

NORTH LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

BAND OF KNIGHTS

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE #4: (September 3, 2010)

This has been one of the best weeks of band practices in my memory, and absolutely the best start of a season in my experience. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work. NOW the hard part...you've got to KEEP IT UP!

Students, stay focused on schoolwork. As my mom (a high school algebra teacher for 39 years) used to say; "once you get behind, it is even harder to catch up." The busiest part of our season (yes, even busier than after competitions start) is the middle to end of September. We've got to finish the show, play at the Apple Festival, County Preview, football games, and go to our first competition. It is a busy few weeks. BE READY!

Thanks so much to the parents who are involved in everything from arranging and donating food and drink items, to props and pit, flags, uniform moms, getting our fleet ready to travel, and more. YOU MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE!

I'm SO EXCITED about how well we've done thus far. We cannot let the momentum slow down. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend. GET SOME REST!!!! See you all Tuesday!

Musically Yours, Mr. Underwood

SEPTEMBER

7- Tuesday	Band Practice 3:30-6:00
8- Wednesday	Band Practice 3:30-5:00 (added because of missing on Labor Day)
9- Thursday	Band Practice 6:00-8:30
10- Friday	Away Game – PEP BAND to N. Iredell Meet at 5:00 – bring food for bus (can eat at stadium)
11- Saturday	Car Wash – Details TBA / Chorus Car Show at NLHS
13- Monday	Band Practice 3:30-6:00
14- Tuesday	Band Practice 3:30-6:00
16- Thursday	Band Practice 6:00-8:30 BAND BOOSTER MEETING 7:00
17- Friday	MINI-CAMP / TECH REHEARSAL 3:30-8:30 Rehearsal after school 3:30-5:30 Break for dinner 5:30-6:15 (sandwiches/see "Needs" below) 6:15 – get into uniform 7:00-8:30 Tech rehearsal in full uniform – in stadium (Parents invited to come watch)
18- Saturday	LINCOLNTON APPLE FESTIVAL NLHS PERFORMANCE TIME 9:30am Students must arrive 8:30am (we meet there) Directions will be given where to meet in Lincolnton. (Free to leave after performance and loading) If you've never attended the Apple Festival, it is a great small town festival with much charm. Our Band Boosters will operate two booths. We will need workers so we can make some \$\$\$!

NEEDS (We ask for a lot of donations, but that is how we can keep fees as low as possible.):

*CANNED SODA to sell at Roundtable for 100% profit – a GREAT way to donate money to the band. Your donation is doubled or more when we sell a name brand soda for \$1 at this big event. Some soda is used for our kids at ball games, after half time.

*BOTTLED WATER: We use this throughout the season to hydrate our kids on trips. Some is sold at Roundtable too.

*GATORADE (or similar product): Bottled Gatorade is needed for three meals we are going to provide students (see next item).

*SANDWICH MATERIALS: At Mini Camps on Sept. 17th and Oct. 1st, and before we leave for County Preview on Sept. 21st, we are going to provide the students with a meal. On Sept. 21st, we're going to do pizza and charge each student \$1 per slice. However on the other two days, we are going to serve cold-cut sandwiches. Instead of charging the students, we are asking parents to donate pre-packed sandwich meat, chips, lettuce, etc... There is a refrigerator in the booster closet where this can be stored safely. At these events, Mr. Underwood feels that either water or Gatorade should be served and not soda.

Want to help with these meals? Contact Jerry Renner (jrenner2005@aol.com)

*CHIPS AND SNACK FOOD: These items are constantly needed for times when we give the kids a quick snack....ballgames and competitions (times when a fast food stop is not possible). These items are not resold, but used by OUR kids.

*PIT AND PROP FOLKS: We still need more volunteers to help get the Band of Knights on and off the field at shows. If interested email Scott Gibson (stgibson3665@yahoo.com) or Bill Sell (billsellnc@hotmail.com)

*APPLE FESTIVAL – CONCESSIONS – CAR WASH: NEED WORKERS - Contact Randy Belk (randybelk@bellsouth.net)

*CHAPERONES: We still need parent chaperones for upcoming trips. Contact Kelly Farkas (farkie3@charter.net)

*BAND BOOSTER MEETING: Thursday evening Sept. 16th at 7:00 – BE THERE...GET INVOLVED!!!!

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!