



Welcome to the
Newbury Park HS
Instrumental Music
Department



What do I get?

Academic Benefits

Social Benefits

Musical Benefits



Instrumental Music Department Organization

Courses Offered:

Concert Band

Wind Ensemble - Honors

Jazz Band

Marching Band

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 1st period all year (7:05-8:00am).



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.
- Meets during 1st period all year (7:05-8:05).



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 I meets during 4th period on B days (12:25-2:05)

-Jazz II meets Mon.-Thur. from 2:20-3:30pm during the Spring.

-Placement in Jazz I is by audition each May for the following school year.

-Both Jazz Bands perform at local festivals, school concerts, and other local community events as they come up.



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 is an important summer camp to prepare for the Marching Band season that starts 2 weeks before the opening of school each year.

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

-The Marching Band season 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 receive 5 units of P.E. credit for each semester of 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 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 \$200

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: \$424



What does my \$200 annual donation cover?

Program Overhead

Purchasing music for 4 Ensembles	\$3,500
Festival/Competition Entry Fees	\$2,000
Instrument/Equipment Maintenance	\$6,500
Coaches, Clinicians, Guest Artists	\$8,500
Instrument Purchase	\$5,000

Total Program Expenses **\$25,500**

Number of Students in IMD **85**

Annual Contribution **\$300.00**

The additional \$50/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
Total Cost	\$36,500
Number of Students	55
Cost per Student	\$730
Requested Donation Per Student	\$650

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).
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 by May 3rd
www.nphsband.org
- Have your Marching Band pledge form returned to the band office by May 29th
- Get ready for Band Camp August 5th!!



Thank You For Coming Tonight

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