

## NORTH LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

### ***BAND OF KNIGHTS***

# **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE #9: October 12, 2010**

Thank you to everyone for the successful and safe trip we had this past weekend. Successful? Yes, even though we did not reach our goal of "finalist" and experienced some of the "weirdest" performance conditions possible, the weekend was a success. As for our show, we learned a lot at a higher level of judging. Though the judges did not get to evaluate our best performance, much due to the PA interruption, but a lot due to our own fault, the audio commentary from judges was very helpful in helping us prepare for future performances. We **MUST** continue to work positively and keep the progression of this show. **WE WILL NOT QUIT!**

Because of the judge's input, we have numerous changes to make in the show this week. **PRACTICES ARE VERY IMPORTANT!!!!**

I am also **VERY** proud of how well our students, parents and staff work together for the benefit of all. Thank you to everyone for putting up with a **VERY STRESSED OUT BAND DIRECTOR!** Trust me when I tell you that I **DO** realize how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful group of supportive parents working with our band. I'm also extremely lucky to have a great group of folks that make up our Band Staff. **THANKS TO ALL FOR THE THINGS YOU DO.**

Our annual trip to the mountains is this weekend to the Western Carolina University Tournament of Champions. This is the largest competition in North Carolina and is equally as impressive as a BOA regional. We need **ALL** of our supporters cheering us on as we compete to make finals.

Again, thank you for all that you do. Have a great week and I hope to see you all at WCU!

*Musically Yours, Mr. Underwood*

### **SCHEDULE**

Tuesday 10/12 Practice 3:30-6:00

Thursday 10/14 Practice 6:00-8:30

Friday 10/15 Practice 3:30-5:30 (then load truck and trailers)

Saturday 10/16 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

7:30 Meet at NLHS / Depart by 8:00

11:00 Arrive at WCU

Go into stadium / watch bands / eat lunch (wearing band polo)

Guard and Drum Major to hair and make-up at 12:00noon

12:45 Full Band to dress

1:45 Warm-Up (area C)

2:45 **NLHS BAND OF KNIGHTS PERFORM**

After performance, into partial uniform to go into stadium to watch

4:00 WCU PRIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS PERFORM

4:15 AWARDS FOR PRELIMS

After Awards, Band Boosters will feed students in the parking lot.

7:00 Finals begin

10:00 Awards for finals

11:00 Load for return trip (snack provided by boosters before trip home)

2-3:00am Return to NLHS (Students will be instructed to call with estimated arrival time)

Tuesday 10/19 Practice 3:30-6:00

(at 4:00, we have been asked to play for opening of Conference Cross Country meet in NLHS stadium)

Thursday 10/21 Practice 6:00-8:30

BAND BOOSTER MEETING 7:00

Friday 10/22 PEP BAND to BESSEMER CITY GAME - Details TBA

Afterward we return we'll host a social/dance at NLHS till a little after midnight

Band students **ONLY!**

Saturday 10/23 LOCAL COMPETITION

The location for this contest has changed. We will now be traveling to Hickory Ridge High School in Cabarrus County (change due to a competition issue that Mr. Underwood felt would be best for band). Details TBA - however, know that it will be a later-in-the-day event. We will probably not meet at NLHS till 2:00 in afternoon.

**GO BAND OF KNIGHTS!!!!**