

## Band Camp 2020 Details and Expectations

### Schedule

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>: Leadership team-10:30-11:00

Full Band and Guard: 11:00-2:30

Lunch 12:00-12:30 Daily ... Sack lunches welcome!

**SENIOR/JUNIOR** marching uniform checkout – 2:00-2:30 pm

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>: Full Band and Guard 10:30-2:30

**SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN** marching uniform checkout – 2:00-2:30 pm

Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>: Full Band and Guard 10:30-2:30

**8th GRADE** marching uniform checkout – 2:00-2:30 pm

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Full Band and Guard 10:30-2:30

**7TH GRADE** marching uniform checkout – 2:00-2:30 pm

### Come to camp prepared! You will need the following items EVERY DAY!!!

- Tennis shoes for marching—NO FLIP FLOPS, SANDALS, or BOOTS
- Comfortable clothing--school appropriate shorts and t-shirts!
- Instrument/Guard equipment--let me know ASAP if you need a school instrument
- Pencil
- Sunscreen, Hat, Sunglasses (We WILL be outside a portion of every day!)
- Personal Water Jug -- Due to Covid, please bring your own pre-filled, iced water jug to help minimize risk of transmission from shared water sources.

**Communication!!!!** Please communicate with me if you have ANY questions or will be unable to attend any practices! I realize it is still summer and you may have previously scheduled appointments, vacations, etc. If you let me know in advance (not day of unless it is an emergency!) then I can plan practices accordingly.

**Covid-19** Please help do your part to help keep Covid from visiting NH. If you are not feeling well, have a fever, or are showing any symptoms, please stay home! I would rather you be extra cautious than possibly spread the virus. We can get you caught up when you return. When coming to camp take as many precautions as possible-- not sharing items with friends, bring your own water jug, etc. If you have any conditions that make you more at risk or have extenuating circumstances regarding personal protection, please communicate those with me so we can plan ahead.

**Uniforms** We will be checking marching uniforms out by grade level each day of Camp. Please be sure to check the Camp Schedule so you know which days you will check out your uniforms! Please wear gym shorts and a t-shirt on your fitting day!

## Hello Shamrock Pride Band member!

My name is Ted Keck. I am your band director for the 2020-21 school year. I am writing this letter in order to introduce myself and to let you know about some upcoming events.

I am excited to work with you all this school year. I retired from the South Harrison School District in the spring of 2019. I served as the band director there for 14 years. Your administration contacted me this summer and asked me to come out of retirement temporarily to serve as your director. I will be working half time, teaching the first four hours of the day. This Band has a tradition of excellence that I want to continue and push forward this year. I am very passionate about band and the life skills that you can learn by participating in this subject.

In order to get a great start to this school year, we are going to have a camp. The dates and times for camp are August 17th-20th from 10:30-2:30 each day with a half-hour lunch break at noon. At this camp, we will begin to learn our music for the fall and to work on marching fundamentals that we will hopefully need this fall. I will be balancing playing time with marching time as well as getting you all fit in your marching uniform. It is very important that you attend this camp as it will set the pace for what we will be doing this year. Please contact me if you have a conflict with these dates and times. See the attached page for camp details.

This year, we will be using the Remind app to communicate. In order to get signed up, please use the following steps:

- send a text to 81010
- text the message @northharr

It's simple to do and allows us to communicate in a safe, supervised manner. This is how I will send out notices and reminders about this years' events. I will also be setting up a music booster Remind.

## **WE WILL NOT BE HAVING 7:00AM REHEARSALS THIS YEAR!**

I am currently working on cleaning and organizing the room, and I am listening to music in order to choose this falls' songs. I am also going through all of the school instruments and getting them ready for you to play. I would love to meet and talk to each one of you. I will be at school on the enrollment days, August 5th and 6th. Please feel free to come by and see me! If you need to use a school instrument, please contact me ASAP so that I can make it a priority to have an instrument ready for you!

I know that the Covid-19 situation has left a lot of uncertainty for this fall. I am hoping and planning on running as normal a year as possible. For instance, I am a huge fan of auditioning for the All-District Bands. I want to work with you as much as possible to help you get ready if you are interested in doing this! I also want to have an indoor drumline and indoor guard this fall.

As I stated earlier, I am excited to be your band director here at North Harrison. Please consider inviting former band members you may know to rejoin this fall. I am always available to speak with anyone about this program and the bright future that it has!

Looking forward to meeting you,  
Ted Keck

Music Booster/  
Meets Aug 6th 6:30 BAND  
Zoom

**Band Schedule** Copies of this year's Band Schedule have been enclosed--one for you and one for your parents!! Dates are tentative at this point and subject to change when dealing with further Covid cancellations and re-scheduled opportunities. Revisions will be posted as things change.

**Recruitment** Please make sure to remind other Band members and any new students you know (Facebook, text, email, snapchat) in case they didn't get this letter! Invite people that may have dropped in the past!

**REMIND Text System** Remember to sign up for the North Harrison Band Remind so you get notices and reminders!

North Harrison Band (students): send a text to 81010 text the message: @northharr

North Harrison Music Boosters (parents): send a text to 81010 text the message: @7kfaefa

**T-Shirts/Shorts** We will be ordering a band t-shirt and black shorts to wear as a uniform in hot weather and to wear under the uniforms. We will collect size information at camp when you fit your uniform. We will have a preliminary design and cost information for you the first day of camp. Boosters/families will also be able to order shirts via an order form that will be passed out at camp. Booster/family orders **MUST** be paid when ordering.

**Drumline** We will discuss drumline participation and scheduling at camp. If you will be unable to attend camp for any reason, please let me know if you are interested in participating.

**It is CRITICAL that as many people make these practices as possible. A GREAT camp will get the entire year off to GREAT start.**

