

AUGUST 14, 2022

THE NAVO BAND WEEKLY BEAT



The official weekly newsletter of the
Navo Middle School Panther Band

UPCOMING DATES:

Aug 18 - Parent Meetings and
Instrument Rental/Supply Drive

- 6:00pm - Beginner Band Parent Meeting
- 7:15pm - Advanced Band Parent Meeting
- 5:00pm - 7:30pm - Instrument Rentals

(See Page 2 of this newsletter for specifics)

Aug 20 - Advanced Percussion
Region Practice Session at BHS
Band Hall w/ Mr. Miller from 9am-
12pm

Aug 22 - Once a week Sectionals
begin for Advanced Band Students -
schedule will be emailed soon.

Aug 22 - NMS Open House

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



Dear Parents and Students -

Welcome to our first weekly beat of the new school year!
We are so glad you are a part of our band family.

If you are new band parents, let me do some quick introductions:



Mrs. Anderson
teaches the
Beginner
Woodwind
Classes
(Flute, Oboe,
Bassoon, Clarinet,
and Saxophone),
the Honors Band
(Varsity Band),
and the
Symphonic Band
(Non Varsity
Band)

Mr. Hudson
teaches the
Beginner Brass
Classes
(Trumpet, Horn,
Trombone,
Euphonium, and
Tuba)
as well as the
Concert Band
(Sub Non
Varsity) and the
Navo Jazz
Ensemble

Mr. Miller
teaches the
Beginner
Percussion Class
and the
Advanced
Percussion Class
at Navo. He is
the percussion
director for the
entire Braswell
Zone

Beginner Band Notes

What a wonderful two days we had together in band last week! The students did an amazing job navigating the school and showing up to class with a smile and a great attitude! They were flexible when the schedule changed up throughout the day and handled their first two days like pros!!! I'm so proud of them! The beginner band students (woodwind and brass classes) even learned how to sit the right way in band (we call this "ready position"), learned to count the beat and identified quarter notes and quarter rests, and learned about measures and bar lines! Wow! We are off to a great start already!

We still have quite a few students who have been placed in one of our band classes that haven't been able to select/try-out an instrument yet. Mr. Hudson will continue to meet with each student in class to try them out to find the best instrument for them. We will be emailing counselors to make schedule adjustments. Please be patient during this process as the counselors are working on many scheduling issues right now. I will also email you to confirm the instrument your student will be playing. In the meantime, do not worry about your child not being in the correct band class. We will all be continuing to learn the basics of music that every student needs to learn and will wait to do instrument specific teaching until we have everyone in the correct class.

Advanced Band Notes

Advanced Band students are all students that have already had beginner band in a previous year. Advanced Band students are those in 3rd period Varsity, 4th Period Non-Varsity, 4th Period Sub Non-Varsity, and 6th period Advanced Percussion...we also have students from these groups who are in the Navo Jazz Ensemble.

It was so great to see all of our 7th and 8th grade returning band students this year as well as our new to Navo 7th and 8th graders. We are currently getting band lockers assigned to students and will be distributing binders this week as we get back to playing our instruments. There are a few students who have informed me that they are needing schedule changes. Please know that we are working on that with our counselors. Thank you for your patience if your child is waiting on a change.

Please note the upcoming events on the first page. We will be starting weekly sectionals the week of August 22. This is a once a week practice that will either take place from 7:00am-7:45am or 3:45-4:30pm. Again...this will be once a week and we will work out a schedule with the students to avoid as many conflicts as possible (ie...school athletics, cheer, njhs, stuco, etc).

Please enter the doors by the cafeteria/portables for the parent meetings

Beginner Band Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, August 18th

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Navo Band Room

PURPOSE: During this meeting, we will be going over what band will look like this year for your child, our band calendar, private lessons, forms/fees/fundraising information, instrument/supply rental information.

Advanced Band Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, August 18th

TIME: 7:15pm

WHERE: Navo Band Room

PURPOSE: During this meeting, we will be going over what band will look like this year for your child, our band calendar, private lessons, forms/fees/fundraising information, uniforms, etc.

Still need to rent an instrument for band class and purchase supplies? The music companies will be in attendance at our meeting on Thursday so you can take care of any rentals or purchases. They will be there beginning at 5pm and will stay until about 7:30pm.



**Band
parent
meetings
THIS
week -
Aug 18**

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