

2017 – 2018

Navarre High School



Band Student Handbook

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Megan Couey, Associate Director of Bands



Navarre High School Bands

The Raider Marching Band

Symphonic & Concert Bands

Navarre Jazz Band

The Raider Steel Pan Band

Navarre Indoor Percussion Ensemble

Navarre Indoor Colorguard

Dear Students,

We would like to congratulate you on being a member of one of the up and coming organizations in the state of Florida, one of the largest organizations on the NHS Campus, and one of the most visible public relations tools for Navarre High School...the Navarre Raider Band. Our band program, which consists of six performing ensembles, gives over 30 performances each school year. Your hard work and shared talents will entertain thousands of people during the course of this upcoming school year...and in that process we hope that our program will have a positive impact in preparing you for greater things beyond high school.

Being a member of the Navarre Raider Band Program brings great individual and family responsibility. This handbook will help you realize the expectations of a band student. It is an informational tool to assist you in understanding your responsibilities and commitments to our program. This booklet will also serve as the syllabus for the band class in which you are enrolled.

Most of the simple regulations and information contained in these pages have been established for some time and have proven to be successful techniques in maintaining a high degree of excellence in many successful band programs throughout the country, as well as our band program. While it is not possible to cover every circumstance which may arise during the course of a school year with an appropriate rule, policy or response, this handbook will furnish everyone with a working knowledge of what is expected in most situations as a member of the Navarre Raider Band.

At the end of the handbook you will find a student contract. This must be read, signed and returned by both student and parent(s) on or before August 10th., 2017.

We are looking forward to another successful year with the Navarre Raider Band. The active support and hard work of the students and parents are vital to the success of our program and are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

DEAN BARROW

Dean Barrow
Director of Bands

Sincerely,

Megan Couey

Megan Couey
Associate Director of Bands

Navarre High School Band Classes

Grading Policies and Procedures

School Year 2017-2018

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Goals:

Welcome to the classes that make up the Navarre High School Band Program. This syllabus is valid for Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Steel Pan Band, Percussion, and Colorguard Classes. Together, we are going to be working to accomplish some challenging goals during the 2017 – 2018 School Year. I hope that you are prepared to accept the challenge. Please review the grading policy and other band policies on your own and with your parents/guardians. A completed returned student contract (*included in this packet*) will acknowledge that you and your parents understand these policies. This contract will serve as your first quiz grade.

Your grade will consist of the following components:

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| 1. Class Participation (daily grade) | 20% |
| 2. Rehearsal Attendance | 20% |
| 3. Performance Attendance | 25% |
| 4. Quizzes & Tests | 15% |
| 5. Semester Exam | 20% |

Class Participation:

Good attendance, punctuality, and proper equipment, in class EVERYDAY! This portion of your grade will also require that you attempt your best every day, and that you participate whenever possible in class discussions along with question and answering sessions.

Equipment needed daily includes:

Your instrument in proper playing condition, ALL of your music placed in a BLACK three ring binder with sheet protectors, rehearsal attire (*when appropriate*), a pencil

Rehearsals:

Band classes are considered to be a Co-Curricular subject, meaning that what happens outside of the school day is directly connected with the classroom activities. After-school and evening rehearsals have been scheduled and additional rehearsals may be scheduled on a when-necessary basis. Your attendance will always be **mandatory**. You will be given ample notice when rehearsals outside of the regular schedule are called. Some of the rehearsals may require specific rehearsal attire which, if needed, will be announced. *If you are absent from a rehearsal for any reason, please fill out an Absence Appeal Form and put it directly the black wall box. It will be reviewed by Mr. Barrow and you will be notified of whether or not it was excused.*

Performances:

All performances listed on the calendar are MANDATORY. An absence from a performance without prior approval from the directors, or a doctor's excuse, will affect your grade. This includes football games, parades, concerts, pep rallies, etc. An unexcused absence from a festival or competition will result in your term grade being lowered a full letter grade and may also result in an immediate termination from the NHS Band Program.

Quizzes & Tests:

Quizzes and tests will be given to ensure that students are mastering appropriate performance techniques; completing the required memorization of selected music/routine; understanding performance elements such as terms, history, theories, & concepts; and are aware of the policies and procedures of our band program.

Rehearsal & Performance Attendance Policy – Excused absences will include only the following: sickness, death in the family, or extreme crisis-type circumstances. All absences will be reviewed by the band director on a case-by-case basis. Absence appeal forms MUST be completed the very next day that the student is in attendance regardless of whether you think it will be excused or not and placed directly in the black box located in the band room.. An attempt should also be made to contact Mr. Barrow to report foreseen absences/tardiness from rehearsals and performances. (Mr. Barrow's cell 850.687.1998). You will receive an unexcused absence until a decision is rendered and all make-up work has been turned in. Make-up work may be assigned if the absence is excused. Remember, an unexcused absence from a rehearsal or performance will automatically disqualify a student from receiving a Varsity Letter.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE NHS RAIDER BAND

- (1). To develop a high quality product (performance organization) in which all stakeholders can be proud of. The following characteristics should be evident:
- *high energy, entertaining performances*
 - *structure and discipline in rehearsals, performances, and free time*
 - *consistency in all program aspects*
 - *good communication with members and parents*
 - *integrity throughout the organization*
 - *sense of belonging and ownership for all stakeholders (staff, students, parents, etc.)*
- (2). To instill and reinforce the qualities that will help each member to be successful in life beyond their high school years. These qualities include integrity, teamwork, self-discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, work ethic, dedication, goal-setting, communication, and positive attitude.
- (3). To provide opportunities for members to create memories and relationships that they can cherish for a lifetime.

Our Mottos - "Finis Coronat Opus - The end crowns the work"

NHS RAIDER BAND STAFF

Director of Bands	–	Dean Barrow
Associate Director of Bands	–	Megan Couey
Visual Coordinator	–	Jenetta McGee
Percussion Director	–	Greg Hedaria
Percussion Instructors	–	Vivienne Boudreaux and Shawn Cyphers
Color Guard Directors	–	Courtney Logan and Jesse Joseph
Band Bookkeepers	–	Missy Kern and Connor Moore

NHS RAIDER BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Drum Majors	–	Katelynn Joyner and Kanoka Palmer
Band Captain	–	Alyse Brassard
Woodwind Captain	–	Megan Rudman
Brass Captain	–	Cassidy Phillips
Percussion Captain	–	Sydney Donovan
Flute Section Leader	–	Amanda Turman
Clarinet Section Leader	–	Savannah Steward
Saxophone Section Leader	–	Joseph Neto
Trumpet Section Leader	–	Brittany Coleman
Horn Section Leader	–	Abby Law
Low Brass Section Leader	–	Jasmine Hellyer
Tuba Section Leader	–	Jacob Meyer
Color Guard Captain	–	Ashley Fowler
Music Officer	–	Sydney Nelson
Instrument/Facilities Officers	–	Christian Reyes
Transportation Officer	–	Cat Rios

BAND STAFF CONTACT INFO

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FIND US ON THE WEB!!!

How to access parent information



BAND * ORCHESTRA * CHOIR

- Log on to www.charmsoffice.com
- Locate the “PARENT/STUDENT LOGIN” section of the web page.
- The school code is: navarreraiders
- Login to your child’s program account using their school ID number starting with 57.
(If that does not work, try one of your phone numbers. If that doesn’t work, message me and I’ll reset it for you.)
- This will bring up the main parent page. This will allow you to look at the band’s **public calendar, event list, handouts and other files.**
- Clicking on an event on the calendar brings up the details for that event, such as times, attendance requirements and equipment/uniform necessities. Clicking on “event list” puts all of the calendar information in a list form for easy printing.
- One area in which you can help the director maintain his/her records:
 - **Student information form** –you may help make changes to your child’s **student information page** (such as updating phone numbers and email addresses if they change) to help the teacher communicate with you more effectively.
- Most importantly, the parent page assists both you and the teacher to communicate with each other.

REMIND – We use REMIND to send out informational texts and reminders to our students and parents...along with Charms e-mail. To sign-up for text messages from us, you simply need to subscribe to the appropriate “groups” below. You should receive a confirmation text after signing-up.

BAND PARENT TEXT GROUPS:

All Band Parents (general info)

text **@nhsband** to 81010

PERFORMING ENSEMBLE TEXT GROUPS (Parents may sign-up as well):

NHS Marching Band

text **@raidrmarch** to 81010

NHS Symphonic Band

text **@nhssymph** to 81010

NHS Band Leadership Team

text **@nhsstuldrs** to 81010

NHS Percussion

text **@nhsp** to 81010

NHS Color Guard

text **@nhsguard** to 81010

NHS Brass

text **@nhsbra** to 81010

NHS Woodwinds

text **@nhswww** to 81010

To drop from a group, type “unsubscribe” to the appropriate number.

Band Website – www.theraiderband.com

- *Your One-Stop for all things Raider Band...photos, calendar, music, performances, handouts, links, etc.*

YouTube Channel – <http://www.youtube.com/user/NHSRaiderBand>

- *For current & past performances, go to the NHS Raider Band Channel.*

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/raiderband>

- *Can be found on Facebook by searching "Navarre Raider Band Hall"*

BAND MEMBER EXPECTATIONS 2017

In Rehearsals:

- 1 – Have appropriate materials (*instrument, music, drill charts, pencils, rehearsal attire, etc.*)!
- 2 – Be quiet & attentive!
- 3 – **Demonstrate respect for the directors, band staff, band leadership, & each other at all times!**
- 4 – Practice & memorize music at home so that we can rehearse together!
- 5 – Remain still & quiet while at attention!
- 6 – **Demonstrate Self-Discipline & Self-Control in all that you do!**
- 7 – Always put away personal items following the rehearsal! Don't leave anything out in the band room or on the field!
- 8 – Work hard!

In Performances (*starts from the time we meet until the time we dismiss*):

- 1 – **Always think about the image of the band!**
- 2 – No partial or inappropriate (*helmet on backwards, etc.*) uniform wearing!
- 3 – Make sure that your uniform & instrument are neat & clean!
- 4 – **Give 100% in every aspect of the performance** (*bus ride, march-in, stand music, half-time, etc.*)!
- 5 – Be respectful of chaperones, bus drivers, and other bands!
- 6 – Pay attention / stay focused on your job at that time!
- 7 – Communicate with parents & friends prior to the game!
- 8 – In the bleachers...stay in your assigned seat!
- 9 – No food or drink allowed...unless given to you by the band staff or permission is given by directors!

On Bus Trips:

- 1 – No drink containers that can spill onto the floor allowed (*cans, cups, etc.*)!
- 2 – **No Public Display of Affection** (*hugging, kissing, sitting in laps, etc.*)
- 3 – No high-pitch screaming...singing & cheering in a normal voice is allowed during certain times!
- 4 – Remain correctly seated while the bus is in motion!
- 5 – Get quiet at all railroad crossings & as we arrive at our destination!
- 6 – Don't leave any valuables unattended on the bus! Valuables should be placed in the designated bag when exiting the bus.
- 7 – No spraying of any chemicals on the bus (*deodorant, hair spray, air freshener, etc.*)!
- 8 – Always stay in designated areas once we arrive at our destination. No wandering around!
- 9 – Always leave places cleaner than we found them!
- 10 – Pick up all trash & personal belongings from the bus floor & seats once we arrive back @ MHS!
- 11 – **Remember the image of the band while traveling!**
- 12 – Keep all body parts inside the bus at all times. No screaming out the windows, etc.
- 13 – Always listen to & demonstrate respect towards chaperones, bus drivers, and bus captains.
- 14 – **Respect each other & yourself through both your actions & your words!** This means that conversations and language should always be of a clean & appropriate manner.

In the Bandroom:

- 1 – No food or drinks allowed (except for bottled water). All containers must be closed!
- 2 – No horseplay, running, or chasing!
- 3 – Put all items in their designated location! Loose items will be thrown away!
- 4 – **Take care of the facilities and property of the band!!!!!!**
- 5 – No Public Display of Affection (holding hands is the only physical contact allowed)!
- 6 – Ask permission before entering side rooms! (*Practice, Ensemble, Library, Uniform, Guard, Percussion, Storage, Golf Cart, etc.*)
- 7 – **Keep all valuables on you or locked safely in your locker!!!!!!**
- 8 – Don't touch other people's belongings (*instruments, etc.*) without their permission!

In General:

- 1 – **Attend all rehearsals & performances.** If you are sick, have a death in the family, or a family emergency, please contact Mr. Barrow (850.687.1009) or Ms. Couey in advance of your absence (*Bandroom - 850-936-6080 ext. 1151*) to be excused.
- 2 – Students who are absent from a rehearsal (*non-class time*) or performance are required to **complete an absence appeal form** immediately once

you return.

- 3 – **Respect each other & yourself through both your actions & your words!** This means that conversations and language should always be of a clean & appropriate manner.
- 4 – Strive to leave personal problems outside the door during the band activity.
- 5 – **Maintain good grades (2.0 GPA minimum) and don't receive numerous discipline referrals. Failure to make good grades or behave appropriately in other classes could jeopardize your membership in the band.**
- 6 – Be a good citizen in the community. Members who are arrested or charged with crimes will jeopardize their membership in the band!
- 7 – Situations that occur off school campus that are band-related (although it may not be an official band activity) could result in consequences. This includes social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumbler, etc. Any actions, posts, or conversations that tear away from the unity and image of the band will be dealt with.
- 7 – **Good rule of thumb...if you don't think that Mr. Barrow, Ms. Couey, or the NHS Administration would approve of it....THEN DON'T DO IT!!!!**

CONSEQUENCES FOR VARIOUS RULES INFRACTIONS

The following consequences may be enforced upon a student for infractions that occur around the band facilities during rehearsals and performances. These consequences will be given for infractions that do not require the involvement of the school administration. These infractions include but are not limited to the following:

GENERAL INFRACTIONS

Obscene language
Public display of affection
Horseplay (in building or around instruments at rehearsal)
Disrespect (to regard or treat others with contempt or rudeness)
Positive image infraction
Less than 100% infraction (not focusing during rehearsals, being in wrong place, etc.)

BANDROOM INFRACTIONS

Food & drink in appropriate areas
Not putting instruments, equipment, uniforms, or personal items in appropriate place

REHEARSALS

Moving & talking at attention
Talking during silent rehearsal
Irresponsibility (not having appropriate instrument, music, marching attire, etc.)
Not passing off music by deadline date

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING RULES COULD RESULT IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1st OFFENSE - RUN/MARCH (*Arms Up Position*) 1 LAP AROUND TRACK (*Marching exercise*)**
- 25 PUSH-UPS OR 2 MINUTES FRONT LEANING POSITION (*Strengthening exercise*)**
- 1 MINUTE WALL-SQUATS WITH INSTRUMENT FORWARD (*Strengthening exercise*)**
- 1 MINUTE PLANKS (*Push-Up Style exercise*)**
- 50 YARD TOE JAMS (*Marching exercise*)**
- 40 YARD SUICIDES (*Running sequence between yard lines*)**
- PRIDE BLOCK – Time to be determined (*Self-Discipline exercise*)**
- WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT ASSIGNED BY DIRECTORS (*Mental exercise*)**
- **EACH ADDITIONAL OFFENSE DURING THAT SCHOOL DAY WILL BE DOUBLED.**

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

There will be very few performances that will not be required of **EVERYONE** in the Navarre High School Band program. Offering quality performance experiences to the students is part of our commitment to them, as well as what we feel is an integral part of our job description as the directors, but the students fulfilling their role as a committed member of the band by being present at all required performances is what we consider an absolute **MUST**, and these will represent a portion of their grade for the class.

Football Games

The band performs at all varsity football games during the fall. Performances may include pre-game, stands time, half-time and possible post-game. These are required performances. Students are not released until after the post-game performance, and after arriving back to the band room for official dismissal.

- Football game performances are vital to our following marching contest/festival performances and to our continued success at MHS, and will represent a large portion of the term grade.

Marching Contests/Festivals

During the fall the band participates in the FBA District I Marching Performance Assessment. This is a state mandated performance evaluation. We also compete or perform in various contests and festivals throughout the region.

- *These events are extremely important performances and will represent a very large portion of the term grade.*

Parades and Community Performances

To give back to the community, the band participates in several community oriented parades and performances throughout the year. Most notably, we perform in the the Navarre Christmas Parade and other requested community performances including the SRC Veteran's Day parade etc. Each of these parades/performances is vital in maintaining the tremendous support we have always received from our community.

- *Parades are extremely important performances and will represent a very large portion of the term grade.*

Concert Band Festival

During the spring, the Symphonic band will participate in the FBA District I Concert Music Performance Assessment. This performance meets state requirements for evaluation. If any of our bands receive a superior rating, qualification for the FBA State level Music Performance Assessment is achieved. In the past, we have chosen whether or not to attend State contest, but it needs to be kept in mind as the ultimate goal for all of our bands.

- This is an important adjudicated performance and will represent a large portion of the term grade.

Christmas Concert

This concert presents the first opportunity for our instrumental groups to spread some Holiday Cheer and to serve as our first performance for non-marching instrumental groups. Of course, as with all performances, participation is mandatory.

- This is an important performance for all and will represent a large portion of the term grade.

Spring Concert

This concert presents the final opportunity for all groups to perform before the end of the year. Of course, as with all performances, participation is mandatory.

- This is an important performance for all and will represent a large portion of the term grade.

OTHER PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

All-State Band Auditions

Each year, our best student musicians elect to participate in auditions for the Florida All-State Bands. If selected they will represent our school at the FMEA State Clinic/Conference held annually in Tampa for four days in January. These students are chosen based on a taped audition in September. This audition is not required, but highly recommended for serious musicians. All-State audition music is released in May @ <https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/>.

All-State Honor Band Nominations

In addition to the played audition, band directors are allowed to nominate up to six students for selection to the All-State Honor Band. Students are not required to play an audition until they arrive in Tampa. Only students who prepare and complete the All-State Band Audition in September, will be considered for nomination to the Honor Band.

All-County Band and other Honor Band experiences

- **Students wanting to be considered for Symphonic Band MUST participate in All-County auditions during November. Student who do not participate in the All-County Audition will not be selected for Symphonic Band.**
- **There are sometimes charges associated by the sponsoring organizations of some of the regional honor bands. Please understand that all of these expenses are the responsibility of the participating student.**

The Santa Rosa All-County Honor Band is recognized as one of the finest groups of high school musicians in the country. The experience of working with college-level clinicians and playing with fellow students from the other schools is invaluable to the developing musician.

Similar experiences can also be attained at a higher level if students wish to audition for, and hopefully make, other honor band programs offered in our region. Some of these are listed below, and information will be distributed regarding these as we receive it:

*USM All-South Marching Band (fall) / USA Honor Marching Band (fall) / FSU Tri-State Honor Band (Dec)
Troy University SEUS Honor Band (late Jan) / USM All-South Honor Concert Band (early Feb) / Auburn University
Honor Band – (early Feb) / Alabama University Honor Band (Feb) / University of Florida Honor Band (March)*

FBA District I Solo & Ensemble Festival

All students are encouraged to participate in this event. This event provides an opportunity to perform solos or in small ensembles for evaluation by a judge who is recognized as an expert in the field. Those who are judged to be at the highest level (superior) receive a medal from the Florida Bandmasters Association. Students who wish to play a solo must receive director's approval. Each soloist must pay an \$25 accompanist fee (if accompanist is required, and depending on availability). Refer to the calendar for this date.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES - TIME EXPECTATIONS

Rehearsals & Sectionals

FULL BAND REHEARSALS

Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule - Runs the duration of regular football season. Additional rehearsals for playoff games are TBA.

- Mondays - 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Horn and Percussion Music Pass-Offs. Not required after pass-offs are completed.
- Mondays - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Full Percussion Sectional
- Mondays - 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Full Color Guard Sectional
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal

Unexcused absences from these rehearsals will result in a sharp reduction of the rehearsal grade, which will immediately affect the term grade. The student will also become ineligible for a Varsity Letter for the school year.

- *Symphonic Band Rehearsals & Sectionals are scheduled for Tuesdays 3:45 PM - 6:00 PM. starting in January and lasting until the Thursday before Concert MPA. This is normally held the 2nd weekend in March.*

SECTIONALS

To help the students master their music there may be morning or afternoon sectionals for their instrument sections for concert ensembles. The band director will announce each practice and the schedule will be released in early November. .

Attendance is required and only the band directors can excuse a student.

- *Sectionals and Rehearsals are imperative to our success, are graded, and will represent a portion of the term grade.*

An absence from the rehearsal immediately before a performance may bar the absent student from full participation in the performance unless approved by a director. These are considered dress rehearsals.

Football Games

The band attends all regular season football games in town and out of town, unless otherwise announced. Every football game is considered a performance for us. We have a job to do, just as the team does, except that our job is to be there to support them and to help increase the excitement in the atmosphere at the games. Once the team completes the first half, the field is ours, along with any visiting band, and the show is all up to us.

Your attendance is absolutely MANDATORY at each and every game. Your grade will fall sharply and your continued membership in the band will be in jeopardy if you have an unexcused absence from a game, or any other performance. At all games, the band will play in the stands and the marching ensemble will perform their halftime show. A schedule of the games is posted in this handbook and also integrated into the Google band calendar.

- Football Game performances are major performances and will represent a portion of the term grade.

FOOTBALL GAME RAINOUT PROCEDURE

If a game/performance is rained out or postponed for any reason, the band WILL attend the game/performance on the date that it has been rescheduled, unless otherwise decided by the directors/school administration. Students and parents should plan for quick rearranging of personal plans and/or work schedules if a game/performance is postponed, as it will also be a required performance, and will be reflective on the term grade.

Parades/Other Performances

Normally the band will participate in the Navarre Christmas. The band occasionally participates in the Santa Rosa Veteran's Day parades as well as the Navarre Mardi Gras parade.. Some of the parade routes are longer than others. A few parents will be needed to walk with the band during parades. From time to time we will be asked to perform at other venues. If this performance is accepted by the directors then all band students must attend, as it is a required performance.

- *Parades and other performances will represent a large portion of the term grade.*

Festivals/Competitions

Festivals and competitions are the apex of our marching & concert seasons, and the students and parents both must understand that these events are absolutely, positively, extraordinarily REQUIRED AND MANDATORY!!! Missing a festival or competition, unless direly ill, is grounds for immediate and swift dismissal from the band program as a whole. The dates for these events are scheduled and posted FAR in advance, and no excuse is a good reason to miss (again unless direly ill).

- *Festival/Competitions are major performances and will represent a large portion of the term grade.*

Concert Season

While the Concert Season is much different than marching season, the high standard does not change. Grading will change ever so slightly to reflect this predominantly indoor portion of the year. Students must be where they are supposed to be, when they are supposed to be, and early is always best!

- *Concerts will represent a very large portion of the term grade for the class in which they are enrolled.*

Indoor Percussion/Guard and other Elective Ensembles

Navarre High School offers both Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard groups. In some years this is not possible due to financial and low participation reasons. Both are affiliated with Winter Guard International (WGI). These groups involve a great amount of time, and their own expenses/uniforms/etc., but offer a tremendously valuable experience to the students involved. Most of the rehearsal and preparation time for this type of ensemble will take place after school and on weekend. The performance schedule is posted usually in early January, if not sooner, and will involve several local venue competitions, and possibly regional & world class competitions.

Attendance - These are performing groups, whose purpose is educational, but whose success is also dependent on the amount, quality and full attendance of rehearsals/performances. Students who wish to be involved in these groups will be expected to make arrangements to be at every rehearsal on time, and without fail. Extenuating circumstances do exist, but are rare, and if they can be worked out, they must be! ALL excuses should be brought to the director of the respective groups BEFOREHAND, if an absence can be foreseen. It will be the ultimate judgment of the Director of Bands if this absence will be excused. Unexcused absence(s) could result in the dismissal of the student from the ensemble in questions. In order for these groups to remain classified as some of the best in the area, the staff/directors cannot be tolerant of students/parents who make "excuses" to miss or be tardy to rehearsals/performances.

PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

Students are not allowed to leave campus on Fridays.

Santa Rosa County School District policy states that we will provide supervision following a school-sponsored activity for 30 minutes after the event. It is our band policy to never leave a student alone on campus after a band rehearsal or performance, however we ask that you please be respectful of our staff's personal time by making every effort to secure transportation following rehearsals & performances.

Please also understand that if band rehearsal is from 4:00 to 7:00 pm that we will be dismissing the students as close to 7:00 pm as possible (*We try to never run over, but sometimes it happens*). Also, members will usually have equipment/instruments to put away following dismissal...so a good "rule of thumb" is to plan to pick them up 10-15 minutes after the dismissal time.

BAND UNIFORMS

Each member will be issued a uniform for their performances. It is the responsibility of each member to keep track of and take care of their various uniform parts. Cleaning instructions are included in this packet and members will be responsible for replacing any lost or damaged parts. Members will also be instructed of the appropriate way to wear the uniform and they should always strive to make sure that their uniform is clean and neat. Please remember that "Image is Everything". The costs of the various parts is listed below:

In addition to the uniform, students will need the following:

Black MTX marching Shoes	-	\$40.00
<i>(Please use the in our online store to select the proper shoe.)</i>		
<i>(Please do not make substitutions for the MTX marching shoes.)</i>		
White Gloves (available in the band office)	-	\$4.00
A music lyre, and a flip folder with at least 10 pages	-	\$10-\$20
<i>(Music Lyres and flip folders can easily found on Amazon.com)</i>		

All Black, Calf length socks with absolutely no logos or other colors.

TRAVEL UNIFORMS

New members will need to purchase a personalized summer uniform polo shirt (burgundy) from the band. The cost is \$20.00. Students also need to supply khaki dress-style shorts and white tennis shoes (*limited other colors on shoes*). The khaki shorts should NOT be athletic-style shorts with white strips...but button up style shorts. If possible, please avoid cargo pockets. The shorts should also come to within 2" to the top of the knee and should not extend below the knee. Students will also be provided with a show theme shirt to be worn underneath their uniform coats. Members need to ensure that these uniform shirts are clean and presentable for each performance. If a replacement shirt is needed, they may be purchased from the band office (*polo shirt - \$35 / theme shirt - \$12*).

SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE - \$50

We are fortunate to be able to provide some school-owned instruments and equipment in our band program (*i.e. tubas, sousaphones, french horns, mellophones, baritones, euphoniums, tenor saxes, bari saxes, bassoons, oboes, bass clarinets, etc.*). This also includes all percussionists since they play on school-owned instruments. This equipment will be checked-out to members using the Santa Rosa County Instrument Inventory forms and Charms Office. Members are to take care of this equipment and will be responsible for repairing/replacing the item due to neglect, abuse, or loss. To offset repair and maintenance costs, students needing to use school-owned instrument will be asked to contribute a \$50 fair-share per school year...regardless of the number of school-owned instruments that they are issued...to go towards the annual maintenance of these instruments.

NAVARRE HS MARCHING BAND BUDGET 2017-2018

MARCHING BAND EXPENSES	\$16,700.00
Music/Marching Clinicians	\$3,500.00
Marching Band Drill Design	\$4,500.00
Show/Stand Music	\$3,000.00
Emergency and Unexpected Expenses	\$1,000.00
Percussion Equipment	\$2,000.00
Guard Equipment and Flags	\$2,200.00
Props, Equipment and Supplies (Medical, Ice Chest, Container, etc.)	\$500.00
PERFORMANCE FEES:	\$5,700.00
FMEA/FBA Membership Dues	\$250.00
FBA Assessment Fees	\$3,150.00
Marching Festival Fees	\$500.00
Professional Affiliations (AMP, NBA, etc.)	\$300.00
Honor Band Clinics Fees	\$1,500.00
UNIFORM EXPENSES	\$7,525.00
Show T-Shirts X 2	\$3,000.00
Alterations	\$500.00
Guard Uniforms 23x\$175	\$4,025.00
Band Stars	\$390.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$7,737.00
Marching Contest @ Milton HS 09/30	\$815.00
Marching Contest @ Troy University 10/07	\$2,271.00
Santa Rosa County Marching Exhibition @PHS 10/17	\$590.00
Marching Contest @ Opp HS 10/21	\$1,343.00
All County Band Tryouts Milton HS	\$468.00
Rental Penske Truck plus fuel for all events.	\$2,250.00
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	
Band Banquet	\$1,250.00
Grand Total Fair Share Contributions Needed	\$38,912.00

TOTAL PER PERSON FAIR-SHARE DONATION - \$325.00 (Tier 1) / \$375.00 (Tier 2)

Parents who volunteer at a minimum of two events will qualify for the Tier 1 Fair-Share of \$325 per member. For each money-making event that a parent volunteers a shift, their fair-share will be reduced \$25 per time for a maximum of two times or \$50. If parents are unable volunteer at these events, then they will simply continue to donate the Tier 2 Fair-Share of \$375 per member.

FAIR-SHARE DONATION (*Winds & Percussion*)

As a member of the NHS Band, we are asking each student to contribute or fundraise their “fair-share” of our marching band budget. The Fair-Share Donation helps to cover the costs of our halftime show music & drill, certain uniform parts, marching competition entry fees, social events, support staff, and various other expenses associated with Marching Band. It also helps to cover many of the operational costs not incurred by the School District. The Santa Rosa County School District does require us to call this amount a “donation”. Whereas we would never withhold anything from a student due to financial issues, please understand that if the band program doesn’t have necessary funds to operate, we will have to discontinue services and goods until we can raise or secure those funds. Therefore, we ask everyone to do their “fair-share” in helping us to meet our budget. Remember as a donation, you may claim this amount on your taxes...but also note that it is non-refundable. A detailed Marching Band Budget has been provided in this handbook. **The Fair-Share per member for the 2017-2018 School Year is \$325 / \$375 per member.** In order to help us pay our marching band expenses in a timely manner, we suggest using the schedule listed below:

FAIR-SHARE SCHEDULE

- **Fair Share Donation #1**.....\$55 by August 15.
- **Fair Share Donation #2**.....\$55 by September 1.
- **Fair Share Donation #3**.....\$55 by September 15.
- **Fair Share Donation #4**.....\$55 by September 29.
- **Fair Share Donation #5**.....\$55 by October 13.
- **Fair Share Donation #6**.....\$55 by October 27.
- **School-Owned Instrument Fee**.....\$50 by November 13. - *Applies to anyone who plays a school owned instrument.*
- **Fair Share Donation #7**.....\$50 by May 4. - *If volunteer incentive program requirements have not been (Tier 2)*

Part of being a productive member of the Navarre Raider Band Program is doing their “fair-share” financially to help fund the many opportunities that we provide our members...again, we provide ample fundraisers for students to participate in (*earning 100% of the profit towards their fair-share amounts*).

MAKING FAIR-SHARE DONATIONS

All donations made by check or money order, should be turned into the Drop Box located in the Band Room. Please make sure that the check/money order includes the following items: *Band members name (written on bottom left), a physical address (no PO Boxes), and a working telephone number including area code.* **Make checks payable to “Navarre HS Band”.** You may also make donations via the www.myschoolbucks.com website if you wish to pay using a Credit Card. Simply log in, choose the school store merchandise. **Lastly, we try to operate as a cashless organization but happily take checks, money orders and online payments.** If you have questions, please let us know.

DIFFICULTIES WITH FAIR-SHARE DONATIONS

We understand that there will be times when some of our member’s families may experience financial difficulties during the school year. We will work with people who are willing to work and communicate with us. We ask that if a family is struggling to make donations, please contact Mr. Barrow at the NHS Band Room (850.936-6080 ext. 151). This information will be kept confidential between the families and the band staff. We can also recommend some support agencies in our area that may be able to assist families who qualify for assistance!

NHS BAND PARENT ASSOC. VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our Band Parent Association has the important task of raising funds to cover expenses not included in the Fair-Share Program. Without the NHSBPA, we would have to absorb over \$30,000 of expenses in our annual budget, raising it another \$130 per member. The Volunteer Incentive Program is a system in place to encourage parents to assist in some of the money-making activities such as football concession stand, Saturday sales, Seabreeze Jazz Festival, etc. to help us raise these needed funds to keep our fair share lower. Parents who volunteer at a minimum of two events will qualify for the Tier 1 Fair-Share of \$325 per member. For each money-making event that a parent volunteers a shift, their fair-share will be reduced \$25 per time for a maximum of two times or \$50. If parents are unable volunteer at these events, then they will simply continue to donate the Tier 2 Fair-Share of \$375 per member.

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers will be provided throughout the year for students to raise money for fair-share, uniforms, & the Spring band trip. All profits (100%) gained in these fundraisers will go directly to that student's individual band account. We keep track of the student accounts using Charms Office Assistant. Parents & students may view their financial statements on this web-based program (*see instructions on page 5 of this handbook*). You may contact the Band Office (936-6080 ext. 1151 or via e-mail) if you have questions about the student's account.

All fundraiser monies should be turned in when the order is made. Please make sure that all checks include the following information: Checks payable to "Navarre HS Band", Band members name (*written on bottom left*), a physical address (*no PO Boxes*), and a working telephone number including area code.

Here are some of the established fundraisers that you can expect earlier in the year:

<i>Car Wash-A-Thon</i>	-	<i>begins on August 7 (big event on August 19)</i>
<i>Coca-Cola Truckload Sale</i>	-	<i>August 8-17 / product arrives last week of August</i>
<i>Brax Spirit Cups</i>	-	<i>begins in September</i>
<i>Yankee Candles</i>	-	<i>begins in early October</i>
<i>Florida Indian River Citrus</i>	-	<i>begins in late October</i>
<i>Honey-Baked Ham Gift Cards</i>	-	<i>begins in late October</i>

SPRING BAND TRIP

It is tradition that our band takes a Spring Band Trip each year. This trip serves as an opportunity for our members to perform in different venues while gaining exposure on a regional or national level, to reward our students for their hard work throughout the school year, and to better enlighten our students by visiting places of educational value. These trips are funded by the individual members, therefore it is not required that members attend...however, we highly encourage them to attend if they have the financial capability. Fundraisers will be available throughout the year. Trip information is usually presented in late October or early November.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES FOR AWAY PERFORMANCES

It is standard operating procedure that we transport all band members to all performances that take place away from the NHS Campus (with exception to some events that take place in the local Navarre or Ft. Walton Beach area). If a member wishes to ride home with a parent/guardian or a representative acting in their place, we require written documentation signed by the parent/guardian to be turned in prior to our leaving the school. Without proper documentation, the member will not be released from our supervision. The band member must provide this documentation to the Head Chaperone or Directors, and we must witness that member departing with the parent/guardian following our performance. It is the responsibility of the band member to make sure that their uniform and equipment is taken care of upon arriving back at NHS.

2017-2018 Navarre High School Color Guard Policies

Welcome to the NHS Color Guard! The following guidelines are set in place to make the year go by as smoothly as possible, and ensure the maximum amount of fun! The following guidelines are to be carried out by every member of the color guard. Any additional guidelines and policies can be found in the N.H.S Band Handbook.

- Everyone (*Members, Parents, Staff*) will respect each other always and will not talk badly of anyone, to anyone. If you have an issue with another member, go and talk to them about it **FIRST**. If that does not resolve the issue, take it to your captain. If they cannot resolve the issue it will be taken to Ms. Byrd. **DO NOT TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE TO YOUR FRIENDS, IT ONLY ELEVATES THE PROBLEM.**
- **IMAGE IS EVERYTHING.** Representation of this color guard is very important. Actions and words performed in public and on social media should always be appropriate and positive. Everything you say and do comes back to this color guard. We have worked hard to keep a positive image for this organization, so make sure to do your part to keep it that way!
- During rehearsal, water and Gatorade/Powerade are the only beverages allowed. **ABSOLUTELY NO SODA.** Healthy snacks are encouraged for the breaks to keep energy and sugar up.
- There will be numerous strength and endurance training to build performance and skill level that is required of all members. It is encouraged that the students perform them outside of rehearsal as well to help build endurance.
- This is the first year where we have no assigned rehearsal attire. BUT whatever bottoms you wear must be school appropriate (i.e. fingertip length). You can wear a tank top, but it must be a full coverage tank, no cut outs or crop tops. It is required for color guard members to wear spandex under their shorts and a sports bra because we are doing a lot of dance, we want to make sure all lady parts are covered and held in place.
- No bracelets, anklets, necklaces, or rings of any kind during rehearsals or games/competitions. Earrings are allowed if they are stud, no hoop or dangly earrings. Facial piercings are allowed for rehearsal, but not allowed for games/competitions. Gages must be filled with clear spacers. **Hair color must be a natural color. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The color guard class is a graded co-curriculum class. It is required of all members that they maintain their grades in order to keep their spot in the show. **TIME MANAGEMENT IS KEY. ALL** rehearsals and performances appointed by the Band Director and Color Guard Director are **REQUIRED.**
- If a student will be missing a rehearsal or performance, an email or a phone call from the student's' parent/guardian to Mr. Barrow, will be the only acceptable form of callout. Excusable reasons for missing a color guard function are as follows: contagious illness or family death. Unexcused reasons: broken body part, birthday/family party, cramps/headaches, etc. The student is required to come and sit to see what they missed so getting back in is easier on the student. If the student misses a rehearsal on a Thursday and it is unexcused, the student will not be allowed to perform at the game on the following Friday. Absences can only be excused by Mr. Barrow.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

In order for our band program to function effectively and to be successful, it is important that good communication takes place among staff, members, and parents. I have included some contact information and resources below for you to use should more questions arise.

NHS Band Room	-	850-936-6080 ext. 1151
Navarre High School	-	850-936-6080
Dean Barrow (cell)	-	850-687.1998
Dean Barrow (e-mail)	-	deanbarrow@theraiderband.com
Charms Office Assistant	-	www.charmsoffice.com (interactive calendar, financial statements, etc.)

NHS BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION

Our band is very fortunate to have a strong Booster Organization to provide financial and volunteer assistance to our program. Parents and family members are highly encouraged to participate in our Band Parent Association. The NHS Band Parent Association meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the NHS Media Center.

***Together...We Are
THE RAIDER BAND!!!***



N.H.S. MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2017-2018

August 14 - Nov. 3

Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule - Runs the duration of regular football season. Additional rehearsals for playoff games are TBA.

- Mondays - 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Horn and Percussion Music Pass-Offs. Not required after pass-offs are completed.
- Mondays - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Full Percussion Sectional
- Mondays - 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Full Color Guard Sectional

- Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal

November 4 - End of playoffs - **Thursdays (4:00-5:30 pm)**

N.H.S. MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Date			Kick-Off Time
Aug. 17	Kick-Off Classic vs. Chiles H.S.	Home	7:30
Aug. 25	Home Game Vs. Catholic H.S.	Home	7:30
Sept. 1	Away Game Vs. Washington H.S.	Away	7:30
Sept. 8	Away Game Vs. Crestview H.S.	Away	7:00**
Sept. 15	Home Game Vs. Choctawhatchee H.S.	Away	7:30
Sept. 22	Away Game Vs. Ft. Walton Beach H.S.	Away	7:30
Sept. 29	Home Game Vs. Pace H.S. (Band Senior Night @6:50pm)	Home	7:30
Sept. 30	Blackwater Classic Marching Festival @ Milton High School		All Day
Oct. 6	Home Game Vs. Escambia (Homecoming Game)	Home	7:00
Oct. 7	Troy University Marching Festival @ Troy University		All Day
Oct. 13	Away Game Vs. Milton H.S.	Away	6:30
Oct. 14	FBA District 1 Marching MPA @ Tate HS		All Day
Oct. 17	Santa Rosa County Band Exhibition @ Pace HS - TENTATIVE		6:30
Oct. 20	OPEN (No Game, but we will have rehearsal that evening from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)		
Oct. 21	Little Big Horn Marching Contest Opp, Al.		All Day
Oct. 27	Away Game Vs. Gulf Breeze H.S.	Away	7:30
Nov. 3	Home Game Vs. Niceville	Home	7:00**
Dec?	Navarre Christmas Parade		TBA

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 6	Santa Rosa All-County Honor Band Auditions @ Milton HS - TENTATIVE
Nov. 20-24	Fall Break & Thanksgiving
Dec. 7	Christmas Concert in NHS Auditorium (6:30 pm)
Dec. 8	Band Christmas Party (Location TBA)
Dec 21-Jan 7	Christmas Break
Jan. 9	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (6:00-8:00 pm) - TENTATIVE
Jan. 16	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (6:00-9:00 pm) – TENTATIVE
Jan. 18	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (6:00-9:00 pm) - TENTATIVE
Jan. 19	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (during school day – 9-3) - TENTATIVE
Jan. 19	Santa Rosa All-County Honor Band Concert @ Milton HS Auditorium – 7 pm- TENTATIVE
Feb. 16	FBA District Solo & Ensemble MPA – Escambia HS
Feb. 23	FBA Jazz MPA - TBD
March 1-3	FBA District Concert Band MPA @ Ft. Walton Beach HS
March 19-23	Spring Break
May 3	Marching Band Rehearsal in NHS Auditorium (3:45 – 5:30 pm)
May 4	Spring Concert Showcase in NHS Auditorium (6:30 pm)
May 19	Band Banquet & Dance in NHS Gym (6:00-11:30 pm)
May 26	NHS Graduation (6pm-8pm Bay Center)
June 1	Last day of School

NAVARRE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

BAND STUDENT CONTRACT

COMPLETED FORM TO BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 14, 2017

The primary goals of the Navarre High School Bands are to develop a high level of performance on the student's individual instruments and as a full ensemble, or in smaller ensemble settings, building student musicianship and preparedness consistently and constantly. In order to achieve this, students must be prepared for hard work, maintain a positive attitude, and be a contributing member of the ensembles. By reading and signing this contract the student agrees to follow these conditions to the best of their abilities, and the parents agree to support their student in these endeavors.

1. The student understands and will follow all class expectations, time expectations, equipment expectations and procedures listed in this handbook and promises to do his/her best to meet them.
2. The student understands the importance of having everyone at every performance/rehearsal and is aware of the consequences of an unexcused absence.
3. The student understands the attendance and grading policies for class and after school rehearsals and sectionals and will do his/her best to follow these policies.
4. The student will follow all directions given by the band directors and staff.
5. The student & parents understand that the band program is depending on our members to cover their fair-share of our marching band budget and uniform expenses. If members don't cover their fair-share, we may have to discontinue travel and providing services to the entire band until these funds can be raised.
6. The student & parents understand the obligation to properly care for school-owned issued equipment and uniforms, and understands the costs/responsibility involved with providing quality equipment/uniforms, as well as the responsibilities involved for damages or loss of said equipment.
7. The student has read and understands the Band Student Handbook and by signing this contract understands all rules, procedures and grading policies of the MHS Band.
8. The student understands that if behavior becomes a reason why a student is removed from the NHS Band Program, that it revokes the privilege of band for the entirety of their high school years.
9. The student understands that if they quit the band, it is a final decision on their behalf.

Failure to meet any or all of these terms and conditions could result in disciplinary action or possible termination from the band program.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Name (signature): _____

Parent (signature): _____