



May 2018

Dear New and Returning North Star Band Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Band Season! We are so excited to be planning for the upcoming school year! There are several items of which we would like to you take note at this time:

1. Please review the included letter from Mike Kolodziej, the President of the Friends of Music (“FOM”), our music department booster organization (Choir, Orchestra and Band). **All music parents are members of FOM since you have a child in the band program at North, and we need your help to keep the FOM vibrant.**
2. Band Camp is August 13-16 and August 20-23 in the evenings (as **always**, we begin 10 days before the first day of classes). Band Camp is where the students learn performance routines for our performances at the home football games. **Band Camp practices are mandatory for all students in order to qualify for the fall PE Waiver which provides for a full period study hall in the fall semester.** Music for our half time show is included in this mailing (for new students) or will be issued in class (for returners). The music should be learned over the summer and recordings will be made available via Google Classroom. *Percussionists should all be members of the Google Classroom as they have additional practices and responsibilities.*
3. The *FOM Marching Band Team* “fits” every band student during camp for their (school provided) marching uniforms and (family purchased) accessories including baseball caps, marching shoes, gloves, and track jackets. *Please email Ellen Anderson with any questions regarding marching band fittings.* During band camp the students will *also* be fitted for their family-purchased concert attire (see included letter from the FOM Concert Attire Team).
4. You will be receiving additional communications over the summer from FOM, including pricing for marching band accessories, links for ordering SCN Music spiritwear and a link to “Sign Up Genius” for volunteering at Band Camp, Football games and Parades throughout the year. *Please email Meslissa Laskey with any questions regarding volunteering for marching band!*

In the meantime, please visit [www.scnmusic.com](http://www.scnmusic.com) at any time to bookmark the online calendar (a list of fall dates is included in this mailing to get you started). The SCN Music department website is where you are always able to find the most accurate and recent calendar info and news.

Thank you for choosing Band at SCN and we look forward to getting to know all of our new students and families this year. Please feel to reach out at any time should you have any questions.

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