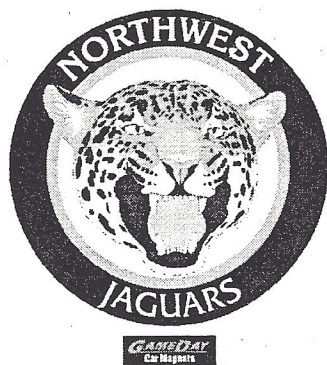


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Marching Band Handbook 2011



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Northwest High School Music Department
Mr. Kevin J. Rouse Director

Welcome to the Northwest High School Marching Band. The Northwest High School Marching Band has the potential to be a great marching band if we want it to be. With the enthusiasm and dedication of the students, I would like to take this band to the next level. It is my hope that you find many friendships from the band, have many memories, and have a sense of pride over what you have accomplished. Pride is a large part of the band. You should be able to walk away from this experience saying, "I belong to the Northwest High School Marching Band!!"

By accepting membership into the Northwest High School Marching Band, you agree to perform to the best of your abilities and work hard together with the band staff in making this year's band the finest musical organization that our combined efforts can produce.

You are expected to:

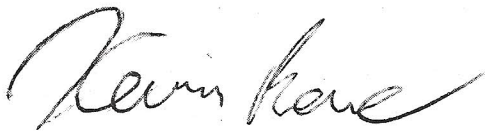
Report consistently and on-time to all rehearsals and performances. Students must be in the right place at the right time; in the proper dress or uniform with your music, instrument, and/or other required equipment; and ready to put forth your best effort to create a fine product.

Practice with hard work and dedication.

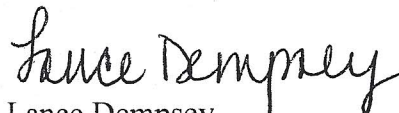
Cooperate fully with your leaders, knowing that you will be held accountable for your actions and your contribution to the success of this organization.

Let's make this year very memorable and great. Be excited to take this band to the next level.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Rouse
Music Director
Northwest High School



Lance Dempsey
Principal
Northwest High School

Band Chain Of Command

1. The Director is in charge of administering the visual and musical aspects of the show. The Director is also in charge of teaching the music and marching.
2. The Percussion Instructor is directly responsible to the Director. This person is in charge of all aspects of the drum line, including: teaching music, cadence, warm-ups, and marching/maneuvering. They are in charge of running and maintaining sectional rehearsals, as well as contributing during the full band rehearsals.
3. The Auxiliary Instructor is directly responsible to the Director. This person is in charge of the entire aspect of the color guard.
4. The Drill Writer is directly responsible to the Director. This person will be working closely with the Director to come up with the appropriate drill for the show. He/she will also teach the drill to the Marching Band, and will be in charge of instructing what is going on during the learning of the drill.
5. The Instructors are directly responsible to the Director. These people will be a large help in learning the music in ensemble and sectional time and will assist in helping teaching the drill.
6. The Drum Major is directly responsible to the Director. They will have specific responsibilities assisting in the drilling of the band in rehearsals and performances. This person will be a good musician and have great leadership qualities.
7. The Section Leaders will be appointed through the recommendation of the Director. Section Leaders are responsible for their specific section of the band. They are to help maintain order during all events, to act as a leader and a helper for their section, and call sectionals if needed.
8. The Northwest High Marching Band Members are the back bone of the Marching Band. It is you who will determine if this will be a great Marching Band. You are our future leaders!

The instructors and I will work very hard to make this the best show and year for all of you. We ask that you cooperate with us by working hard, being on time, listening, and pushing yourselves to greatness, while enjoying your time in the band and making memories. Remember, we are there to help you achieve excellence.

