



September 2018 Newsletter

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

(Full calendar can be found on our website www.crnband.org)

September 21	Game vs Pennsbury Senior Recognition Night Senior families report to Cafeteria at 5:45pm Families, please fill the stands early to cheer on our Senior families!!!	5:00pm Report, band uniform 7:00pm Kickoff
September 21	CR Invitational program/ad forms due	Lockbox
September 25	Jazz Band interest meeting	6:00pm
September 26	Full Band Photo @ CR-N Mural "Ford Drive 4 UR School" Fundraiser Event	3:00pm Report 4:00-7:00pm
September 28	Football Game at Truman H.S.	4:00pm Report 7:00pm Kickoff
September 30	Collegiate Marching Band Festival, Allentown	Optional
October 2	Band Section Photos	Schedule below
October 3	Band Hawai'i Trip Invoice #4 due	Via Mail or Lockbox
October 6	Football game vs. Abington Band Day with Newtown MS & Fall Festival BPA Meet & Greet with NMS Band Parents	11:00am Report 2:00pm Kickoff
October 10	CRBPA General Meeting in Cafeteria CRBPA Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 pm 8:00 pm
October 12	Football game at Souderton HS	4:00pm Report 7:00pm Kickoff
October 13	Council Rock Invitational (South hosts)	1:00pm report



COMING EVENTS...

Coach Bag / BINGO fundraiser event – October 18

Halloween Parade, Trunk-or-Treat, Clothing Drive, and Neshaminy Competition – October 27

Chipotle Fundraiser – November 13

TIME AND DATE CHANGE:

Football game vs Bensalem was moved to October 20th. Our Band is not going to the game due to the competition at William Tennent that day.

A Note from our Band Director:

Hello Band Parents and Members,

It seems as though we just started, but we're already over halfway through September. There have already been a few football game performances, and now we are approaching competition season.

Speaking of competition season, I have a brief message for the parents—particularly rookie parents. If this is your first experience with competitive Marching Band, here are a few bullet points about how all of this works:

*We compete in two different circuits: Local Festivals (the CR Invitational and Neshaminy) and Cavalcade of Bands (at William Tennent, Hatboro-Horsham, and Championships). In both instances, we will receive numerical scores in three categories: Music, Visual, and Overall (or General) Effect. Within each of those categories, we will be adjudicated both on the overall composition of the program, and how well the band performs (often referred to as vocabulary and excellence). The first two categories (Music and Visual) are pretty self-explanatory. The third category (Overall or General Effect) deals with how the Music and Visual components of the show work together to create an interesting, aesthetically pleasing program.

*Festivals: These events are true adjudications at which each Band receives a rating of Superior, Outstanding, Excellent, etc. independent of how the other Bands perform. Each Band's rating will be announced, but their raw score will not, as such there is no ranking. All Bands are striving to achieve the highest rating possible.

*Cavalcade of Bands: These events are more of a “head to head” competition. Each Band receives a raw numerical score and is ranked among other Bands of similar size. Each week, we are not only competing against the Bands at the competition with us, but also with every other Band in our Conference. Conferences are based on the size of the Band. This year, we are competing in the “Yankee” Conference, which includes Bands between 76-100 members. Our 92 members puts us on the larger end of that conference. This Circuit Culminates with Championships at Hershey Stadium, in Hershey, PA, on the second weekend in November. You can check out scores from around the circuit at any time on cavalcadeofbands.com

*Regardless of the Circuit, parents are encouraged to sit together and cheer vigorously for our Band or any other groups that so move you! One of the best parts about competing is being able to see other groups' performances and enjoy what they are doing to push the boundaries of what Marching Bands can do!

*We will also receive a live recording of comments from each adjudicator at each competition in both circuits. These comments are an invaluable resource for continuing the growth and success of the Band throughout the season.

*It is important to note that there are very specific rules regarding synchronization rights (video recording) at marching band performances (especially Cavalcade events). Copyright laws are struggling to keep up with an increasingly online world in we share content at a faster rate every day. This has become quite a hot-button issue in the world of Marching Arts. While we can record our performances for educational and personal uses, we do not have the rights to post videos of those performances online for general consumption. *As such, please refrain from posting videos of the competition show for Marching Band to YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.* At Cavalcade events, there is only ONE official videographer for each group. All other patrons are asked to refrain from recording during the shows, and Cavalcade officials reserve the right to have violators of this policy removed from the audience. On the bright side, if you're not holding a phone in front of you, you're free to cheer more intensely for the amazing performances you'll be watching! ☺

I hope you find some of this information helpful as we embark upon our competition season! Thanks for reading, and as always, feel free to contact me with comments, questions or concerns.

Musically,

Mr. B

BAND PHOTO MAKEUP DAYS!!

On **Wednesday, September 26**, the full band/guard photo will be taken at 3:00pm at the CR North Mural. Students should report after school to the band room to dress in full uniform and be photo ready at 3:00pm. Full rehearsal will follow. Senior drivers age 18+ may test drive with the Drive 4U fundraiser until 7pm.

On **Tuesday, October 2** (not a scheduled rehearsal day), all students will take section photos according to the schedule below. Each group must be dressed and ready to go 15 min before scheduled photo time. The band members may leave once their section photo has been taken.

	Dressed by:	Photo Taken:
Clarinets	2:45	3:00-3:10
Band Officers	3:00	3:15-3:25
Seniors	3:15	3:30-3:40

Drum Line	3:30	3:45-3:55
Flute	3:45	4:00-4:10
Pit	4:00	4:15-4:25
Saxophones	4:15	4:30-4:40
Trombone/Baritone	4:30	4:45-4:55
Trumpet/Mellophone	4:45	5:00-5:10
Tuba	5:00	5:15-5:25
Color Guard	5:15	5:30-5:40



Our band students and staff extend a HUGE thank you to all our parents who have stepped up to help with events and games, and for cheering the band with abandon. Thanks to **RENEE LAEVSKY**, our new Sunshine Coordinator! If you know of a band family needing some sunshine, contact Renee at raghouse4@gmail.com. We are still seeking a Newsletter Editor, the position is easy and flexible, contact Susan Sciaratta at kevinbsusan@msn.com if interested. Please check the SignUp Genius on the website (www.crnband.org) for open spots, we still need a few helpers with Color Guard at upcoming games and competitions. We also need a few volunteers to help run the Drive 4 UR School event on September 26th, see below for details.

*Reminder: all volunteers having regular and direct interaction with CR students must have your clearances submitted **prior to** volunteering.* Please use this link to access the links to clearance reporting: <https://www.crsd.org/Page/43435> If you have your clearances completed for another job or volunteer position, you must file a Council Rock Affidavit form. All paperwork should be delivered to the Chancellor Center, Chancellor Street, Newtown Borough.

HAWAII TRIP FUNDRAISING

We encourage all band students and families to promote all fundraisers. Primarily, they will defray our costs to transport and rent band equipment for the Hawaii Band Trip in 2019. Our Trip Treasurer, Kathy Butler, has sent out via email Invoice #4 which is due October 3.

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presents the...

**FORD
DRIVE
4 UR SCHOOL**



FUNDRAISER!

For every person who takes a test-drive in a Ford vehicle during our event, Ford will donate \$20 to the Council Rock North Marching Band to help send us to Hawaii!*

Wed September 26 4 PM — 7 PM	Concessions Raffles & Prizes Music	Council Rock North High School
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*Drivers must be 18 years or older; \$20 per household; All proceeds go toward the CRN Marching Band Hawaii Trip Fund.

All CR-North seniors age 18+ and their parents and grandparents who complete a test drive will be entered in a raffle to win TWO FREE PROM TICKETS!!! The event will also have food and dessert concessions and free car seat checks. We need a few volunteers to help with the test drive event. Please contact Kate Kay at goalielaxmom01@gmail.com if you can help for any amount of time.

The next Hawaii fundraiser is **October 18th** – BINGO / Coach Bag night. This is an *individual* fundraiser! Watch this space next month for details.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27th is a big day for our band! First there is the Newtown Halloween parade that steps off at 9:00am. The Student Leadership will give more information about costumes. Then, the highly anticipated Trunk-or-Treat will commence in the CR North parking lot next to the practice field. Please consider participating by decorating your car trunk (see above photos from 2018) and offering treats. A prize will be awarded to the best voted trunk! Newtown Middle School band students are encouraged to participate in these two events.

Between 9-11am the same day, please drop off your unwanted clothing, shoes, coats, backpacks and other items at the trunk-or-treat parking lot, and the band will earn \$\$\$ for every pound of items collected. Proceeds of this fundraiser go to Color Guard (see flyer below). Our collection goal is 150 bags of items!!

But wait...there's more! Students will stay at school and rehearse, and then leave from CR-North for the Neshaminy Band Competition. **The CRBPA will feed your students a light meal before leaving for the competition.** Go North!



Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser for:



Council Rock North

Color Guard

When:

Saturday, October 27th, 9-11am

Where:

Parking lot @ CRHS North, next to Trunk or Treat event!

Contact:

Judene Steyn 609-647-5169

**Help our organization raise funds by
cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements.
Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags.
All styles & colors of bags are accepted. Every bag counts.
Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again.
The more our collection weighs...the more we raise.
Thank you for your support!**



Acceptable Gently Used Items:

Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Pillowcases, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks and New Diapers.



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UNIFORM INFO

Now that we are close to competition season, please make sure your Dinkles are polished and your gloves are clean every week! For any uniform issues, contact Lois O'Donnell at odonnell@comcast.net or Vicki Benson at benson995@aol.com.

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER:

Receive Brief Texts from Mr. Bishop! Just text @crnm to 81010

This service uses Remind.com, a secure communication app for teachers

For Those on Facebook...

The CRBPA has a public Facebook page that you should “like!” Go to “Council Rock North Band Parents Association” on Facebook. These postings are for public view. Share this page on your timeline, and invite your friends and family members to “like” this page as well.

Shutterfly Site to View or Upload Photos and Videos!

Go to <https://councilrocknorthmarchingband.shutterfly.com> and sign-in or register for Shutterfly. Then you can request permission for access to our Shutterfly site.

COLLEGIATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

If you would like to see several CR North band alumni or if your student is interested in marching band in college, don't miss the Collegiate Marching Band Festival in Allentown on Sunday, September 30. The Festival is a place for college bands to perform for one another, for enthusiastic crowds and for high school band members. The event has grown with over 6,000 spectators and 4,000 performers!

Tickets are available online at <http://vivaceproductions.com/cmbf/>. Adults - \$15 online (\$20 at the gate), Students (K-12th grade) - \$13 online (\$15 at the gate), Seniors (65+) - \$13 online (\$15 at gate), Kids < 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at Gates 1, 3, and 4. *No credit cards are accepted.* The J. Birney Crum Stadium is located at 2001 West Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18104. The schedule of bands follows:

<i>23rd Annual</i>	
Collegiate Marching Band Festival	
12:00 PM	EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY
12:15 PM	WILKES UNIVERSITY
12:30 PM	CLARION UNIVERSITY
12:45 PM	MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY
1:00 PM	MORAVIAN COLLEGE
1:15 PM	BOSTON UNIVERSITY
1:30 PM	KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY
1:45 PM	LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE
2:00 PM	SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY
2:15 PM	INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PA
2:30 PM	GETTYSBURG COLLEGE
2:45 PM	MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
3:00 PM	SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
3:15 PM	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
3:30 PM	SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
3:45 PM	TOWSON UNIVERSITY
4:00 PM	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
4:15 PM	WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
4:30 PM	UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
4:45 PM	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS