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Welcome to the
Northwood
Marching
Chargers

Marching Band and Colorguard

- ▶ Two roles:
 - ▶ Support the Northwood Football team
 - ▶ Compete at 5 competitions each fall
- ▶ Perform a 7-8 minute show
- ▶ The highest score is “superior,” which this band has achieved at many of the competitions the last few years

Colorguard & Winterguard

- ▶ Growing and we would love to see it get larger, as it provides a higher visual score at competitions



Colorguard & Winterguard

- ▶ No instrument experience needed for Colorguard
- ▶ Pit Percussion also includes opportunities that don't require instrument experience



Student time commitment

▶ Spring Practice

▶ Band Camp

- ▶ Required for ALL band members
- ▶ Held during the two weeks before school starts

▶ Marching Band Class

- ▶ 4th period every day for fall semester

▶ Extended Practices

- ▶ After school until 5 pm every Monday and Tuesday through mid-November

▶ All *Home* Football Games

- ▶ Fridays in fall
- ▶ Call time 5:30 pm
- ▶ Game start time 7 pm
- ▶ Perform stand tunes during game
- ▶ Perform show at half-time

▶ Five Saturday Competitions

- ▶ September through November
- ▶ Mid-Morning practice
- ▶ Afternoon/Evening travel to competition site & perform
- ▶ Late Night (usually midnight or so) return to Northwood

▶ Chatham Band Night

- ▶ One Friday night football game
- ▶ Other Chatham bands play with our band at one of the schools

▶ Holiday Parades

- ▶ Early December
- ▶ Siler City and Pittsboro

Bonuses of being in Marching Band and Colorguard

- ▶ Meet and make friends with LOTS of other students before school even begins (Band Camp)!
- ▶ Get in shape, physically and mentally!
 - ▶ Daily workout to memorize the steps of the show
 - ▶ Memorize the music
- ▶ Leadership opportunities each year



Post-marching season

- ▶ Band split into two concert bands performing December concerts
- ▶ Northwood Percussion Theatre rehearsals begin
- ▶ Colorguard begins Winterguard rehearsals
- ▶ Band Banquet and Awards in mid-January



Funding for the band programs at Northwood

- ▶ Northwood only provides funding for the **band director** and some money for **music**
- ▶ The (all-volunteer) **Northwood Band Booster** organization provides *everything else* needed by the bands
 - ▶ Marching Band (Fall)
 - ▶ Symphonic Band (Fall)
 - ▶ Symphonic Band (Spring)
 - ▶ Concert Band (Spring)
 - ▶ Pep Band (extracurricular)
 - ▶ Jazz Band (extracurricular)

Funded by the Band Boosters

- Uniforms, hats, plumes and gloves
- Organization-owned instrument repair & replacement
- Large or specific instruments
- Buses for all trips & competitions
- Drivers, if there are not enough *volunteers* to drive
- Trailers & U-Hauls, as needed, unless someone *donates* one!
- Flags and Colorguard uniforms
- Uniform bags and hat boxes
- Racks for uniforms and hats
- Additional staff, as needed
- Show music composition
- Choreography for band and colorguard
- Competition fees
- Show T-shirts for students
- Props
- Sound system

Northwood Band Booster Organization

- ▶ Works as the **backbone** that supports all of the band programs:
 - ▶ Drivers hauling instruments and props to competitions
 - ▶ Bus drivers
 - ▶ Bus chaperones
 - ▶ Uniform management
 - ▶ Much more!
- ▶ Comprised of **parents**, alumni, and other supporting members within the community
- ▶ Is a **non-profit 501(c)(3)** organization
 - ▶ Separate from school funding
- ▶ **Fundraising** throughout the year
 - ▶ For **General Fund** used to pay for certain operational overhead costs and financial aid for students
 - ▶ To help lower the overall **Fair Share** cost for all everyone

Fair Share

- ▶ Required for each student
- ▶ Adjusted each year based on number of enrolled students and volunteers making a difference
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- ▶ Each student and family can volunteer to earn Fair Share credit throughout the year
- ▶ **Fundraisers:**
 - ▶ Chatham County PTSA Thrift Stores
 - ▶ UNC Concessions
 - ▶ "Motors for Music" Car Show
 - ▶ Gourmet Candy Apple Sales
 - ▶ Citrus Fruit Sales
 - ▶ Coffee

Charms Online Assistant

- ▶ Each student has an account
 - ▶ All family members have access
 - ▶ Check Fair Share balance
 - ▶ Maintain account details (email address, etc.)
- ▶ Group emails sent from Charms throughout the year with updates and important information
- ▶ See **Band Website** (nhsbands.net, Boosters page) for more details



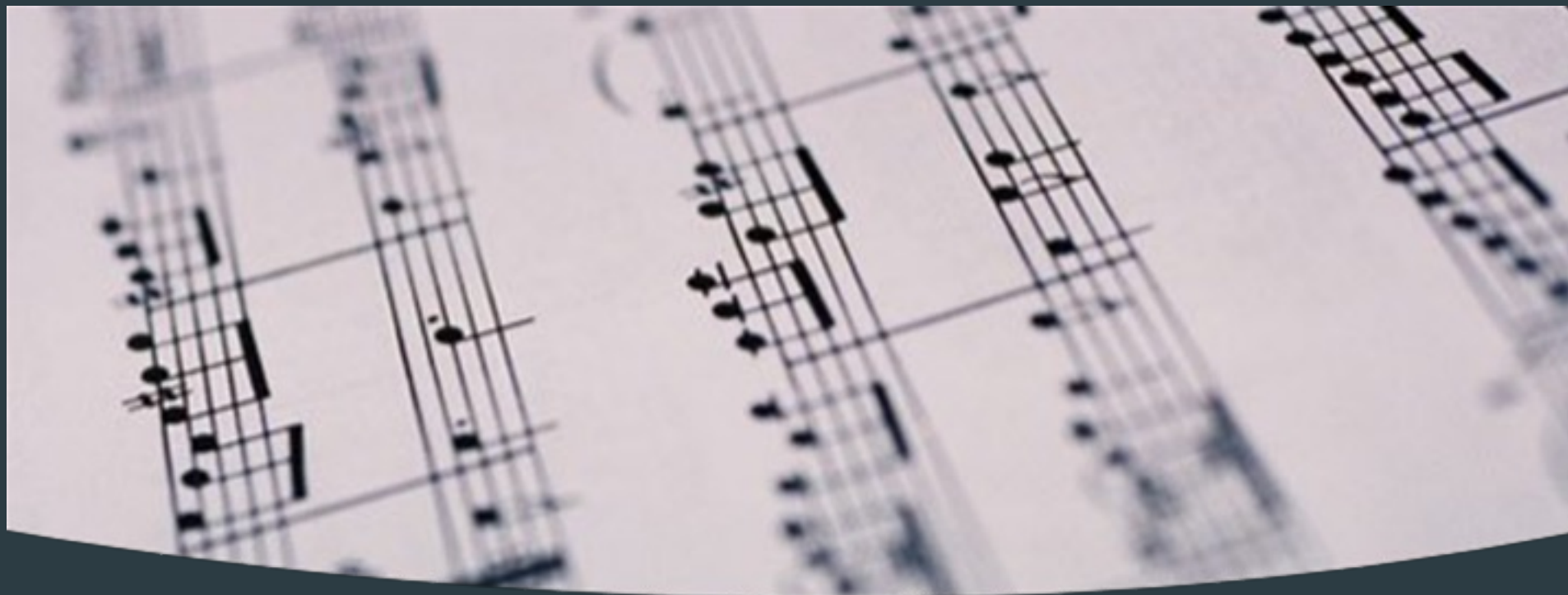
Volunteers

- ▶ We need parent volunteers all year, but mostly in the fall
- ▶ Driving buses
- ▶ Pulling trailers
- ▶ Chaperones
- ▶ Colorguard parents
- ▶ Inventory, repair, clean, and assign uniforms
- ▶ Executive committee positions
- ▶ Fundraising coordinators
- ▶ Cheering at competitions
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How to sign up

- ▶ **Register** for Marching Band, Percussion, Colorguard class for fall semester
- ▶ **Fill out and sign a Letter of Intent**
 - ▶ Due in *May*
 - ▶ \$20 non-refundable Fair Share deposit
 - ▶ Log into Charms account when you get your information (email address required)
 - ▶ See **Band Website** (nhsbands.net, Marching Band page) for more details

Show Theme and Music?



Northwood Band Website

- ▶ nhsbands.net
- ▶ Band FAQs
- ▶ Band Calendar
- ▶ Band Booster information
- ▶ Fundraising opportunities
- ▶ Information about:
 - ▶ Marching Band (Letter of Intent, music, etc.)
 - ▶ Other Bands (symphonic, concert, jazz, pep)
 - ▶ Colorguard & Winterguard
 - ▶ Musical Pit and Percussion Theatre
 - ▶ AP Music Theory
 - ▶ And more!

Looking forward to a great marching season
with YOU!

