



Welcome to the  
Newbury Park HS  
Instrumental Music  
Department



# **What do I get?**

Academic Benefits

Social Benefits

Musical Benefits



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## **Instrumental Music Department Organization**

### Courses Offered:

Concert Band

Wind Ensemble - Honors

Jazz Band

Marching Band

Percussion Ensemble

Color Guard

Beginning Instruments



## **Concert Band**

- The Concert Band performs throughout the year at many school and local events as well as putting on 3 concerts per year on campus. There is a Spring Tour planned each year around Spring Break.
- All students in the IMD participate in Pep Band which includes all of the home football games, pep rallies, community events, and local parades.
- Meets during 1<sup>st</sup> period all year (7:00-8:00am).
- All students must be enrolled in Concert Band or Wind Ensemble to be eligible for participation in any other group (Marching Band, Jazz Band, or Percussion Ensemble)



## **Wind Ensemble Honors**

-The Wind Ensemble is an advanced level Concert Band with admission into the group only by audition. This group has many of the same performance demands as the Concert Band (performs throughout the year at many school and local events as well as putting on 3 concerts per year on campus) as well as participating in an annual Spring Tour planned each year around Spring Break.

-Enrollment in this class is primarily Juniors and Seniors, although many sophomores are admitted depending on availability in their class schedule. Sophomores interested in auditioning for Wind Ensemble are encouraged to work ahead with their counselor to plan their academic schedule to allow a rotating class during 4<sup>th</sup> period.

-Meets on “B” days during 4<sup>th</sup> period all year (12:30-2:05).



## Jazz Band

-There are two Jazz Bands at NPHS. Jazz I is for advanced players with strong individual musicianship (sight reading, playing, improvisation). Jazz II is for younger players that are interested in developing their skills and learning more about the Jazz tradition.

-Jazz Band meets Mon.-Thur. from 2:20-3:45pm. Students are enrolled in one of the Per. 5 Jazz Ensemble courses during the Spring.

-Placement in Jazz I is by audition, usually after Thanksgiving or early December.

-There are regular rehearsals and performances outside of the normal school day (before/after school, evenings, Saturdays).



## Marching Band

-The Marching Band rehearses after school Mon-Thurs from 2:30-5:00pm in the fall. Students are enrolled in the Marching Band course during the Fall term and fulfill half of their P.E. requirement.

-There are two summer camps to prepare for Marching Band:

Band Camp I is in June (Mon. and Tues. the week after graduation)

Band Camp II is the week before the first day of school (M-F 8am-5pm)

-Additional Rehearsals and Performances are typically on Friday evenings or Saturdays.

-The Marching Band season typically runs from Band Camp in August until the weekend before Thanksgiving each year.



## **Percussion Ensemble**

-All percussion students in either Concert Band or Wind Ensemble must participate in the percussion ensemble program. Rehearsals generally take place during the Concert Band classes.

-The Percussion Ensemble program is designed to help students develop fluency in all major phases of percussion performance (snare drum, timpani, mallets, auxiliary percussion instruments) through a series of leveled instrument etudes, playing tests, and ensemble performance.





## Colorguard

-The Colorguard is a visual/dance unit that performs with the Marching Band in the fall. Students are enrolled in the Marching Band class in the fall term and fulfill half of their P.E. requirement through participation.

-No previous dance or colorguard experience is necessary. If you are interested, we'll teach you what you need to know.

-Additional rehearsals and performances are typically the same as the Marching Band.



## **Beginning Instruments**

-This is a one semester class that is for any student who would like to learn how to play a band instrument (Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Percussion).

-Students are taught the fundamentals of reading music, music theory, and how to play their instrument with a great sound.

-Students are generally very well prepared with a good foundation to participate in any of the band classes after they complete Beginning Instruments. Many of the students that have started in this class have gone on to audition successfully for the Wind Ensemble class the following year. It's all about individual effort!



What about the money?



## **Why does the band need more money?**

## **Don't my taxes already pay for the band program?**

Yes and no.....but mostly no.

What is provided by the state and school district covers the basic cost of offering the class without regard to any additional activities. Essentially, we get enough to teach just the class period and a modest amount from the district to help offset some of the costs of photocopies, purchasing some music, and additional staffing (music specialists that work with the kids).

As a music program, we are essentially on our own to provide for any other additional needs to enrich the students music education, including purchasing additional instruments, taking trips to festivals and competitions, providing meals to the students while we are away, purchasing quality literature and music resources to augment the curriculum.



**So, then what does the band  
need to stay afloat?**



## Annual Financial Commitment

These donations are requested from every member of the Instrumental Music Department at the beginning of each year regardless of how many or what groups you are participating in.

**1. CVUSD Transportation Fee      \$124**

An annual fee collected by the school district from every student that participates in a sport or activity to cover the cost of transportation to competitions .

**2. Uniform Maintenance                      \$100**

Collected to build and maintain a fund for the eventual replacement of marching band uniforms and concert apparel (tuxedos and dresses) provided to students on a loaner basis each year.

**3. IMD Annual Pledge                      \$150**

The IMD Annual Pledge is an annual donation requested of all band students that helps to fund on-going operational costs such as: instrument repair, purchasing music, providing additional coaching for the students with accomplished professional musicians as well as performances with special guest artists or teachers.

**Total Requested Donation: \$374**



## What does my \$150 annual pledge cover?

### Program Overhead

Purchasing music for 5 Ensembles	\$3,000
Festival/Competition Entry Fees	\$2,000
Instrument/Equipment Maintenance	\$5,500
Coaches, Clinicians, Guest Artists	\$8,500
Instrument Purchase	\$5,000

**Total Program Expenses** **\$19,000**

**Number of Students in IMD** **75**

**Annual Contribution** **\$250**

The additional \$100/student is supported by the collective fundraising efforts of the Panther Band Parents



## Why does the IMD need to collect donations to fund the Marching Band?

### Approx. Marching Band Expenses

Staffing Costs	\$10,800
Show Design	\$7,500
Props/Backdrops	\$500
Transportation	\$1,500
Student Meals	\$1,500
Entry Fees	\$2,500
Championship Weekender	\$12,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$36,500</b>
<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Cost per Student</b>	<b>\$730</b>
<b>Requested Donation Per Student</b>	<b>\$650</b>

The additional \$80/student is supported by the collective fundraising efforts of the Panther Band Parents





**How can parents help?**



## Share your talents, time, and ideas with the Panther Band Parents

What do the Panther Band Parents do?

-Fundraising

Organizing individual student fundraisers  
as well as major program fundraisers

-Logistical Support

Planning, Webpage Design/Maintenance,  
Publicity, Working the Pit Crew, Event  
Coordination, Organizing Uniforms, Sewing,  
Bookkeeping/Accounting, Chaperones,  
Building/Welding/Repairing Equipment...  
you name it!



Stay connected so you're  
always in the loop!

1. NPHS Band website ([www.nphsband.org](http://www.nphsband.org)).
2. NPHS Band Calendar (on the website)
3. Weekly email updates and announcements



Is there anything else that I can do to help my child be successful in band at Newbury Park?

- Encourage them to practice at least 45 minutes every day.
- Have your child take some private lessons. This can be an amazing help!!
  - Ensure that they have good equipment that is well maintained.
  - Attend their performances and be a part of our family. You will never regret being a meaningful part of your child's most important years growing up.



## So what do I do now?

- Mark the Summer Dates on your calendar
- Complete the online registration asap  
[www.nphsband.org](http://www.nphsband.org)
- Have your Marching Band pledge form returned to the band office by June 16<sup>th</sup>
- Get ready for Marching Band Camp June 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>!!
- EVERYBODY* marches in the Ventura County Fair Parade on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> (see website calendar for details)



## Important Summer Dates for 2016

**June 15<sup>th</sup>-June 16<sup>th</sup> Band Camp I 8am-4pm**

**Mandatory for all returning students planning on competing with the Marching Band next fall and anybody who would like to know more about Marching Band. Come try it, you'll love it!**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Band Camp II 8am-4pm**

**Mandatory for all IMD members  
(uniform fittings, sectionals, pep band rehearsals)**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> Ventura County Fair Parade Performance**

**All IMD Members participate in this performance**

**Beach trip after parade!!**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Band Camp II 8am-4pm**

**Mandatory for all members planning on competing with the Marching Band**



Thank You For Coming Tonight

We Are Excited to Have You Join  
The Panther Band Family!