



# Norwin Band 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting

JAN. 21ST, 7:30PM

GOOGLE MEET

# Welcome/Introductions

- ▶ Mr. Ross Cohen, Middle School Band Director
- ▶ Mr. Brandon Kandrack, Asst. Band Director/Percussion Coordinator
- ▶ Mr. Tim Daniels, Director of Bands

# Band Offerings at Norwin High School

- ▶ The Following Classes are currently available to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (MUS 450)
  - ▶ Jazz Band (MUS 457)
  - ▶ Percussion Ensemble (MUS 480)
  - ▶ Music Rep

# Class Overview – Band 9 (MUS450)

- ▶ Band meets daily in HR and 1<sup>st</sup> Period
  - ▶ All band students meet at the same time
- ▶ Band is a Co-Curricular Course
- ▶ Band includes marching band and concert band
  - ▶ Marching band rehearses during the summer and continues through October.  
(Band Camp during the weeks of July 28<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>)
    - ▶ Full Summer Calendar is available at [www.norwinband.net](http://www.norwinband.net)
  - ▶ Performances on Friday for Football Games and 5-6 Saturdays for Competition w/ one or two overnight trips
  - ▶ Concert Season begins in late October/early November
    - ▶ Wind Ensemble/Concert Band
    - ▶ Winter Concert (early Feb.), Spring Concert (early May), MPA
  - ▶ All students are encouraged to continue their instrumental music education in high school.
  - ▶ No pre-requisites for participation, auditioned percussion section



# Class Overview – Jazz Band (MUS 457)

- ▶ Jazz Band meets daily during 2<sup>nd</sup> period
  - ▶ Can be taken as a full year, semester, or every other day class
  - ▶ Afterschool rehearsals one day per week from November-May
- ▶ Winter Concert (Dec), Spring Concert (mid May), SRU Jazz Festival, Yough Jazz Festival, other community events
- ▶ Students are selected to this ensemble via audition. Auditions take place in May

# Class Overview – Percussion Ensemble (MUS480)

- ▶ Percussion Ensemble meets daily during 2<sup>nd</sup> period
  - ▶ Can be taken as a full year or semester class or every other day
  - ▶ Open to all percussion students enrolled in band class
- ▶ Percussion Camp (early January), Spring Concert (mid April), area percussion festivals
- ▶ ALL percussionists meet after school on Tuesdays during concert season for percussion ensemble rehearsals

# Percussion Auditions

- ▶ All percussion students will need to audition for a spot in the high school percussion section
  - ▶ Auditions used to ensure access to percussion equipment and proper instrumentation
  - ▶ Auditions occur in mid to late May
  - ▶ Auditions used to determine assignments for marching band percussion sections (drum line and front ensemble)
- ▶ Percussion workshops throughout the spring to help students prepare for the auditions and meet other high school percussionists.

# Norwin Band Aides

- ▶ The Norwin Band Aides are a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that functions as the booster organization to support band activities
- ▶ The Band Aides provide funds for all band activities not covered by the district. This includes out-of-state travel, supplemental instructors, clinicians, marching show design and equipment.
- ▶ Funds are covered by fundraising including the Norwin Band Festival and Colorguard shows, annual craft show, stadium concession stand as well as other sales based fundraising.
- ▶ Fairshare – Fairshare represents a portion of the total cost that families are asked to contribute to help offset costs related to marching band participation. This amount varies from year to year and has not been set for the 2022-23 school year. Many fundraising and volunteer opportunities are available to offset fairshare costs and many families pay nothing out of pocket.



# FAQ's

- ▶ Is Marching Band Required?
  - ▶ Yes, marching band is a component of the band class. Though it is a large investment of time, most students find this time to be very rewarding. Marching band ends in late October.
- ▶ Does band/marching band “work” with other activities?
  - ▶ Yes!! In most cases, school sports and activities WORK WELL with band. Winter and Spring Sports do not usually conflict at all. Fall sports require some advanced planning, but we currently have students involved in: cross country, soccer, swimming, volleyball, track, along with many other clubs and activities. Please contact Mr. Daniels if you have questions about a specific activity.
- ▶ Are students required to audition for band?
  - ▶ Brass and Woodwind players are not required to audition for admission to band, Percussion students will audition in late spring.

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- ▶ Is there a cost associated with participation in band?
  - ▶ We ask that all families contribute their Fairshare amount to the Norwin Band Aides to help offset the cost. There are many opportunities to fundraise and volunteer to offset these costs. NO STUDENT will be denied participation due to financial concerns, we just ask that you communicate those concerns with the Band Aides?
- ▶ Will new 9<sup>th</sup> graders feel overwhelmed if they are doing marching band and taking Honors Classes?
  - ▶ We have found that honors students in band also excel in their regular academic classes. We have students at all levels, including students taking multiple AP and Honors Classes. Students will need to manage their time in the fall, but Mr. Kandrack and I work closely with students to ensure academic and musical success.

# Important Contact Information

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- ▶ Vist Us at: [www.norwinband.net](http://www.norwinband.net)
  
- ▶ Please contact us with any questions that you have!! The transition to high school is a big one, and we want you and your children to have the information that you need.

# Questions?

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