

## Marching Band FAQs

### You've made it through BAND CAMP, now what?

**If you're a freshman parent:** Your child now has a bunch of friends who will tell them there is NO POOL on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor!

**For all:** There has been a comradery built this week – they have learned how to exercise while playing an instrument. During the marching season, they will learn Time Management/Sleep Management/Prioritizing – all skills that will help them in school. (Dare we tell you the # of Band kids in the top 5% of the graduating class last year? It was 6 of 19, no kidding; and there were only 22 seniors in marching band last year!)

**But what if my child...?** Plays a sport? Does Scouts? Has other commitments? Mr. Smalley has a close relationship with coaches – they work it out. Scouting, church, etc --- it can all be worked out. However, know that your child's "DOT" in the show is important to his/her bandmates, so attendance at practice is a priority! LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE to find conflicts. Speaking of Schedule...

**Band Time:** Even though the schedule says 6PM, Arrive 15 min **BEFORE** set time, i.e. 5:45pm for 6pm start – Down beat, ready to play at 6pm. Most evenings the band does a final, full run through 15 minutes before the end of practice – come on out to see it!

**E-mails:** Please take the time to read the emails – we will be alerting you of any changes to schedule via our email system. Also, we'll ask for help using it!

**Sectionals:** After school practice with your section. All year. Student-led. Kids don't ever tell you when they are, they expect you to be able to get them whenever. **Uber** app is used by many at NAHS! Or some families create and share google spreadsheets to set up car pools.

**Football Games:** Band plays "Stand tunes" during the game, perform the show during halftime; arrival typically 1 hour before game.

**Competitions:** Usually practice before a show, then take buses to show. As mentioned, we need HELP for these events. **After Competition:** Bus ride home, empty equipment truck, parent pick up

- Buses are not always on time; band has to help unload and secure the equipment.

**Cell Phones off during performances:** Football games, competitions, parades

### Marching Band Uniforms

- NAMA maintains uniforms, the \$20 uniform fee goes to clean it and purchase embellishments for this year's show
- Of course lost or damaged uniforms need to be charged for.
- Standard uniforms include:
  - shako / hat and box
  - black bibpants
  - a jacket with a neckliner that can be taken out and washed (most members)
  - red garment bag
  - black gloves
  - black socks (multiple pairs)
  - **black shoes called Dinkles.**

- o 2016- Cumberbund and Sash – created by NAMA Volunteers
- o 2016- Yellow Shako wrap – created by NAMA Volunteers
- o 2016- Compression shirt – purchased
- o Color Guard - uniform and flags
  
- o Warm Weather Uniform
  - Polo shirt – for warm weather parades and some performances.
  - Black Dress Slacks (not jeans)
  - Black Belt
- o Accessories: Dot book, Flip Book and Lyre
- Marching Band is the face of North Andover. When in uniform they represent their school and their town. Proper care and respect for the uniform; proper etiquette when in uniform.

Quick Reference:

[www.northandovermusic.org](http://www.northandovermusic.org) Our Website – check it out!

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NESBA Band Show Information: Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, show starts at 4 PM

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Planning Meetings, At NAHS 7:30PM-8:30PM

Thursday September 1 and Thursday September 8

Tuesday September 20 and Tuesday September 27

Volunteer Information and Training Sessions at NAHS (choose one)

Tuesday September 13 at 7 PM

Saturday September 17 at 11:30 AM

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Have a great fall!