm thinking we might have our first Level 3 winner this week (that's reciting the entire page from memory). I'll post Level 3 champs in the newsletter as they happen!!! Those pass-off sheets are in the beginner binders (students should be taking those home each day). We will start to add Rhythms pass-offs to the mix as well this week!

Once students start taking instruments home, we'd like them to replicate their practice environment to model how they play at school. A colleague of mine has made a great website showing what a good practice environment should look like. Click the link to checkout our expectations for the home practice environment: <https://practicingsguide.weebly.com/where-should-students-practice.html> (and feel free to check the rest of the website out for other great info!!!).

Advanced Band Notes

It's been a great week in Honors Band and Symphonic Band. Don't forget that we have sectionals for Honors Band students that began last week. These are required rehearsals that meet once-a-week outside of the school day (either from 7-8am or 3:45-4:45pm...see schedule below). This week the Clarinet section will be on Wednesday afterschool to make up for our missed Monday morning and the Tubas will be all on Friday morning. Thanks for your understanding and flexibility!

September Scale Challenge

Honors Band began their September Scale Challenge - Complete each scale this month and get a pizza lunch (and entered for a \$20 visa gift card). If the entire section completes they get a movie/popcorn party. If the entire band completes, we add ice cream sundaes to the movie party! Let's get it Honors Band! (Oh..and this is also for a major grade. Each scale is worth 10 points and when all 9 are completed, I'll throw in the last 10 points to earn that 100!). Here's the chart after Day 1 - Congrats to David Njuku for already finishing!!!

Band T-Shirt Vote in class on Tuesday!

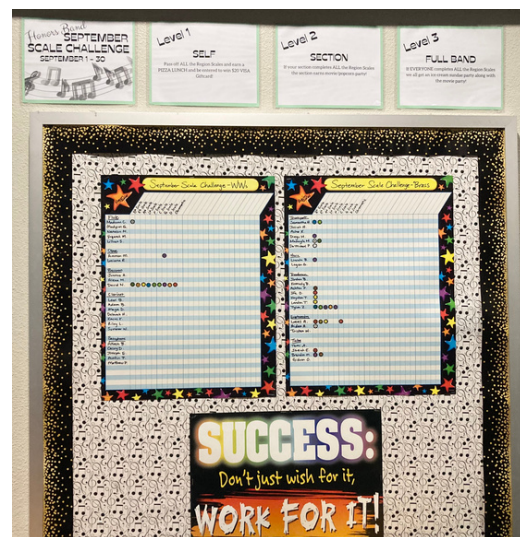
Option A

or

Option B



Winner will be announced in class on Wednesday!



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