

2015 – 2016

NAVARRE

RAIDER BAND



Student Handbook

Dean Barrow, Director of Bands

Revision – July 15th., 2015



Navarre High School Bands

*The Raider Marching Band
Symphonic & Concert Bands
The Raider Steel Pan Band
Navarre Indoor Percussion
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 50 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 July. 30th., 2015, or student will not be allowed to participate in the Band Lock-In and Band Camp.

We are looking forward to another successful year with the Navarre High School Band. The positive 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,

BRANDON BROWN

Brandon Brown

Percussion Director

Navarre High School Band Classes

Grading Policies and Procedures

School Year 2015-2016

Dean Barrow, Director of Bands / Brandon Brown, Percussion Director

Goals:

Welcome to the classes that make up the Navarre High School Band Program. This syllabus is valid for Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion, Steel Pan and Colorguard Classes. Together, we are going to be working to accomplish some challenging goals during the 2015-2016 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) | 25% |
| 2. Rehearsal Attendance | 25% |
| 3. Performance Attendance | 30% |
| 4. Assignments | 20% |

Class Participation:

Good attendance, punctuality, and proper equipment is required 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, rehearsal attire (when appropriate), and 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 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 will be announced. *If you are absent from a rehearsal for any reason, please fill out an Absence Appeal Form and put it wall folder just inside Mr. Barrow's office door.*

It will be reviewed by the staff 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 director 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 semester 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, and 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 staff 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 on MR. BARROW's desk. An attempt should also be made to contact Mr. Barrow to report foreseen absences/tardiness from rehearsals and performances. (Band Room 936-8060 ext. 1151). 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.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE NAVARRE HIGH SCHOOL 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".
We should strive for excellence as a lifestyle, not happenstance.

RAIDER BAND STAFF

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| Director of Bands | - | Dean Barrow |
| Associate Director of Bands | - | Sean Dyke |
| Percussion Instructor | - | Brandon Brown |
| Front Ensemble Instructor | - | Wes Sales |
| Colorguard Instructor | - | Cassie Martin |
| Color Guard Staff | - | Courtney Logan |
| Visual Tech | - | Trevor Ollson |
| Band Office Manager | - | Karen Naselius |
| Band Techs | - | Connar Moore & Ciara Silva |

RAIDER BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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| Head Drum Major | - | Jamie Miyagawa |
| Asst. Drum Major | - | Katelynn Joyner |
| Band Captain | - | Ian McCullough |
| Administrative Captain | - | Erin Van Dorn |
| Woodwind Captain | - | Maturika Palmer |
| Flute Section Leader | - | Erin Clare Freeman |
| Clarinet Section Leader | - | Kasey Reyes-Quilles |
| Saxophone Section Leader | - | Victoria Grant |
| Brass Captain | - | Ben Naselius |
| Trumpet Section Leader | - | Alison Loftis |
| Horn Section Leader | - | Robert Black |
| Low Brass Section Leader | - | Noah Griego |
| Battery Captain | - | Robbie Slagle |
| Front Ensemble Captain | - | RJ Garcia |
| Librarians | - | Julia Henry & Nicci Hendrix |
| Instrument/Facilities Officers | - | Cat Rios & Alyse Brassard |

BAND MEMBER EXPECTATIONS 2015

In Rehearsals:

- 1 – Have appropriate materials (instrument, music, drill charts, pencils, rehearsal attire, etc.)!
- 2 – Be quiet and 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 hall 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 (bibbers unzipped, shirts untucked, etc.) uniform wearing!
- 3 – Make sure that your uniform & instrument are neat & clean!
- 4 – No running or horseplay while in uniform.
- 5 – **Give 100% in every aspect of the performance** (bus ride, march-in, stand music, half-time, etc)!
- 6 – Be respectful of chaperones, bus drivers, and other bands!
- 7 – Pay attention / stay focused on your job at that time!
- 8 – Communicate with parents & friends prior to the game!
- 9 – In the bleachers...stay in your assigned seat!
- 10 – 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 and 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 and 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, perfume, cologne, 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 and personal belongings from the bus floor and seats once we arrive back at NHS!
- 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 and demonstrate respect towards chaperones, bus drivers, and bus captains.
- 14 – **Respect each other and yourself through both your actions and your words!** This means that conversations and language should always be of a clean and appropriate manner.

In the Band Room:

- 1 – No food or drinks allowed (except for bottled water). All containers must be closed!
- 2 – No horseplay, running, or chasing!
- 3 – **No Loitering (hanging out) in the Instrument Room!**
- 4 – Put all items in their designated location! Loose items will be thrown away!
- 5 – **Take care of the facilities and property of the band!!!!!!**
- 6 – No Public Display of Affection (holding hands is the only physical contact allowed)!
- 7 – Ask permission before entering side rooms! The Library, Staff office and Percussion rooms are not hangout areas.
- 8 – **Keep all valuables on you or locked safely in your locker!!!!!!!!!! (The band, Mr. Barrow nor the school are responsible for lost/stolen items.)**
- 9 – Don't touch other people's belongings (instruments, drum sticks, guard equipment, etc.) If something is broken, YOU are responsible.
- 10 – **Pranks are not allowed.**
- 11 – Hats are to be removed upon entering the building.

In General:

- 1 – Attend all rehearsals and performances. If you are sick, have a death in the family, or a family emergency, please contact Mr. Barrow in advance of your absence. Cell 850.687.1998 to be excused.
- 2 – Students who are absent from a rehearsal (non-class time) or performance are required to complete an absence form.
- 3 – **Respect each other and yourself through both your actions and your words!** This means that conversations and language should always be of a clean and 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. Serious rules infractions or suspensions will disqualify the student from attending performance trips. This can have a serious effect on grades. Getting OSS will disqualify the student from the spring trip.
- 6 – Be a good citizen in the community. Members who are arrested or charged with crimes will jeopardize their membership in the band!
- 7 – Good rule of thumb...if you don't think that Mr. Barrow, any member of the staff 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 and drink in appropriate areas
Not putting instruments, equipment, uniforms, or personal items in appropriate place
Horseplay and pranks

REHEARSALS

Moving and talking while at attention
Talking during a 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.**

CHARMS OFFICE ASSISTANT

We again be using Charms Office Assistant this year to keep track of individual student financial accounts, instrument and uniform inventory, absences from rehearsals and performances, and create an interactive calendar. This program is web-based and can be accessed via the internet. In order to access this information, please see the directions below. Please note that you should change your child's ID number once you've entered the site for the first time. If you forget the ID number or if you have questions, please contact the NHS Band Office at 936-6080 ext. 1151 or via e-mail at deanbarrow@theraiderband.com or karen@theraiderband.com .

How to access parent information



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- Navigate to www.charmsoffice.com
- Locate the "PARENT/STUDENT LOGIN" tab of the web page located at the upper right.
- Login to your child's program account using the following login: ***navarreraiders***
- This will bring up the main parent page. This will allow you to look at your child's program'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.
- When you enter your child's ID NUMBER (***your student's 57#***) another more detailed screen appears with even more options to view your student's uniform and music assignments, financial records, forms and inventory. Enter your child's ID FIRST – then you may create your own, unique password by clicking on the "keys icon"
- 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.

CHARMS OFFICE

CALENDAR SYNCING PROCEDURE

With modern mobile devices and calendars, you can keep all your calendars in sync with a few simple settings.
(Note - these steps will sync the entire calendar).

Find your device below and follow the listed steps:

iPhone:

1. This is now working with iOS4 - we can't guarantee the other iOS's
2. Go into the Settings app
3. Touch "Mail, Contacts, Calendars"
4. Under Accounts, touch "Add Account"
5. On the Add Account screen, touch "Other"
6. Under Calendars, touch "Add Subscribed Calendar"
7. For the Server value, enter the URL of the public calendar:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=NavarreRaiders>
8. Touch "Next" in the upper right corner.
9. It will verify the server then show a subscription page. Change the description if you like.
10. Touch "Save" to save the subscription.

Android Phones:

To sync with Android devices, you will need to use your Google account and have a Google calendar created.

In your Google calendar:

1. Under "Other Calendars" click the Add link.
2. Select "Add by URL"
3. Enter the following URL:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=NavarreRaiders>
4. Click "Add Calendar"
5. Google will begin to sync your calendar, and it will appear on the screen.
6. Click "Settings"
7. Change the long name of the new calendar to something you will remember such as "Charms Calendar"
8. Your phone should automatically be set to sync with your Google calendar.
9. On your phone: Click on "Calendar", then bring up the settings for the calendar. Click on Calendar Sync. You should see your google account listed already. Make sure Auto-Sync is checked.

Blackberry Phones:

To sync with Blackberry, you must first download the "google sync" and install it on your phone.

1. Log into your Google calendar.
2. Under "Other Calendars" click the Add link.
3. Select "Add by URL"
4. Enter the following URL:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=NavarreRaiders>
5. Click "Add Calendar"
6. Google will begin to sync your calendar, and it will appear on the screen.
7. Click "Settings"
8. Change the long name of the new calendar to something you will remember such as "Charms Calendar"
9. Your phone should automatically be set to sync with your Google calendar.
10. On your phone: Click on "Calendar", then bring up the settings for the calendar. Click on Calendar Sync. You should see your google account listed already. Make sure Auto-Sync is checked.

Windows Phones:

For Windows Phones with the new "Mango" upgrade you can now sync your Charms calendar:

1. On your PC, open the Windows Live Calendar site for the account your phone uses.
2. Click the **Subscribe** link (between **New** and **Share**).
3. Make sure **Subscribe to a public calendar** is selected
4. Enter <https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=NavarreRaiders> as the Calendar URL
5. Enter "Charms" for the Calendar Name. The color and charm don't apply to the phone.
6. Click **Subscribe to calendar**.

Now the calendar from Charms is associated with your Windows Live calendar and will appear on your Windows Phone the next time you sync!

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

There will be very few performances that will not be required of EVERYONE in the Navarre Raider 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 and staff. 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 hall for official dismissal.

- Football game performances are vital to our following and to our continued success at NHS, 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 up to 4 more contests and festivals throughout the region during September, October and November.

- *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 in some small way, the band marches in a number of parades during the school year. We perform in the SRC Veterans Day Parade, the Navarre Christmas Parade and other possible requested community performances. Each of these parades/performance 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 and Concert bands participate in the FBA District I Concert Music Performance Assessment. This performance meets state requirements for evaluation. If one or both 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 both the Concert and Symphonic 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 was released in May @ www.flmusiced.org/fba.

All-County Band and other Honor Band experiences

- **Symphonic Band, Concert and the percussion students in those classes MUST participate in All-County auditions if they wish to maintain their membership in this group, Navarre High School's premier instrumental performing ensemble.**
- **MEMBERS WHO ARE BEHIND ON THEIR FEES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN HONOR BANDS UNTIL THEIR FEES ARE CAUGHT UP.**

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 a \$20-\$30 accompanist fee (if accompanist is required, and depending on availability). Refer to the calendar for this date.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

It is expected that members of any performing ensemble in the department of bands will attend every rehearsal and performance in its entirety. Students who have genuine conflicts with a rehearsal or performance should observe the procedures outlined below. After reaching high school, students must be aware of the commitment to after-school rehearsals and performances. Band is a performance class. Unexcused absences, lack of cooperation, and continued discipline infractions can result in a lowered or failing grade, denial of participation, or even dismissal from the performing group. Students ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A BAND ABSENCE FORM for an absence including requests to miss a future rehearsal or performance. These forms are available in the wall files by the main entrance of the band hall or online at the band's website (www.theraiderband.com). **During the fall semester especially, we are very, very serious about attendance because of its impact on quality. A performer's presence at these rehearsals cannot be inconsistent if they expect to remain performance ready and ultimately in the performance line-up.**

FOR OUR FULL AND DETAILED ATTENDANCE POLICY, PLEASE SEE THE DOCUMENT ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS HANDBOOK.

TIME EXPECTATIONS

Rehearsals & Sectionals

FULL BAND REHEARSALS

Evening rehearsals will be scheduled for both marching and concert seasons. For marching band, there will be an evening rehearsal each Monday (3:45-6:30 pm), Tuesday (3:45-6:30 pm), and an afternoon “dress rehearsal” on Thursday (3:45-6:30 pm). These rehearsal times are extremely important as our marching band will only be meeting as an entire ensemble after school. We have found that this particular rehearsal works best for band, homework and family schedules.

Unexcused absences from these rehearsals will result in a sharp reduction of the rehearsal grade, which will immediately affect the term grade.

- *Symphonic Band/Concert Band Rehearsals/Sectionals will be announced by the directors in early January, and may take place in the before or after school hours.*

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 January.

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 Charms 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.

A typical game day Friday is like this:

3:21pm - School's out.

3:45pm - 4:45pm - Run Thru at the stadium and set equipment for the game.

4:45pm - 6:00pm - Down time, fill water bottles and dinner (See "Feed the Raiders")

6:00pm - 6:15pm - Uniform Inspection in the Memorial Garden

6:15pm - 6:40pm - Sectional Warm-Ups

6:45pm - 7:00pm - Ensemble Warm-Up in the Memorial Garden or Band Hall

10:00pm - 11:00pm - Game over, return to band hall. Students are released when all equipment is put away, uniforms are hung up and the band hall is ready for classes on Monday.

Parades/Other Performances

Normally the band will participate in the Homecoming Activities, Christmas, and Veteran's Day parades. Some of the parade routes are longer than others. 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 than 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

Navarre High School boasts some of the best "Indoor" Ensembles in our circuit. Headed by Winter Guard International (WGI), these groups involve a great amount of time, and their own fees/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 during morning, after-school/weekend hours. 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

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 3:45 to 6:30 pm that we will be dismissing the students as close to 6:30 pm as possible (sometimes it may run a few minutes over but it is rare). 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.

TRAVEL UNIFORM FEE

Each member will buy and own their travel uniform. 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 on 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:

Uniform Fee for Winds & Percussion - \$85.00

<i>Tan Khaki Dickie's Pants</i>	-	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Belt</i>	-	<i>\$13.00</i>
<i>Personalized Polo Shirt</i>	-	<i>\$17.00</i>
<i>Band Shoes</i>	-	<i>\$35.00</i>

Color Guard Members do not purchase the above items. Additional guard fees are covered on page 18.

This uniform fees must be paid on time so that the uniforms can be paid for. UNIFORMS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. This is a Navarre HS Policy! Students will own these uniform parts once uniform fees are paid. Instructions for care and cleaning are provided below. If a student loses a part of the uniform or it becomes damaged to the point to where it is no longer usable, they will be responsible for purchasing a replacement part. Students may continue to use the purchased uniform parts during their years in the NHS Band as long as they are in good condition. We will place orders for incoming freshmen and replacement parts during the early summer months.

REHEARSAL & SUMMER UNIFORMS

Marching Band members are required to wear a general uniform to all outside rehearsals. This uniform consists of a white shirt with their drill spot number on them, colored shorts, and appropriate marching shoes (tennis or walking shoes).

Each section of the band has an assigned color for their athletic shorts:

- Flute = red
- Clarinet = blue
- Sax = green
- Trumpet = red
- Mello = green
- Trombone/Baritone = blue
- Tuba = black
- Percussion = black

Members will be provided with a show theme shirt. If formal marching uniforms are issued, show shirts must be worn underneath the jacket. 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 - \$17 / theme shirt - \$10).

FORMAL MARCHING UNIFORM CARE

The pants, jackets and gloves are machine-washable with cold water on the gentle cycle. Turn the jacket and bibbers inside or before washing. If you have a gentle cycle/low heat on your dryer, dry jacket partially (damp) then hang to dry completely. Please do not press or iron the jacket as it will leave marks on the material. Bibbers can also be dried on low heat, immediately remove and hang properly. The Aussie hat needs little maintenance, just check it for dust that may cling to it. The plume should not be washed. If rain should make contact with it, allow it to air dry in a well ventilated area. Wipe shoes with a damp cloth to clean.

NAVARRE HS BAND BUDGET 2015-16

Based on 115 Wind & Percussion Members + 15 Guard Members where applicable*

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES **\$13,876.00**

Four school buses at \$1.00 per mile round trip + combined driver and bus fee of \$25.00 per hour each bus.

➤ Dothan HS Game (300 miles RT)	\$ 2,210.00	
○ Buses - \$1,260 / Drivers - \$950		
➤ Washington HS Game (80 miles RT)	\$ 1,036.00	
○ Buses - \$336 / Drivers - \$700		
➤ Ft. Walton Beach HS Game (40 miles RT)	\$ 718.00	
○ Buses - \$168 / Drivers - \$550		
➤ Milton HS Game (70 miles RT)	\$ 944.00	
○ Buses - \$294 / Drivers - \$650		
➤ Gulf Breeze HS Game (50 miles RT)	\$ 860.00	
○ Buses - \$210 / Drivers - \$650		
➤ Andalusia HS Marching Competition (250 miles RT)	\$ 1,656.00	\$107.00 Each*
○ Buses - \$765 / Drivers - \$900.00		
➤ FBA District 1 Marching MPA @ Tate HS (120 miles RT)	\$ 1,454.00	
○ Buses - \$504.00 / Drivers - \$950.00		
➤ Choctawhatchee High School Marching Competition (60 miles RT)	\$ 1,002.00	
○ Buses - \$252.00 / Drivers - \$750.00		
➤ Troy University Marching Festival (290 miles RT)	\$ 2,718.00	
○ Buses - \$1,218.00 / Drivers - \$1,500.00		
➤ All County Band Tryouts @Pensacola HS	\$ 426.00	
○ Buses - \$126.00 / Drivers - \$150.00		
➤ Symphonic Band MPA @Pensacola HS	\$ 426.00	
○ Buses - \$126.00 / Drivers - \$150.00		
➤ Concert Band MPA @Pensacola HS	\$ 426.00	
○ Buses - \$126.00 / Drivers - \$150.00		

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION FEES **\$ 6,903.00**

➤ FMEA/FBA Membership	\$ 400.00	
➤ FBA Assessment Fees	\$ 2,363.00	
➤ Marching Festival Fees	\$ 500.00	
➤ Professional Affiliations (AMP, NBA, etc.)	\$ 300.00	\$53.00 each*
➤ Honor Band Clinic Fees	\$ 1,500.00	
➤ All-County Honor Band Auditions Fees	\$ 690.00	
➤ All-State Tryout Fees	\$ 1,150.00	

UNIFORM EXPENSES **\$12,425.00**

➤ Show Theme T-shirts (\$10 each x 150)	\$ 1,500.00	
➤ Member T-shirt (\$10 each x 150)	\$ 1,500.00	
➤ Uniform Repairs & Alterations	\$ 500.00	\$96.00 each*
➤ Band Costumes	\$ 4,100.00	
➤ Guard Uniforms (\$175x23)	\$ 4,025.00	
➤ Drum Major Uniforms	\$ 800.00	

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,250.00	
➤ Band Banquet (<i>Dinner & Awards</i>) (\$20 per person)	\$ 2,600.00	\$25.00 each*
➤ Band Charm and Paracord Necklace (\$4.00)	\$ 650.00	
MARCHING BAND	\$18,650.00	
➤ Percussion, & Wind Technicians (2@\$250 per month x 5 months)	\$ 2,500.00	
➤ Marching Technician (1@\$500 per month x 3 months)	\$ 1,500.00	
➤ Halftime Show Music/Stand Music Arrangements	\$ 3,500.00	
➤ Marching Horn Lease from AtlantaCV Drum and Bugle Corps	\$ 4,000.00	\$143 each*
➤ Colorguard Equipment and Flags for Marching Season	\$ 2,000.00	
➤ Percussion Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	
➤ Various Expenses (<i>Props, Equipment, Supplies, Medical, etc.</i>)	\$ 2,150.00	
➤ Emergency and Unexpected Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,104.00	

Total Fair-Share Fee for each Wind & Percussion Member:

Tier 1 (parent volunteers for 3 or more events with min. of 2 fundraising events) - \$425.00 each

Tier 2 (parent doesn't volunteer for at least 3 events) - \$475 .00 each

SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE FEE - \$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 charged a maintenance fee of \$50 per school year regardless of the number of school-owned instruments that they are issued.

FAIR-SHARE FEES (Winds & Percussion)

As a member of the NHS Band, there will be a need to pay (or raise money for) fees for basic rights of membership, to cover the costs of certain uniform parts, social events, support staff, and various other expenses associated with Marching and Concert Bands. These fees help to cover many of the operational costs not incurred by the School District. A detailed Marching Band Budget has been provided in this handbook. **The Fair-Share Fee for the 2015-2016 School Year is \$475 per member.** Please attempt to adhere to the suggested payment schedule listed below:

SMART MUSIC ACCOUNTS FOR WIND STUDENTS

We are planning to purchase Smart Music accounts for all of our wind players this year. This program provides them with practice assistance at home as well as allows students to submit “playing assignments” for the band directors. The features are extremely cool and we see this program as enhancing our student’s performing abilities. We will be providing more information at the end of the summer. There are also several computers with Smart Music loaded on them available in the band hall for students to use. Instrumental students will have “pass-off” assignments that will be included in their overall grading rubric.

The yearly Subscription for Smart Music is \$40.00

SUPPLIES FOR PERCUSSION STUDENTS

As you may know, many of the items used throughout percussion section are expendable, meaning they are used up and need replacing regularly. They are also expensive. Last year, following the lead of other groups in the area, we established a percussion supply fee of \$40.00 to offset the cost of replacing these items i.e. drum heads, sticks, mallets etc.

FEE SCHEDULE

New and Returning Members:

- **Band Commitment/Registration Fee**. . . . \$50 must be paid by **June 17** in order to secure a spot in the half time show.
- **Fair Share Payment #2**. . . . \$100 must be paid no later than **July 17** in order to attend the Band Lock-in & Band Camp.
- **Uniform Fee #1**. . . . \$45 must be paid no later than **August 17**. Members not having proper uniform will be prevented from participating in halftime show.
- **Fair Share Payment #3**. . . . \$100 must be paid no later than **August 31**. *Total of \$300 paid (\$250 Fair Share Fee & \$50 Uniform Fee)*
- **Uniform Fee #2**. . . . \$40 must be paid in full no later than **September 15** in order to receive their uniform and costume. Members not having proper uniform will be prevented from participating in halftime show.
- **Fair Share payment #4**. . . . \$100 due no later than **September 30**. Each student **MUST** have paid or have credit equaling \$350 fair-share fees & \$100 in uniform fees in their band account.
- **Fair Share payment #5**. . . . \$125 due no later than **October 31**. *(Total of \$475 paid in fees + \$85 uniform fee + \$40 Smart Music/Percussion Supply Fee for Horns and Percussion.)*
(Or, a total of \$475 paid in fees + \$125 uniform and supply fee for Color Guard.)
(Any volunteer credits will be deducted from final fair share payment.)
- **School-Owned Instrument Fee – \$50** due no later than **November 30**.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

- Students must have a minimum of \$200 Fair-Share in either payments/credits in their band account before the second Away football game (9/4/15) in order to attend the game.
- ALL Marching Band fees **MUST** be paid in order to audition for **indoor percussion or winterguard.**
- If a student participates in **indoor percussion or winter guard**, fees are set by the Directors and again will represent every student paying their “fair-share.” Uniforms **WILL NOT** be distributed to indoor group members until 75% of the season fees are paid. Again, every participant must be in uniform in order to take part in the show.
- **Honor Bands**—should a student audition for and make an Honor Band, at least 100% of band fees **MUST** be paid, in addition to paying the cost of the trip.
- **Spring Band Trip**—is strictly optional!!! Fair-Share Fees must be paid in full in order to attend the band trip.
- **Band Banquet and Band awards**—Students who are in good standing as far as fees, will be given a ticket to the band banquet. Those still owing fees will not be allowed to attend the Band Banquet. In order to receive band letter, year bar, award or senior cord, band fees **MUST** be paid in full.
- **Leadership and Drum Major candidates**—in order to run for leadership and Drum Major **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID.** Candidates with outstanding balances will be disqualified.

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 fees).

MAKING FEE PAYMENTS

All fee payments made by check should be turned into the Black Drop Box located in the Band Hall. Please make sure that the check 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 and money orders payable to "NHS Band". We do not accept cash, sorry!**

DIFFICULTIES WITH FEE PAYMENT DEADLINES

We understand that there will be times when some of our member's families may experience financial difficulties during the school year and struggle to meet the fee deadlines. We will work with people who are willing to work and communicate with us. We ask that if a family is struggling to make the fee payment deadline, please contact Mr. Barrow at the NHS Band Hall (936-6080 ext. 1151) to receive a Navarre HS Band Fair-Share Fee Payment Deadline Extension Contract. This form must be turned in prior to the deadline. This contract communicates with us when we can expect payment and allows us to continue providing goods & services to the member needing the financial extension. This information will be kept confidential between the families and the band staff.

NHS BAND BOOSTER VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our Band Booster Association has the important task of raising funds to cover expenses not included in the Fair-Share Program. Without the MRBB, we would have to absorb over \$25,000 of expenses in the Fair-Share Fee, raising it another \$192 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, fundraisers, etc. to help us raise these needed funds to keep our fees lower as well as needed adult support with band operations such as chaperoning. Parents who volunteer at a minimum of two events (fundraising events such as concessions, fundraising support, carwashes, etc) will qualify for the Tier 1 Fair-Share Fee of \$425 per member. If parents don't volunteer at a minimum of three events, then they will be required to pay the Tier 2 Fair-Share Fee of \$475 per member.

MULTI-STUDENT DISCOUNT

Families that have multiple students in the Navarre Raider Band will receive a multi student discount. An example of the discount is as follows:

A family has three students.

Student #1 will pay the full price of \$475.00. Parents (or someone working for them) may work two money making events and receive a total of a \$50.00 discount.

Student #2 will pay a discounted price of \$425. Parents (or someone working for them) may work two money making events and receive a total of a \$50.00 discount.

Student #3 will pay a discounted price of \$425. Parents (or someone working for them) may work two money making events and receive a total of a \$50.00 discount.

Student #1 \$475 - \$50 (\$25 discount x 2)=\$425

Student #2 \$425 - \$50 (\$25 discount x 2)=\$375

Student #3 \$425 - \$50 (\$25 discount x 2)=\$375

The total discount would be \$250, if all work events were completed.

BAND SPONSORED FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers will be provided throughout the year for students to raise money for fair-share fees, uniform fees, and band trip fees. 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 7 of this handbook). You may contact the Band Office (936-8060 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 "NHS Band", Band members name (written on memo line at bottom left), a physical address (no PO Boxes), and a working telephone number including area code.

Here are some of the planned fundraisers that you can expect during the year:

Cookie Dough
Car Wash-A-Thon
Coca-Cola Truckload Sale
Tervis Tumblers
Kitchen Knife Fundraiser
Yankee Candles
Florida Indian River Citrus
Honey-Baked Ham Gift Cards

NHS Colorguard Fees Field Season 2015

All members are responsible for the Band Fair Share fee of \$475.00 and uniform fee of \$109.00.

Total Fair-Share Fee for each Color Guard Member:

Tier 1 (parent volunteers for 3 or more events with min. of 2 fundraising events) - \$425.00 each

Tier 2 (parent doesn't volunteer for at least 3 events) - \$475 .00 each

Additional fees for Guard Members: \$125.00

While guard members will not purchase the same travel uniform as the instrumental students, they are required to purchase the following items:

Shorts- \$15
Jazz shoes- \$35
Shirts-\$26
Make Up-\$34
Gloves- \$15

Jacket (Optional)-\$93 - Not required for fall marching season.

Total (w/o jacket)- \$125

Total (w/ jacket)- \$218 (Tentative, we are looking for a better price.)

New members, and returning that do not own a rifle:

\$42.00 for rifle (due ASAP)

The \$475.00 will be broken up over 5 months into installments to be paid by the schedule on the calendar. The last field payment will be due October 30th. The remainder of the fees are due by Winter Guard Auditions, usually mid November. We will be offering several fundraisers to help offset these fees throughout the year.

There will be many opportunities to raise money for your individual account. Car wash-a-thon in July. (This is a huge fundraiser for individual accounts, please take advantage of this opportunity!), fruit sales, cookie dough sales, candy sales, mattress fundraiser, etc.)

We will also be participating in colorguard group fundraisers to offset the last portion towards indoor competition season. (Grocery bagging, Mom's Day Out, Craft Fair, middle school dances, etc. are all examples of group fundraisers.) Group fundraisers are MANDATORY for all members of the NHS Colorguard. All color guard group fundraiser money will be put in a separate group account until our competitive indoor season starts. Our indoor team is an elite competitive team that starts training after our last field competition. If you are interested in auditioning for that portion of the year, you will receive more information about it later in the fall.

These fees pay for props, equipment, silks, technician staff, choreography, drill writers, music arrangements/editing, shoes, uniform rental, travel and entrance fees for field competitions, travel, Band Banquet, field show themed t-shirt and much more. Tangible items will not be issued at the end of the year until **ALL** fees are paid in full.

Additional items needed:

Makeup and undergarments to be determined by director for shows. (You will receive more information about these in August.)

SPRING 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. **Please note that all fees (fair-share fees, uniform fees, indoor ensemble fees) must be current in order for money to be applied towards the trip.** Fundraisers will be available throughout the year. Trip information is usually presented in late October or early November. Parents are also needed to chaperone these trips.

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 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 prior to that member being released from our supervision. Students are not allowed to leave with anyone under 21 years of age. 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.

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 Hall	-	850-936-6080 ext. 1151
Navarre High School	-	850-936-6080
Dean Barrow (cell)	-	850-687-1998
Brandon Brown (cell)	-	850-572-5564
Dean Barrow (e-mail)	-	deanbarrow@theraiderband.com
Brandon Brown (e-mail)	-	brandonbrown@theraiderband.com
Cassie Martin (email)	-	cassiemartin@theraiderband.com
Charms Office Assistant	-	www.charmsoffice.com (interactive calendar, financial statements, etc.)
Band Website	-	www.theraiderband.com

MARCHING RAIDER BAND BOOSTERS

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 MRBB meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the NHS Media Center.

BOOSTER SPONSORED FUNDRAISERS

The Booster program often organizes fundraisers that help students meet their fair share goals as well as goals of the Booster program. A portion of each student's proceeds is retained by the Booster program for capital outlay projects such as our ongoing uniform drive.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Remember that marching band is a very physical activity that involves rapid movement around the field while also playing your instrument. For much of the season, we will be also dealing with hot, humid weather. It is extremely important that you take care of your body!

Please **eat healthy**. Remember that dairy products, greasy foods, and junk food will not sit well on your stomach when you are out in the heat. We recommend a diet of whole grains, fruits, and vegetables prior to outside rehearsals.

Also try to **get plenty of rest**. We know that this will be difficult at times with having to balance school, rehearsals, and performances, but use good time management skills to allow ample opportunity to get the rest your body needs.

Most importantly, **stay hydrated!** We live in Florida and temperatures (*combined with humidity*) will dehydrate your body in a hurry. Your body needs hydration or it will begin to shut down. Ice water and sports drinks (*Gatorade, etc*) are the best liquids to assist in your hydration. Drinks with caffeine (*tea, soft drinks*) will actually work to dehydrate you...so please avoid these prior to and during rehearsals. Also, be sure to adequately hydrate your body prior to rehearsals... not try to catch up after rehearsals.

To test your hydration, we recommend the **PeePee Test**. Whenever you go to the restroom and urinate, check the color of your urine. Ideally it should be almost clear...like a glass of water with a squeeze of lemon. The darker your urine is, the more dehydrated you are becoming. Try to drink at least 8 glasses of water per day during the hot season!

Be sure to stretch appropriately prior to any conditioning or marching that you do. Your stretching should be slow and smooth, not quick and bouncy. It is important to stretch so that you can prevent injury. Remember, you don't contribute to the band at all if you are injured and stationed on the sideline...so be sure to stretch.

In a nutshell, **TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY!** You can't get another one!!!

RAIDER BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2015

August 11 – October 16	-	Mondays (3:45-6:30PM)
	-	Tuesdays (3:45-6:30PM)
		Thursdays (3:45 – 6:30 pm) ...except for August 14 & 28 (6:00-9:30)
October 23 – last game (including playoffs)	-	Thursdays (4:30-5:30 pm)

N.H.S. MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Aug. 21	Dothan High School Dothan, AL.	Away	7:00
Aug. 28	Catholic High School Pensacola, FL.	Home	7:30
Sept. 4	Washington High School Pensacola, FL.	Away	7:30
Sept. 11	Open No Game		
Sept.18	Choctawhatchee High School	Home	7:30
Sept. 25	Ft. Walton Bch. High School	Away	7:00
Oct. 2	Pace High School	Home (Senior Night For Band)	7:30
Oct. 3	Andalusia Marching Festival @Andalusia HS. Andalusia, AL.		TBA
Oct. 9	Escambia High School	Home (Homecoming)	7:30
Oct. 10	Florida Bandmaster's District 1 Marching MPA @Tate HS Pensacola, FL.		TBA
Oct. 16	Milton High School	Away	7:30
Oct. 17	Emerald Coast Marching Contest @Choctawhatchee HS. FWB, FL.		TBA
Oct. 23	Open No Game		
Oct. 24	Southeastern U. S. Band Festival @Troy University Troy, AL.		TBA
Oct. 30	Gulf Breeze High School	Away	7:30
Nov. 6	Niceville High School	Home	7:30

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 17	Santa Rosa All-County Honor Band Auditions @ Milton HS - TENTATIVE
Nov. 23-27	Fall Break & Thanksgiving
Dec. 8	NHS Band Christmas Concert in NHS Cafeteria (6:30 pm)
Dec. 11	Band Christmas Party (Location TBA)
Dec 21-Jan 4	Christmas Break
Jan. 12	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (6:00-8:00 pm) - TENTATIVE
Jan. 19	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (6:00-9:00 pm) – TENTATIVE
Jan. 21	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (6:00-9:00 pm) - TENTATIVE
Jan. 22	All-County Honor Band Rehearsal @ MHS (during school day – 9-3) - TENTATIVE
Jan. 22	Santa Rosa All-County Honor Band Concert @ Milton HS Auditorium – 7 pm- TENTATIVE
Feb. 19	FBA District Solo & Ensemble MPA – Location TBD
March 3, 4, 5	FBA District Concert Band MPA @ Ft. Walton Beach HS
March 21-25	Spring Break
April 19	Marching Band Rehearsal in NHS Band Hall (3:45 – 5pm) - TENTATIVE
April 21	Spring Concert Showcase in NHS Gym (6:30 pm) - TENTATIVE
May 21	Band Banquet & Dance (6:00-11:30 pm) – TENTATIVE
May 28	NHS Graduation Pensacola Civic Center (11:00 am)
June 1	Last day of School
June 3-7	Spring Trip to Gatlinburg, TN. - TENTATIVE

BAND LETTERING APPLICATION

Name _____ Instrument _____

Grade _____ Total Points _____

- 18 pts for Initial Letter
- 20 pts Bar (repeat letter)
- You must letter/bar the current school year prior to seeking a leadership position.

Instructions: Add points in each blank that applies, and write total in blank above.

- _____ [2 pt per year] Number of years in high school band (counting current year...full year)
- _____ [5] Band Leadership (Drum Major, Section Leader, Capt. or Co-Capt.) _____
- _____ [4] Principal Chair during Concert Season - *any ensemble*
- _____ [3] Participated in Solo/Ensemble Festival
- _____ [3] Made a superior rating at Solo/Ensemble
- _____ [5] Marching Band Member (Winds/Percussion/Colorguard)
- _____ [5] Member of Symphonic Band
- _____ [4] Member of Concert Band
- _____ [3] Member of Steel Band
- _____ [4] Member of Indoor Percussion
- _____ [5] Member of Indoor Guard
- _____ [2 pts. each] Auditioned for any Honor Band/Clinic -
Where? _____
- _____ [8] Made the Florida All-State Band
- _____ [4] Made it into the Santa Rosa All-County Band
- _____ [4] Made it into any other Honor Band -Where? _____
- _____ [2] Attended Summer Band Camp/Clinic (other than NHS) [must be approved by the director] -
Where? _____
- _____ [5] Private Lessons (full year)
- _____ [5] All band, uniform, & indoor fees paid in full.
- _____ [2] Perform in any off campus recruiting event. (Color Guard 2pts. per event.)
- _____ [2] Help with any on campus concert i.e. Hostess, Refreshments, (Color Guard 2pts. per event.)
- _____ [20] Seniors only: All dues and fees paid in full. Enroll in band class both semesters with no missed after school rehearsals or performances. *Just be a great example for other students.*

AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM A REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE WILL VOID YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A LETTER/BAR!

_____ Check here if you had an unexcused absence from rehearsal/performance this year? (*check Charms*)

_____ Check here if you LETTERED last year and are just in need of a BAR this year.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

NAVARRE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

BAND STUDENT CONTRACT

COMPLETED FORM TO BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 30TH., 2015

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 understands their financial obligation:

Wind Players-\$475 Fair Share Fee + \$85 Travel Uniform Fee + \$40 SmartMusic Subscription. Total = \$600

Percussion Players - \$475 Fair-Share Fee + \$85 Travel Uniform Fee + \$40 Perc. Supply Fee. Total = \$600

Color Guard Members - \$475 Fair-Share Fee + \$125.00 Travel Uniform and equipment fee. Total = \$600

6. The student/parent 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 NHS 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.

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

Student Name (print): _____

Student Name (signature): _____

Parent (signature): _____

NHS Department of Bands Rehearsal/Performance Attendance & Grading Policy

2015-2016

This document should serve as an informational tool to help Band and Auxiliary families with issues related to attendance at band/color guard functions and how this connects to a student's successful completion of any class in the department of bands, including Eurhythmics (color guard class). Please feel free to set up an appointment to discuss any questions you have concerning this policy (850.936.6080 ext. 1151).

It is expected that members of any performing ensemble in the department of bands will attend every rehearsal and performance in its entirety. Students who have genuine conflicts with a rehearsal or performance should observe the procedures outlined below. After reaching high school, students must be aware of the commitment to after-school rehearsals and performances. Band is a performance class. Unexcused absences, lack of cooperation, and continued discipline infractions can result in a lowered or failing grade, denial of participation, or even dismissal from the performing group. Students ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A BAND ABSENCE FORM for an absence including requests to miss a future rehearsal or performance. These forms are available in the wall files by the main entrance of the band hall or online at the band's website (www.theraiderband.com). **During the fall semester especially, we are very, very serious about attendance because of its impact on quality. A performer's presence at these rehearsals cannot be inconsistent if they expect to remain performance ready and ultimately in the performance line-up.**

Attendance Philosophy/Policy

Attendance at practices and performances is mandatory. Any exception to this policy will be at the discretion of the director. If an emergency should arise which would cause tardiness or absence from a rehearsal or performance, you should make every attempt to notify the director of the situation as soon as possible. (*Notifying a staff member, section leader or any other student will not suffice.*) If you have a personal conflict of importance on a rehearsal or performance date you will need to **notify the director in writing at least four weeks in advance** of the time you want your request to be considered (**considered does not necessarily mean granted**). You should attach this note to the **Absence Request Form***. This will allow time for an alternate to adequately learn your assignment or the director to make adjustments. If your request is considered valid, it will be excused however, to be fair to the alternate who is learning your drill assignment, you will lose performance privileges for a minimum of one additional week even if the absence is excused. In making your request **give the director enough information to adequately assess the situation. "I have a family thing" is not enough information.** We all have "family things." If it is an emergency we will be glad to help. We have families too so we know things can spring up! In general we are **very** judicious (stingy!) about allowing students to miss performances – for any reason. Because Band is a performance oriented class, it is virtually impossible to "make up" a missed performance. If a student's absence is given "excused" status, they will be required to complete an alternate assignment to make up the missed time. It is the responsibility of the absent performer to contact the band director for that assignment.

Remember, any student who misses **any portion** of a rehearsal is subject to replacement for an indeterminate length of time if a qualified alternate is available. **That means, if you skip practice, an alternate will get your spot and you will go to the back of the alternate line.** You will be main streamed back into the line-up as a position becomes available. You will need to fill out an Absence Request Form when you return.

Excused Absence Criteria

1. Personal illness
2. Death of a relative
3. Observance of a religious holiday
4. College Visits – *ONLY* for rehearsals **IF** prior arrangements have been made with the Director.
5. Emergency circumstances which, in the judgment of the band director, constitute good and sufficient cause for absence from band.

WORK IS NOT a valid excuse to miss school therefore it is invalid for missing rehearsals or performances.

There are only two excuses that **do not need prior approval**:

1. Death in the family
2. Sickness which will cause the student to miss a rehearsal or performance (please call the Band Office to inform us of your sick day)

If a student leaves school early due to illness, he/she should call the band office and inform the director or a staff member so rehearsal adjustments can be made. Students will need to fill out a Band Absence Form the first day they return to school. Failure to complete the Absence Form can result in the absence becoming unexcused. Remember, unexcused absences can lead to replacement in the performance line-up.

Any unexcused absence from rehearsal will lead to the performer being held out of that week's performance. Any unexcused absence from a performance will lead to a performer being pulled from the performance line-up for an indeterminate length of time – possibly for the remainder of the season. We will not divert teaching time from those who have been in attendance in order to mainstream those who have not been in attendance back into the performance line-up.

A student who misses half of a practice will be counted as absent.

Grading

Because any performing arts class is considered “co-curricular” a portion of the class is held during the school day while the remainder of the class is held outside the traditional school day. The State of Florida Department of Education stipulates “this course generally requires students to participate in extra rehearsals and performances beyond the school day.” As such a student’s grade is directly linked to attendance at these functions. Listed here is an explanation of students grading criteria for these performing arts classes in the Department of Bands.

Each student will start the 1st quarter with 100 points. The following is a breakdown of point deductions for each infraction:

Unexcused absence from practice.....	12 pts
Unexcused absence from performance.....	32 pts
Tardy to practice.....	3 pts
Tardy to performance	6 pts
Unprepared for rehearsal (no instrument, music, no practice uniform, etc.)	5 pts

Any student who is excused from a performance will be required to complete a “make-up” assignment when they return to school. These assignments will be distributed by the Band Office prior to an absence if prior notice is given otherwise, the student will be given the assignment upon their return to school. NOTE: All school policies regarding the amount of time a student has to complete their make- up work are applicable here. Please refer to the Navarre High School Student Handbook for these criteria.

Absence Request Forms are available online at www.theraiderband.com or in the wall files located by the front door of the band hall. All request forms should be turned in to Mr. Barrow. Please do not email forms as we need the hard copy to be sure that parent signatures are valid.

Please follow the instructions for filing a request as described on the form itself. NO REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE SIGNED FORM BEING FILED WITH MR. BARROW IN THE BAND OFFICE.

Please remember to follow up on the status of your request and do not assume that completing the form means your request has been approved. We must stress that a completed form that has been turned in DOES NOT automatically mean the absence has been excused – EVEN IF you have met the necessary time requirement for the notification (4 weeks for Marching Band, 8 weeks for concert band). We will evaluate the total number of absence requests for that particular rehearsal/performance when determining which/how many absence requests we can grant.

As a re-cap, although this policy may appear to be laden with stipulations and requirements, it is important to remember that attendance is the cornerstone of quality in any fine arts performing group. In order to continue to build our outstanding local and regional reputation the Navarre Raider Band program enjoys, we must all serve as a sentry against allowing unnecessary conflicts to erode the total band attendance at these rehearsals and performances! Your help and understanding in this endeavor is GREATLY appreciated.

2015-2016 Attendance Policy

Signature Page

My signature below indicates that I have received and read the NHS Band Department Rehearsal/Performance Attendance Policy. I understand that I am expected to attend all rehearsals and performances associated with membership in the Navarre High School Band. Further, I agree to adhere to these policies while registered for Department of Bands classes/performing ensembles.

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature

_____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature

_____ **Date** _____