

AUGUST 13, 2023

THE NAVO BAND WEEKLY BEAT



The official weekly newsletter of the
Navo Middle School Panther Band

UPCOMING DATES:

Aug 15 - 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 and
supply purchases with
Saied Music.

(See Page 2 of this newsletter
for specifics)

Aug 21 - Once a week
Sectionals begin for Advanced
Band Students - schedule will
be emailed soon.

Aug 21 - NMS Open House
5:30-7:00pm (more details from
the school soon)



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, and assists with the
Symphonic Band (Non Varsity Band)
and assists with Beginner Percussion.



Mr. Hudson teaches the Beginner
Brass Classes (Trumpet, Horn,
Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba)
the Symphonic Band, the Navo Jazz
Ensemble, and assists with the
Honors Band.



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 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") and we got to know each other a little better in class. We are ready for the upcoming week! Next week we will learn to count the beat and identify quarter notes and quarter rests, and learn about measures and bar lines!

We still have a few students who have been placed in one of our band classes that haven't been able to try-out an instrument yet. Mr. Hudson has been meeting with those students and 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 after day 4 (we aren't allowed to do schedule changes before this). Thanks for your patience during this process! I will also email you on Tuesday to confirm the instrument your student will be playing so that you can be prepared at our parent meeting in terms of instrument rentals and supply purchases. 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

What is Advanced Band? Advanced Band students are all students that have already had beginner band in a previous year. Advanced Band students are those in 3rd period Honors Band, 4th Period Symphonic Band, and 7th 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 next week (as soon as my shipment arrives) and we will be playing our instruments.

Please note the upcoming events on the first page. We will be starting weekly sectionals the week of August 21. This is a once a week practice that will either take place from 7:00am-8:00am or 3:45-4:45pm. 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: Tuesday, August 15

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.

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

Advanced Band Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, August 15

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.



**Band
parent
meetings
THIS
week -
Aug 15**

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