



*North Andover Public Schools
Music Department*

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Director of Bands

Dear NAHS Scarlet Knight Marching Band and Color Guard Members and Parents,

Welcome to the 2013 season of North Andover Scarlet Knight Marching Band. To the new parents and students - welcome to a tradition of excellence. My name is Justin D. Smalley, the North Andover High School band director and I am very excited to begin my third year as the director of the Scarlet Knight Marching Band. While I will continue to oversee the progress of the group, my involvement will be in a different capacity this season. I have been diagnosed with Nodular Lymphocyte Predominant Hodgkin's Lymphoma. While this is a form of cancer, it is one of the most highly treatable and curable forms of the disease; my doctors and I are optimistic that through the chemotherapy treatment I will undergo this summer and fall that I will be able to return to my normal duties in no time.

I am grateful to announce that our full support staff will be returning this year and that Mr. Matt Ignos, Mr. Chris Nelson and Mrs. Sara Durkin will be the interim directors.

The staff and I are very excited about this year's show – *A Ride Through the Seasons*. To access the schedule for band camp as well as the fall rehearsal/performance schedule, please visit the North Andover Music Association (NAMA) website at <http://northandovermusic.wordpress.com/>. Please mark the dates on your calendar as attendance of every member is essential and mandatory in order for the band to continue to achieve its success.

To Students- Becoming and being a member of the Scarlet Knight Marching Band requires commitment, hard work and a positive attitude. The reward of being a member in this organization is not only your association with other students who share a sense of camaraderie and friendship, but also participating in the creation of a professional quality musical experience. There are also several opportunities for significant musical and personal growth and the development of leadership skills. Take pride in belonging to the Scarlet Knight Marching Band!

The staff and I look forward to another successful season. Band camp starts Monday, August 12th.

Sincerely,

Justin D. Smalley
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Go Knights!