

Tips for new Band parents

1. Both parents and students should get and use the Band app on their phones. It is the primary means of communication from the band directors.
2. Make sure your student has the proper lyre for their instrument and has a flip folder **by the time band camp starts**. These are available at music stores or Amazon.
3. Band camp is a full day so have your student pack a lunch, snacks, and water. A hat and/or sunscreen is a good idea since the students spend a lot of time outdoors in the sun.
4. Order marching band shoes (Dinkles) early so that your student has them in time for the first football game. They can be ordered on the Rettig music web site and are delivered directly to the school.
5. Attend the first year parent meeting. A lot of useful information is given out at this meeting. It is also a great way to meet other first year band parents.
6. For band, there are two separate fees. There is a pay-to-participate fee of \$50 that is payable to Northview High School that can be paid at Wildcat Welcome Days. There is a separate band fee payable to Northview Band and Orchestra Boosters that is due the first day of band camp.
7. Get your student to the football games early. It takes longer for them to get ready than they anticipate! There are almost 200 students that are all trying to get their uniforms at the same time.
8. Get involved! The marching band really is a family, and welcomes new members with open arms. There are so many ways to get involved. The sign-up genius lists volunteer opportunities months in advance, and makes it easy to find something that fits your schedule.