

2024-2025

Parent/Student Handbook

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Welcome to the Council Rock North Band Family

The Council Rock North Marching Band is a family of musicians and performers who work together to foster a spirit of teamwork, school spirit, and a passion for music and the performing arts. The marching band performs at Football Games, Band Competitions, Parades, and other community events. The friends you make in marching band may be some of your best friends throughout high school and beyond. The memories you make will stay with you forever!

Whatdowedo?

- We make Music with a Visual story that is on the Move
- We have fun
- We perform at Council Rock North Football Games
- We perform at Marching Band Festivals and Competitions
- We become a musical family

During Band Camp, the marching band practices the basics of marching and playing while learning the music of the 2024 field show. *BAND CAMP* is the time when most High School Bands learn their show. *These 2 weeks of rehearsal in August are mandatory for everyone on the team!* The staff of the band creates a show that is uniquely suited to the members of the current band, including the drill formations that correlate to the music.

Each member of the band is KEY! *There is no "bench" in the marching band*! Every student is a starting player, a visual soloist, and an essential cast member needed to make the drill formations, music, and choreography that we perform. For that reason, we need all of our team here for EVERY rehearsal and performance!

In the fall, we work on refining and improving our 2024 production to make it the best it can be. We continue to perform at football games, but we also begin the band competition season. Band competitions exist to foster a spirit of camaraderie amongst the many bands, while offering performance opportunities that showcase our band members as the star attraction! This year, North is scheduled to compete in festivals and in USBands Competitions. Our Fall Sport of Marching Band usually concludes in early November, while our Concert Band, Indoor Color Guard, and Jazz Band continue all year!

All Rehearsals and Performances are Mandatory. Check with your family now to make sure you are available. If there are any conflicts, have your parents notify Mr. Filosi in writing or

email him at mark.filosi@crsd.org. Our Band Family will receive timely updates on any changes to our rehearsals, performances, or protocols as we move forward. Again, attendance at performances is vital to our success!!!



How often do we rehearse?

Beginning in September, we rehearse as follows <u>WITH EXCEPTIONS</u> due to school holiday/closure:

Mondays: Winds 3:30 – 6:00 pm (Band Room for Music)

Guard 3:30 - 6:00 pm (*Outside*)

Percussion & Pit 3:30 - 6:00 pm (*Outside*)

Tuesdays: OFF

Wednesdays: 3:30-6:00pm Full Band Thursdays: 3:30-6:00pm Full Band

Fridays: Times TBA Football Games (have some Thur & Sat too)
Saturdays Times TBA Competitions (Rehearsals on these days)
Student Leaders are to arrive at 2:45pm during the school year unless otherwise directed.

Please note the schedule as some games might be on Thursdays or Saturdays due to holiday scheduling

SUMMER SECTIONALS

The North Marching Band performs weekly sectionals over the summer after July 4 until we reach BAND CAMP. Our rehearsals will be held indoors at North unless otherwise noted. This information will be provided as we get closer to the summer. Your student section leader will organize these meetings. They will be held at CR North band Room every Monday between 12:00 and 5:00 PM (as organized by your section leader). They will be about 2 hours in length. We must be out of the building by 5 PM as that is when summer hours end for our building and maintenance staff.

Each of these rehearsals is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged as we get a head start into our season. This is our chance to dig into the music and to work on our marching skills prior to band camp. If you will be out of town on vacation, or have a pre-existing conflict, that is not a problem. Just remember to communicate this in writing to Mr. Filosi at mark.filosi@crsd.org

BAND CAMP

Attendance at Band Camp <u>is MANDATORY</u> for all members of the 2024 Marching Band and Color Guard. This is when we learn our production. *We plan our vacations AROUND this!*

Student Leaders must arrive at 7:30 AM for daily briefing

August 12th – **16**th 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Mon - Fri **August 19**st – **2**^{3rd} 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Mon – Fri

MONDAY & TUESDAY, August 26th & 27th__9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Preview Night August 28th Times TBA - PICTURE DAY

First Game Friday August 30th @ Neshaminy Call Time 4pm

Thursday August 24th we will end Band Camp at 4:00 for the yearly BAND PICNIC.

Student leaders arrive :30 early to be briefed on the day unless otherwise directed.

WHAT TO BRING:

- 1-GALLON PERSONAL WATER COOLER Fill this with ice and water before you leave the house each day. Be sure to label your water cooler with your NAME. YOU MUST HYDRATE!!!
- YOUR INSTRUMENT/EQUIPMENT
- MUSIC work on memorization over the summer rehearsals.
- **PENCILS** (at least 2)
- BAG LUNCH to eat on campus. Try to eat healthy food that won't spoil. There will be no ordering out!
- A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- Backpack for all of your STUFF
- DEODORANT

WHAT TO WEAR:

- SNEAKERS WITH LACES NO Sandals or Flip Flops, you WILL be sent home!
- SHORTS T-SHIRT
- SUNSCREEN
- BUG REPELLENT
- A HAT OR HEAD COVERING (Not Optional!)
- SUNGLASSES

WHAT TO DO EACH DAY:

- EAT BREAKFAST!!!!! (Proteins are best in the morning
- ARRIVE AT 8:00AM EACH DAY
- Do everything we ask to the best of your ability © Don't worry, we'll teach you how
- Go out of your way to do or say something nice and sincere to someone you don't know
- Always be respectful of staff and students
- DRINK MORE WATER!!!!
- Get Plenty of Sleep each night
- REPEAT

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- TO HAVE FUN! Hard Work and Results Lots of repetition
- You will make some of the best friends and memories of your LIFE! ©

WHAT WE DO ON A TYPICAL BAND CAMP DAY: (weather may dictate changes) This

is a SAMPLE Schedule. Times will vary each day as needed.

7:30 am Student Leaders for daily briefing

8:00 am

Arrive at North

To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is

WRONG!

8:15 am Conditioning and Stretching

In this sport of the arts, we must prepare our bodies to be successful at marching and playing through basic calisthenics, light running and light stretching.

8:30 am <u>Visual Basics</u>

This is where we perfect the art of marching and moving through space with our instruments. We cover Forward Motion, Backward Motion, Slide, Oblique, Flutter and Jazz Runs.

10:00 am Learn Drill

Marching members are given a list of coordinates and page numbers and are taught how to find their place on the football field. We practice finding the coordinates of each "CHART" and we practice moving to and from each chart. Whenever possible, we learn any visual moves or choreography as part of this process. This is the most important thing we do in Band Camp!

12:30 am **Lunch**

1:30 pm <u>Music Sectionals (Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, etc.)</u>

Staff, Officers, and Section Leaders will lead you through our basic training exercises, show music, and stand tunes.

2:30 pm Music Full Ensemble (Horns, Percussion, Pit, Guard in Auditorium)

The staff will guide rehearsals in order to put the larger sections of the band together.

3:30 pm Stand Tunes

4:30 pm Fun Activity

5:00 pm Dismissal (It may take us about 15 minutes to put our equipment away at 5:00)

Attendance Policy

As mentioned before, attendance at rehearsals and performances are mandatory and is vital to the success of our organization. Marching band is a registered class. Therefore, your final

grade will be dependent on your attendance at both. Listed below are examples of what an excused and unexcused absence will look like. Unexcused absence at performances will result in a lowering of final grade for those registered for the class.

Excused Absences

Severe or sudden illness or Injury that would prevent you from performing

School Absence (If you sign in late for school, you must be at rehearsal)

Weddings/Bar Mitzvahs (This must me given to me IN WRITING no more than 1 month before a performance)

Funerals/Sudden death in the family

College Visits (During rehearsals and seniors only, visits during performances will be unexcused) SATs (See Bottom of Page 11)

Unexcused Absences

Sporting Events (AKA Phillies, Flyer, Eagles, Sixers...etc)

Celebrations (Birthday parties, anniversary parties, family picnics, etc)

Driving Tests

Work (please plan work around band, let your employer know your band schedule)

Recreational Travel (shore, family trips, concerts, etc)

Private Lessons (students are strongly encouraged to use Tuesdays for their private lessons)

Even if you are absent from school, we DO NOT have access to the absentee bulletin. We must be contacted through REMIND or EMAIL mark.filosi@crsd.org for this to be excused.

If you sign in late you MUST be at rehearsal

If you sign out early, or go home ill when school ends, please have your parents Email me at mark.filosi@crsd.org BEFORE rehearsal which begins promptly at 3:30 PM. Students should NOT call "student leaders or other band members" to relay messages to staff or this will be an unexcused absence

If you have a conflict in school (missed work, detention, etc) it is YOUR responsibility to inform us BEFORE the date in question.

Student leaders are NOT permitted to excuse ANYONE

In conclusion, we ask all parents and students to plan AROUND our band schedule. Unexcused absences will lead to a student being pulled from a performance, removed from the field show, or removed from the band entirely. Also, not knowing your work becomes a SAFETY issue for other students involved.

2024-2025 Marching Band Performance Schedule (subject to change)

Friday 8/30 - Football @ Neshaminy - Call Time 4PM

Friday 9/6 - Football (Home) vs CB East - Call time 4:30 PM

Friday 9/13 - Football (Home) vs Upper Dublin - Call Time 4:30 PM

• Saturday 9/14 - USBands Competition - @ Central Bucks East - Call Time TBA

Friday 9/20 - Football @ Truman - Call Time 4 PM

- Saturday 9/21 USBands Competition- @ Quakertown HS Call Time TBA
- Saturday 10/5 USBands Competition @ North Penn HS Call Time TBA

Thursday 10/10 - Football @ Bensalem - Call Time 4:30 PM

Saturday 10/19 - 1:00 PM Football (Home) vs Souderton (Senior Recognition Night)
 (Middle School Band Day) – USBands State Championships @ Downingtown West- Call
 Time 11 AM

Friday 10/25 - Football North vs South Game - Call Time 4:30 PM

- Saturday 10/26 Newtown Halloween Parade Call Time & Details TBA (In the Morning), Trunk or Treat & Picnic @ North Afterwards (PSAT DAY)
- Saturday 11/2 USBands Competition @ William Tennent (SAT DAY) Call Time TBA
- Sunday 11/10 USBands Grand Nationals @ J. Birney Crum Stadium Call time TBA (Keep Sat 11/9 open on your Calendars also in case we move to group 3A)
- Wednesday 11/13 Stadium Review Concert 7pm (Auditorium) (NMS Band Day Rain Makeup) Call Time 6PM

Friday 11/29 – Tree Lighting Ceremony, Washington Crossing, PA (9-12 grade only, volunteers, this is run by concert band director)

Sunday 12/1 - Newtown Holiday Parade (9-12 grade only) - Call time & Details TBA

Monday 5/26/2025 - Newtown Memorial Day Parade (9-12 grade only) - Call Time & Details TBA

USBands will release our performance times 2 weeks prior to a USBands performance

A weekly itinerary will be sent to all parents and students through Email and Remind at the beginning of each week to keep everyone in the know. All information and details for the week and details for performances will be relayed.

2024-2025 CR North Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule (Subject to Change)

August (Band Camp)

Mon 8/12 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7am)

Tues 8/13 - 8:00-5:00 - Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am) - uniform fitting 6-9

Wed 8/14 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am) – uniform fitting 6-9

Thur 8/15 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am) – uniform fitting 6-9

Fri 8/16 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am) – uniform fitting 6-9

Mon 8/19 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am)

Tues 8/20 - 8:00-5:00 - Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am) Wed

8/21 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am)

Thurs 8/22 – 9:00-4:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders 8:30am) Band Picnic, Core Creek 6pm

Fri 8/23 – 8:00-5:00 – Band Camp (Student Leaders Report 7:30am)

Mon 8/26 – 9:00-4:00 – Rehearsal (Student Leaders 8:30am)

Tues 8/27 – 9:00-4:00 – Rehearsal (Student Leaders 8:30am)

***Wed 8/28 – 7pm PARENT PREVIEW PERFORMANCE W/SOUTH @ WALT SNYDER STADIUM,

THIS IS ALSO OUR PICTURE DAY, Report time TBA at a later Date, this will be earlier in the day*** ***
Fri 8/30 – FOOTBALL AWAY @ NESHAMINY - Call time 4pm ***

September

Wed 9/4 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Thurs 9/5 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

*** Fri 9/6 - FOOTBALL HOME vs CB EAST - Call time 4:30pm ***

Mon 9/9 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Wed 9/11 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Thur 9/12 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

*** Fri 9/13 - FOOTBALL HOME vs UPPER DUBLIN - Call Time 4:30pm***

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*** Sat 9/14 - USBands COMPETITION @ CB EAST - Call Time TBA ***
Mon 9/16 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Wed 9/18 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Thur 9/19 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
*** Fri 9/20 - FOOTBALL AWAY @ TRUMAN - Call Time 4pm ***
*** Sat 9/21 - USBands COMPETITION @ QUAKERTOWN - Call Time TBA ***
Mon 9/23 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Wed 9/25 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Thur 9/26 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ pm)
*** Fri 9/27 - FOOTBALL vs QUAKERTOWN (Homecoming & Band Alumni Night) - Call Time 4pm
                                      October (End of Sep)
Mon 9/30 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
*** Sat 10/5 – USBands COMPETITION @ NORTH PENN or MARPLE NEWTOWN – Call Time TBA ***
Mon 10/7 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Wed 10/9 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
*** Thur 10/10 - FOOTBALL @ BENSALEM - Call time 4pm ***
Mon 10/14 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Wed 10/16 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Thur 10/17 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)
Fri 10/18 - (3:00-4:30) Jazz Band Meeting for Students (they will get audition materials and info for jazz band)
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(*** Sat 10/19 - FOOTBALL HOME vs SOUDERTON (Senior Night & NMS Band Day) - Call Time 11am

Part 2: Group 2A USBands PA State Championships @ Downingtown West after the game ***)

Mon 10/21 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Wed 10/23 - (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Thur 10/24 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

*** Fri 10/25 – FOOTBALL NORTH vs SOUTH GAME @ WALT SNYDER – Call Time 4:30pm ***

*** Sat 10/26 – NEWTOWN HALLOWEEN PARADE, TRUNK OR TREAT & PICNIC AFTERWARS @ NORTH – Call Time TBA (in the morning, ALL GRADES)

Mon 10/28 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Wed 10/30 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

Thur 10/31 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm)

November/December/May

*** Sat 11/2 – USBands COMPETITION @ WILLIAM TENNENT – Call Time TBA *** (SAT Date)

Mon 11/4 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm) National Champs Week - Stadium

Wed 11/6 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm) National Champs Week - Stadium

Thur 11/7 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm) National Champs Week - Stadium

Fri 11/8 – (3:30-6:00) Rehearsal (Student Leaders @ 3pm) National Champs Week – Stadium

*** Sat 11/9 (PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE OPEN IN YOUR CALENDARS. IF WE MOVE TO 3A, THIS WILL BE NATIONAL CHAMPS DAY)

***Sun 10/10 – USBands Grand Nationals @ J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown PA – Call Time TBA

Mon 11/11 – (3:30-6:00) Stadium Review Rehearsal – Auditorium

*** Wed 11/13 - STADIUM REVIEW CONCERT 7pm - Call Time 6pm (Performance in Auditorium) ***

Fri 11/15 – (3:00-5:30) Jazz Band Audition Clinic (all those auditioning should attend)

Wed 11/20 - (3:00-6:00) Jazz Band Auditions

Fri 11/22 – (3:00-5:30 First Jazz Band Rehearsal (Jazz Band Parent Meeting Date and Time TBA)

*** Fri 11/29 - Tree Lighting Ceremony, Washington Crossing PA, Details TBA (9-12 Grade Only) ***

*** Sun 12/1 – Newtown Holiday Parade, Call Time & Details TBA (9=12 Grade Only) ***

*** Mon 5/26/25 – Newtown Memorial Day Parade, Time & Details TBA (9-12 Grade Only)

*** SAT dates for 2024-2025 are Sat 10/5 (We have a Competition that night), Sat 11/2. If we could try to avoid scheduling the 11/2 date (William Tennent show), it would be helpful, but sometimes these things are unavoidable. Just reach out to

Mr. Filosi @ mark.filosi@crsd.org with any conflicts so he can schedule accordingly. PSATs are on Sat 10/12 & Sat 10/26 (Halloween Parade). Keep these in mind***

*** A separate Jazz Band Rehearsal and Performance Schedule will be released to those who are in Jazz band in November

*** Showtimes for USBands are released 2 weeks before the date of performances so we won't know times until then ***

Remind App

Remind is an app you can download on your phone. All students and parents are to sign up for the app. This is a great tool that we send all of our information out to you (Return times, itineraries, updated rehearsal and performance schedule updates, etc) Below are the codes we have for you to sign up. If you have any questions, please email me at mark.filosi@crsd.org

The REMIND app is broken down to your class graduating year. For example, if you graduate in 2026, you will be on the 2026 class list on the app, very simple and easy to use. BELOW is the class code to sign up for REMIND. Just download the app and sign up for your graduating class below. This is for Parents AND students.

12th Graders - Class of 2025 - @crnmb25

11th Graders - Class of 2026 - @crnmb26

10th Graders - Class of 2027 - @crnmb27

9th Graders - Class of 2028 - @crnmb28

8th Graders - Class of 2029 - @crnmb29

UNIFORMS

The instrumentalists in the Marching Band program wear two uniforms. The traditional, Formal Uniform is worn during football games, some concerts and competitions. There is also a Summer Uniform that is worn during warm weather at the start of the football season and in the Memorial Day Parade in May. The majority of the marching band uniform is funded and provided by CRSD and the Council Rock Band Parent Association. There are, however, several items that instrumentalists are required to provide (at their own expense) to complete the marching band uniform. These are detailed and diagrammed below.

If purchasing any of the required uniform items presents a financial hardship, please contact the Band Director, Mr. Filosi, and the fees will be confidentially waived. There are also second hand components for sale at a discount.

Once the Formal Uniform is distributed, instrumentalists and their parents will be required to sign a Uniform and Equipment Agreement (similar to other organizations' requirements within CRSD). This Agreement outlines responsibilities and care for this marching band uniform.

Wearing a marching band uniform is both an honor and a privilege, but, at times, the process can seem a little overwhelming considering the many details involved with ordering, wearing and caring for the uniforms. The following overview will help guide you through the requirements; however, questions may also be directed to the Council Rock Band Parent Association Uniform Chairperson:

Megan Van Zelst meganvanzelst@gmail.com

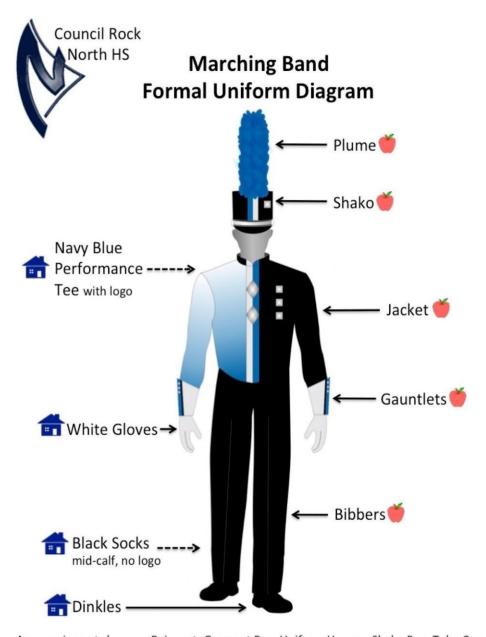
More details about the uniform, components, and ordering timeline can be found at https://www.crnband.org/marching-band-uniform-information/

FORMAL UNIFORM

- The majority of the Formal Uniform is **funded and provided** by CRSD and the Council Rock Band Parent Association (CRBPA). There are, however, a few elements in this uniform that each instrumentalist is responsible for providing at their own expense.
- **Assigning** the Formal Uniform items is a two-step process. Instrumentalists are measured in May during Mini Band Camp and then individual fittings and distribution take place in August during the first week of Band Camp.
- Each instrumentalist is issued a garment bag that holds the Formal Uniform jacket, bibbers and gauntlets. The garment bag is stored in the uniform closet in the band room. Shakos and plumes are also stored at school. Periodic cleaning of these items will be covered by CRBPA.
- Storage and cleaning of the navy blue performance tee/navy polo, white gloves, black socks, and polished Dinkles will be the *responsibility* of each instrumentalist <u>for each performance</u>.
- The formal uniform is inspected after each wear.



Image is approximate and is solely intended to detail uniform pieces, not CRN's exact design.



Accessories not shown: Raincoat, Garment Bag, Uniform Hanger, Shako Box, Tuba Cap



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