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Greetings Panther Band,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and having a fabulous summer! I don't want to bring you out of summer break mode too soon, but there are just a few important announcements leading up to the beginning of another wonderful and very musical school year. As always, you should look to our website and calendar for the most up to date information about what is coming up, but here are a few of the most important items you should be aware of:

NPHS Band Online Registration – If you have not yet done so, please complete this very short registration survey so that we know what to expect for this year. This is separate from the course requests that you complete with your counselor and the information that is collected from this survey is critical in planning the coming year. ALL NPHS Band students (new and returning) who are going to participate in any part of the program during the 2022-2023 school year should complete this survey. You can find a link to this survey on the band webpage (www.nphsband.org) and click on the link below “**Sign Up Here**” heading at the top of the home page.

Band Camp Monday, 8/15 – Friday 8/19 1-5pm

This is where the work on next year's band really begins! **All students** (new and returning) who are planning on being in the 2022-2023 NPHS Band must attend this camp. We will begin the process of assigning parts, have sectional coaches working with students to get them started on the right foot, and begin teaching music for the fall. With our first home game on August 26th, we will need a significant head start on learning music and getting organized. Bring water, your instrument, comfortable clothes, and get ready to roll up your sleeves so that Newbury Park really shines this year! Students who do not attend the camp will be pretty far behind when start class on the first day of school.

Band Kickoff Meeting - Monday, August 15th 6:30pm

To ensure that we get everyone off on the right foot and to make sure that camp starts smoothly, there will be a meeting for all NPHS Band students and **at least one parent representative on Monday, August 15th at 6:30pm in the NPHS Cafeteria**. This short informational meeting is for all new and returning students and parents to ease into what to expect for the coming year as well as handling important organizational business (collecting apparel order forms, annual donations, volunteer organization, and fall calendar). Please help us to get a jump on the organizational end of year by giving us just a little of your time.



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Band Uniform Fittings – Saturday, August 20th 9:00am-2:00pm

All NPHS Band students need to attend this mandatory fitting day. With our first home game just 3 days after school starts, we need to get everyone fitted right away so that our uniforms are ready to go for that game. At this time, we will also do fittings for concert attire. Give us an hour of your time and we'll get it all done for the year. The schedule for fittings is as follows:

9am Seniors
10am Juniors
11am Sophomores
12pm Freshmen

Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band Auditions

Auditions for this year's honors level classes will take place during the mornings of August 16th, 17th, and 18th. If you want to be considered for either Wind Ensemble Honors or Studio Jazz Ensemble Honors, you must audition first. Audition materials and signups are available on the band website at: <http://nphsband.org/index.php/auditions/>

Please be aware that schedule pickups will be also happening on campus these days, but your auditions will not interfere with any of that. You will have plenty of time to audition, get your schedule and textbooks, and talk with your counselor if needed.

I'm really looking forward to getting started on another year of learning, growing, and performing and I hope you are too! The Panther Band is one of the most exciting and active groups on campus and there is something here for just about anybody, at any skill level. While it's true that many students aren't sure if they want to learn how to play an instrument or not, it is also true that most adults wish they had. The social and intellectual benefits of music literacy are clear and this is your opportunity to be challenged and engaged with music and band in a way that you may never have been before. It's not always easy, but it's always worth it!

I hope I haven't overwhelmed you too much with information. As always, if you have any questions or concerns at all as we head into the new year, please don't hesitate to email me: dcrysal@conejousd.org

Enjoy your summer! I can't wait to see you all on August 15th!

Best regards,

Mr. Crystal