



Northwood High School

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Hello Students and Parents!

Congratulations on a successful year of music making! From the hot days of summer working outside with the marching band to the successes we have had with the concert bands - I'm very pleased with what we've managed to accomplish this year.

I am writing to inform you of our last playing engagement, which will be Northwood's graduation ceremony on the campus of UNC-CH in Carmichael Arena, Saturday, June 10, 2016. We will be meeting at Northwood at 9:30 am to warm-up and rehearse. We will depart school around 12:00 pm. We will provide transportation for students to and from the ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 pm. We should arrive back to the school by 5:00 pm at the latest.

For Concert Band students, this is the last performance of the year. Because of the nature of this activity, there will be some students who are unable to perform. Students are excused from participating in the ceremony as graduates or junior marshals. If your student has other circumstances that you believe may be excusable, please contact me directly with your concern, as some as you already have.

It is imperative that Concert Band students perform at the graduation ceremony. This group is the only band that has been playing in this setting and with each other over the last semester. In an environment where the band will be the most visible it has been all year, it is important to have the experience that comes with playing with one another for months. If it is possible for you to attend, make arrangements to do so. This is a great service to our community and the culmination of the work we have been doing the last two weeks of school.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing you all on June 10!

Many Thanks,

Matthew Brett Cox
Band Director
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