

AUGUST 21, 2022

THE NAVO BAND WEEKLY BEAT



The official weekly newsletter of the
Navo Middle School Panther Band

UPCOMING DATES:

Aug 22 - Once a week Sectionals begin for Advanced Band Students - Schedule on page 2 in the advanced band section and it is also in the meeting link.

Aug 22 - NMS Open House 5:30-7:00pm

Aug 27 - Advanced Percussion Region Practice Session at BHS Band Hall w/ Mr. Miller from 9am-11am

Sep 2 - Band Fees Due (All students \$60) Instrument Fees Due for those using school owned instruments.

Sep 3, 10, 17 - Advanced Percussion Region Practice Session at BHS Band Hall w/ Mr. Miller from 9am-12pm

Sep 17 - Region Help Session 9am-12pm at Braswell HS (All Honors Band students).

Sep 26 - Sounds of the Stadium Performance at CH Collins Stadium (Advanced Bands)



Dear Parents and Students -

It was great to see so many of you at our Parent Meetings last week. If you were unable to make the meeting, click the link below to read over the powerpoint from the meeting. If you have any questions, Mr. Hudson and I will both be at Open House Monday evening to answer any questions.

[PARENT MEETING SLIDESHOW LINK](#)

Still need to rent an instrument and purchase supplies???

Here are the links the music companies who were at the meeting:



[Music and Arts Link](#)

[Williamson Music 1st](#)

If your child is playing Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, you will only purchase supplies from the companies above. Your rental will be done through school and we will send rental info by email to you.

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. As of Friday afternoon, 95% of the schedules have been fixed and many of those will see correct classes on Monday. 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 both 3rd period and 4th period this week as well as Jazz Ensemble and 6th period Advanced Percussion class. We are working on fundamentals in rehearsal and will be receiving more items for the their binders this week. 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 advanced band students. This was explained in the parent meetings. Students need to attend one sectional a week. **AM sectionals are from 7:00am-7:45am. PM sectionals are from 3:45pm-4:30pm.**

Here is the schedule below:

Honors Band (3rd Period)

Monday PM - French Horn
Tuesday AM - Trumpet
Tuesday PM - Tuba and Clarinet
Wednesday AM - Trombone Euphonium
Wednesday PM - Bassoon
Thursday AM - Saxophones
Thursday PM - Oboe
Friday PM - Flute

Symphonic Band/Concert Band (4th period)

Monday AM - Brass Option #1
Monday PM - Woodwind Option #1
Thursday AM - French Horn
Thursday PM - Brass Option #2
Friday AM - Woodwind Option #2

Students only need to pick one option to attend. Either one is fine and students can attend both if they'd like but again, only one is required each week.

Open House is Monday!

We look forward to seeing everyone on
Monday from 5:30pm-7:00pm

At Open House you can:

- Meet the directors
- Pay Band Fees / Fill out forms
- Ask any questions that you may still have

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