

**NAPERVILLE CENTRAL  
MARCHING REDHAWKS**

**2011-2012 HANDBOOK**





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### **Introduction.**

Welcome to another exciting season for the Marching Redhawks! If you are new to marching band, you are about to become a member of a great group of fun, hardworking, talented students in a very high energy, exciting activity! If you are a returning member, welcome back! You know how much fun marching band can be!

Students and parents should read this entire handbook so you understand the expectations of being a member of the Marching Redhawks. Marching band is a voluntary, extracurricular activity and is the largest and most high profile band at Naperville Central. Those who have a positive attitude, regardless of their individual skills, will always have a place in the NCHS marching band. Any interested student is eligible to participate and contribute to the ensemble. There is no “second string.”

For freshman parents, we understand that the marching band program can appear daunting. But in addition to the satisfaction of watching your child grow as an individual and musician, the program provides a support group as your child enters high school. By participating in the marching band, your student will start school already knowing 100-plus students from all grade levels, helping greatly in the transition to high school.

For our youth to participate at or above the level for which our organization is recognized, parental support and involvement is absolutely necessary. (See the Parental Involvement section on page 11).

### **History.**

For decades, the Naperville Central Marching Band has played an important role in the Naperville community, participating in the Naperville Memorial Day Parade, Labor Day Parade, and halftime of all NCHS home football games.

In the fall of 1999, with new band director, D.J. Alstadt at the helm, the Marching Redhawks moved to a higher performance level as a competitive marching band. Since they began competing, the Marching Redhawks have won numerous awards and have been selected as finalists at the Illinois State University Marching Band Competition. They were also selected to appear in the Nicolas Cage movie, “The Weatherman” and can be seen in the country music video “The Boys of Fall” by Kenny Chesney!



The marching band consists of the following sections: brass (trumpets, trombones, tubas, mellophones and euphoniums); woodwinds (flutes, clarinets and saxophones); percussion (marching battery and front ensemble); and color guard (flags, rifles, sabers, etc.).

### **Leadership / Staff.**

The marching band is under the direction of band directors D.J. Alstadt, Brandon Estes and color guard coach, Lorenzo Medrano. Student leaders are selected by a leadership committee after an interview/audition process, and include the senior drum major, junior drum major, horn sergeant, drum sergeant, and section leaders.

Each year our band directors' work with a group of highly experienced and very talented staff members to design and develop a marching band show for the Marching Redhawks. This team, along with the students, work tirelessly to produce a show that we can all be proud of! Everyone on the staff of the marching band has been selected due to the skills and qualities they possess and for the benefit they can bring the band program, and should be considered an extension of the directors. They are to be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. This additional staff includes instructors for percussion, color guard, and visual (marching). The band boosters provide the funding to secure these specialists. Their salaries are a major part of the boosters' budget and are important to continue the level of excellence we have come to expect here at Naperville Central.

### **Rewards for Participation in Marching Band.**

The marching band will learn the basic show during band camp. Additions and adjustments occur weekly, and parents will notice that as the season progresses, each performance changes, becomes a little better and a little stronger, until the final culmination of their efforts at the state marching band competition at Illinois State University in late October. It is very fun to watch the progress!

Participation in marching band offers much more than playing music -- students learn leadership, motivation, personal interaction, teamwork, competitive skills, and the value that practice and hard work bring.

Marching band is similar to a varsity level sport. The band rehearses three to four afternoons per week during the fall, at all home football games on Friday nights, and all day Saturday competitions. Members receive school numerals, sophomore letter, junior letter and senior patch for completing the season in good standing.

Our students are expected to set and reach high goals for themselves and the program, and the rewards of meeting those expectations far outweigh the sacrifices! If you are up to this awesome challenge, we would love to have you as part of our team of excellence!



### **Time Commitment.**

As with any other sport or activity, participation in marching band requires a commitment of time. Before you sign the Marching Redhawk Contract, make sure you can fully commit for the entire season. Please understand that if one student misses a practice or performance, it greatly impacts the rest of the band. The drill and design of the show has been written specifically for the number of students who sign up and commit to the ensemble, and if a student drops out, the drill has to be redesigned, rewritten and re-taught, which is not only time consuming but also very costly. Please understand that the time and effort put into designing and teaching the drill is significant, which is why your commitment to the ensemble is so important.

Due to the time commitment required, marching band students will not be eligible to participate in fall sports; however, there are no conflicts with winter or spring sports. (This does not apply to color guard members who also participate in winter guard, whose competitive season is primarily winter and spring).

### **Attendance.**

Marching band members are expected to attend all summer sectionals, both weeks of band camp, the Naperville Labor Day Parade, after-school rehearsals, all home football games, and all competitions. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled as needed during the competition season.

Attendance at band camp and all scheduled rehearsals and performances are mandatory. The only exceptions to this rule are: personal illness; a wedding (family); religious observance; or family emergency. In the event you must miss or be tardy to a scheduled rehearsal or performance, you must notify the band directors and your section leader, and provide a note of explanation from your parent. Missing rehearsal for another activity, homework or a part-time job is not an acceptable excuse. Part of your commitment to the band is being able to plan your work or study schedule around the band schedule. This is the same expectation that student athletes have at NCHS.

While we urge you to avoid any scheduling conflicts with our rehearsal and performance times, we realize sometimes conflicts are unavoidable. Please see Mr. Alstadt or Mr. Estes to discuss an arrangement that can keep you involved!

### **Required Performances:**

Each year, the marching band performs at Naperville's Labor Day "Last Fling" Parade, all home football games (including play-off games), marching band competitions, and the Naperville Memorial Day Parade. From time to time, the Marching Redhawks are invited to participate in other performance opportunities. The entire schedule can be found on the Main Calendar at [www.nchsbands.info](http://www.nchsbands.info).



Please be aware that the Marching Redhawks sometimes perform in the rain (we provide raincoats). Please do not assume there is no performance due to weather. Always check with your section leader and check the band's website for information and instructions.

### **Marching Band = Physical Activity!**

Marching band is a very physical activity, not unlike any team sport. It requires participants to run, move forward, backward and side-to-side, and to be on their feet for long periods of time while carrying and playing an instrument (or color guard equipment). It is a misconception that marching band is "easy." In fact, many school districts throughout the country are giving physical education credits to marching band participants!

Due to the physical nature of the activity, it is strongly recommended that band members be provided high energy healthy food, especially for breakfast and lunch, on the day they perform. Eating proper meals can make the difference between a good performance and a great performance! Missing breakfast or eating junk food for lunch won't get them through the day. Additionally, please avoid soft drinks on rehearsal and performance days.

### **Band Camp**

Band camp consists of approximately one week at NCHS ("pre-camp"), where we begin conditioning and working on basics (marching technique), and one week at an out-of-town camp (Camp Duncan), where the band learns the drill for the show. Attendance is mandatory at both weeks of band camp. *Please note: During the construction at NCHS, pre-camp will be relocated to another local venue. After construction is completed, pre-camp will return to NCHS.*

We have been asked many times why we go away for band camp, when other schools conduct their band camp at their schools. Please keep in mind that all schools do not compete and although schools structure their band camps in different ways, they all have the same goal: to build the right habits and team bonding to set the tone for the rest of the season.

Our directors believe that going away to band camp helps the kids get to know each other better, thus making the band a tighter unit. Additionally, at an off-site camp, the kids stay focused on rehearsals during the day, learning music, drill and field placement for the show. They get to know the instructors and learn what is expected of them. Evenings are spent on social and teambuilding activities such as a dance, talent night, swimming, or simply spending time with each other in a safe and controlled atmosphere. Staff members and/or parent chaperones are present at all times and stay in the cabins with the students at night.

Until you see the positive emotions of this group of kids, you cannot understand the full effect that band camp has on them as a total band unit, the individual, and the performance level as a



team. Students will learn about themselves and how much they can accomplish with dedication. When camp is over, freshmen are transformed into Marching Redhawks!

Parents are welcome to visit during camp. You are welcome to watch the kids rehearse, but don't expect them to pay too much attention to you. They are focused on the job they need to get done. It is important to understand that parents, friends and family are *NOT allowed to bring separate meals for their student, dine with the band members, enter the student's camp housing or take the student from the camp grounds.* While at camp, the students are under the jurisdiction of District 203 and are expected to act accordingly. All District 203 rules and regulations are in effect and will be enforced.

Further details about band camp will be explained at the marching band orientation and parent meeting in the spring.

### **Rehearsal Information and Tips:**

Typically section leaders will schedule rehearsals (also known as "sectionals") throughout the summer so students can get to know each other and begin working on the National Anthem, School Song, and show music as it is distributed. These summertime sectionals are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged, particularly for freshmen. Mandatory marching band rehearsals begin in early August, with band camp. After band camp, the section leaders will schedule sectionals as needed to help improve sound and marching technique. If one section is out of step, not keeping time, or not providing proper sound, it negatively impacts the entire presentation of the band. Section leaders are responsible for keeping their sections functioning appropriately under the directors.

When school begins, the marching band typically rehearses three afternoons per week after school, and most Saturdays through October. Additional rehearsals are held prior to home football games and all competitions days, and additional sectionals and rehearsals may be scheduled as necessary. All rehearsals will be posted on the Main Calendar at [www.nchsbands.info](http://www.nchsbands.info).

The following are some tips and guidelines with regard to rehearsals:

1. **Health.** Because marching band is a physical activity, it is critical that each member take personal responsibility for their own well-being in order to be successful in rehearsal and performance. Students should make sure they get plenty of sleep, eat healthy, are well hydrated and bring water to every rehearsal.
2. **Clothing.** Wear comfortable clothing such as t-shirts and sweats or shorts. Please dress for the weather, as most of our rehearsals will be outdoors. You must follow the District 203 dress code, which can be found on the District 203 website and in the NCHS Red Book. We also recommend you wear a hat and sunglasses to rehearsals. (Note:



Sunglasses are not allowed during performances unless medically necessary – will require a note from your doctor).

3. **Sunscreen.** Students should also make sure have adequate sun protection. Sunscreen is very important!
4. **Footwear.** Proper footwear must be worn at rehearsals. Sneakers, athletic shoes or marching shoes are the only acceptable shoes to be worn at rehearsals. “Skate shoes,” high-top basketball shoes, flip-flops and sandals are not acceptable. It is important to take care of your feet, since you will be on them a lot!
5. **Items to Bring With You to Every Rehearsal.** Your instrument (in perfect playing order and with proper equipment), dot book, pencil, music stand (to be locked in band locker for outside rehearsals), bug spray, sunscreen, hat, and water bottle.
6. **Be On Time!** Rehearsals will begin on time. To be “on time” is to be early!

Every effort will be given to ending rehearsals on time; however, excessive talking by members during rehearsal will definitely affect the length of our rehearsals.

The staff makes a commitment toward using your time as efficiently as possible. We carefully plan and prepare each rehearsal so as not to waste your time. To that end, we ask the same of band members. Talking during rehearsal wastes time and must be limited to matters involving rehearsal and must not disrupt the efforts of the instructors. When an instructor is talking, band students are to be listening.

7. **Effort and Attitude.** Be actively and intently involved in the rehearsal. Just “going through the motions” during rehearsal is as bad as not being there. Your only focus should be the objectives the ensemble is trying to achieve during that rehearsal. **There is to be no unnecessary talking.**

Members are expected to give their utmost efforts during rehearsals in the pursuit of excellence in performance and to be successful as a group.

Remember, the proper attitude during rehearsal affects the value of that rehearsal. Even if you don’t understand the motivation for a rehearsal activity, have confidence that your staff does and execute as you are asked. All students should show the proper respect for their peers, staff, and leadership at all times.

**Offer encouragement to your peers, instead of criticism.** Positive attitude is the way to success.



Never be an obstacle to the success for yourself and others. Be a team player and elevate the overall focus of the group to reach the bands objectives.

**The NCHS Marching Band can only reach its highest level of success when each individual and each section are all at their highest possible effectiveness. It is the responsibility of each individual to do everything possible to reach theirs and entire teams goals.**

**Behavior Guidelines.**

1. All band members are expected to follow the instructions of any teacher, staff member or chaperone *without question* unless said instruction is a violation of civil law or moral standards.
2. All school rules and policies are in effect at all band functions.
3. Any band member possessing or using any controlled substances, which include tobacco and alcohol, during any band event, is subject to immediate removal from the band, referral to school authorities, and if applicable, the appropriate law enforcement agency.
4. Band members will not play on or play with the equipment of others. This can lead to potential damage and a general lack of respect for the property of others. If you see someone picking up an instrument or equipment that is not theirs, remind them.
5. Destructive activity will not be tolerated, whether it be something as seemingly innocent as playing on a wall, locker, or door with drumsticks, or bumping things with horns or equipment, or something more overt as deliberately damaging equipment, throwing objects, writing on walls or leaving trash around. An organization with class, mature members, and pride will not permit acts such as this. It is the responsibility of everyone to see that these types of things do not occur. If you see it, stop it. If they refuse to stop, notify a director, staff member, or chaperone immediately.
6. Band members should not remove, play with, hide, or take all or part of the uniform of others. The uniform is obviously an essential part of the performance. If you have problems with your uniform see the uniform people for assistance. Take care of your own uniform. Remember, you will be responsible for paying for repairs or replacement of your uniform if it is damaged or lost due to negligence.
7. All students travel to any off-campus activity on the bus. If you wish to ride home from an event with your parents, you must get written prior permission from the directors. Students will be released only to parents or guardians. Parent or guardian must come in person to sign out the student. Only directors may release students, not chaperones or staff. Please be aware of this policy -- it is for your protection as well as ours.



8. Band members are expected to use good judgment and show respect for others in displaying affection. No Public Display of Affection.
9. Any injury that occurs during a band function should be reported to the director without delay.
10. At any band contest, festival, trip, or other function, band members should move from place to place in a group. Do not go off by yourself, especially after dark. To leave the site, you must have permission from the director.
11. You are "performing" whenever you are in public, whether you are getting off the bus, marching to the stadium, or on break. Do not embarrass yourself and your friends by acting in an immature manner. Profanity will not be tolerated.
12. Following any football game or competition, it is your responsibility to insure that all your equipment is put away correctly.

#### **Communication:**

Communication is essential for success in any activity. Students will be given a great deal of information and instructions by their band directors, marching staff, drum majors and section leaders. As we have entered the electronic age, papers are general not sent home with students. Instead, information will be posted on the NCHS band's website home page at [www.nchsbands.info](http://www.nchsbands.info). As high school students and young adults, it is your responsibility to keep your parents informed of relevant information so that problems can be avoided whenever possible. All rehearsal and performance dates and itineraries are posted on the Main Calendar of the website; and updated information, and instructions are also posted on the home page. Please make it a habit to check the website and Main Calendar daily.

#### **Parental Involvement:**

Parents are an important part of the Naperville Central band program, and have a vital role to play. Without the assistance and cooperation of band parents, there would be no chance for the level of success we want the band to reach.

Parental help is required to help build and transport props, equipment, and front ensemble equipment throughout the season. Additionally, marching band parents are expected to volunteer to work at the NCHS Marching Classic, the competition we host at Benedictine University in Lisle.

Parents who become involved generally find it to be a very rewarding experience. The directors, staff and students greatly value the help all of our parent boosters provide and an



added bonus is getting to know the parents of the friends your student will be hanging out with!

Here are some ways parents can help:

- Attend Band Parent meetings (the spring orientation band camp meetings are very important). Additionally, the Band Booster Association Board of Directors meets monthly and all meetings are open.
- Volunteer for parent committees. There are many different areas in which we need your assistance, and everyone can find the niche that suits them best: chaperones for band camp and bus trips, helping with uniforms, transportation, prop building, equipment handling, sewing, and meals.
- Volunteer for the Marching Classic (the marching band competition we host) held at Benedictine University in Lisle.
- Be supportive of the band program and your child's participation by:
  1. Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal and performance.
  2. Notifying the director in advance if your child is to be absent or late for performance or rehearsal.
  3. Encouraging your child to practice at home and help them find a quiet place to do so.
  4. Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible.
  5. Discussing with directors and staff anything that will help them understand and better serve your child.
  6. Arranging for private lessons for your child, if at all possible.

We all have been freshmen parents, and we know how intimidating or overwhelming the first year can be. Veteran band parents are willing to answer your questions! All BBA booster board members' email addresses are listed on the website. If there are any questions or concerns, these parents can answer them or lead you to the people with the answers. Along with showing you the ropes, veteran parents can assist in making the adjustment easy and very enjoyable. We can't repeat this enough - we were all freshman parents once. You'll have a lot of questions, so



please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members or other veteran band parents to get answers!

Please remember that the band directors often don't have the same perspective that another parent may have, and we suggest asking questions of another parent before you go to the directors with general program questions.

### **Chaperones:**

It is the policy of the NCHS Band Program that all band chaperones be fingerprinted and background checked through District 203 before they are allowed to ride buses or chaperone overnight trips (including band camp). This is for the safety of our students and the overall program.

Chaperones are extensions of the authority of the directors. Without the dedication of our chaperones and other adults that assist with the band, we could not travel or perform in the way we do.

Please remember that all of our parent volunteers work hard, and the only payment they receive is our appreciation. Be respectful, polite, cooperative, and remember that the words "Thank You" cost you nothing but are highly valued by the recipient.

### **Travel / Trip Information:**

The Marching Redhawks will regularly travel to off-campus locations, such as competitions. Below are some rules for out-of-town bus trips:

- Students will sign up in advance for the bus they will ride. This bus assignment will remain in effect all season.
- The itinerary for the day will always be announced at rehearsals and posted on the website the week of the competition.
- Many people use the bus trip to sleep or study. Students are asked to be courteous to each other and to the chaperones and bus drivers. Everyone on all buses are bound by District 203 rules and regulations, which can be found in the NCHS Red Book.
- No food or drinks will be allowed on buses at any time.
- Absolutely NO flash photos are to be taken on the buses while they are moving. This is a danger to the bus driver.



- During the entire duration of the trip, every member of the Marching Redhawks is an official representative of Naperville Central High School and is expected to conduct themselves as respectful, mature ladies and gentlemen.
- Remain in seat while bus is moving. Do not kneel in seats or sit facing backwards.
- No loud talking or profanity. No horseplay. No playing of instruments on the bus. This includes drumming on the seats.
- Do not yell from the buses. Hands, arms and other body parts inside the bus at all times.
- Dress for the weather! Please pay attention to the weather forecast and plan accordingly. It will make your experience better if you are prepared.

The Marching Redhawks will also travel to off-campus locations, including overnight trips, such as parades at Walt Disney World and other high visible functions. These trips are usually optional and will be announced well in advance, to help with financial planning and scheduling.

### **Uniform Guidelines:**

The uniforms of the Marching Redhawks are replaced every 10 years; therefore, we hope to keep them looking good for as long as possible. A significant amount of money has been invested not only in the uniforms, but also in uniform storage.

Uniforms are to be neatly hung on the uniform racks in garment bags. Gauntlets and gloves are to be stored in the zipper pouch of the garment bag. Students will be taught how to properly hang their uniform by our uniform team.

- You are never to eat while in uniform.
- Hats are to be stored upright in their boxes. Hats should never be placed down on their tops.
- Shoes, socks and black Under Armor shirts are to be taken home and cleaned after each performance. They are NEVER to be left in the garment bag or on the uniform racks.
- Shoes are to be clean and polished. We recommend writing your initials inside the shoes, to help prevent them from becoming lost or worn by another member.
- Your entire uniform, including gauntlets, must be worn at all performances.



- Uniforms must look neat at all times. Wrinkled uniforms are not acceptable. You will NOT be allowed to march if you are missing uniform parts or if your uniform looks anything less than perfect.
- Make sure the bottoms of the pants legs are hemmed and NOT dragging on the ground!! They should be hemmed two inches from the floor, while wearing your marching shoes. Hems should be sewn, not pinned or taped. There will be a "pants check" to ensure this is enforced! All pants must be hemmed before the first performance. If you do not know of anyone who can properly hem your pants, arrangements can be made for you to have them done at very reasonable cost. If you need help, please contact the BBA Uniform Coordinator.
- Socks are to be black and matching.
- Black shirts are required to be worn under the uniform (we recommend Under Armor). Please note: all shirts worn under the uniform jacket must have sleeves, either long or short.
- Jackets are always to be completely zipped and hooked - unless otherwise told.
- Hair is to be up in the hats - including "tails"; hair must be over the collar. Hair bands and barrettes need to be neutral.
- No jewelry.
- No make up, unless in the Guard, as part of the 'costume.'
- No running, swearing, or disrespect in uniform...EVER!!!
- Sunglasses may not be worn during any performances unless medically necessary (a note from a doctor will be required).

Options for short trips 1) Remove the coat and hat or; 2) Wear the coat completely: snapped collar and zipped up all the way. The simple basic rule is: If you have the coat on, wear it as a uniform or take the coat completely off and carry it. One or the other - no middle ground - ever!

Sometimes we may do a show in our band t-shirts, in this case everyone will wear the show t-shirt, which you are required to purchase.

The Marching Redhawks uniform provided by NCHS consists of:

Black "bib" pants

Red, white and black jacket



Black hat (a/k/a Shako)  
Raincoat

In addition, each student must purchase the following:

Black marching shoes \*\*  
Black socks \*\*  
Black Under Armour shirt (long and/or short sleeve -- NOT SLEEVELESS) \*\*  
Black gloves  
Gauntlets \*\*  
Plume  
Marching Band t-shirt  
Garment bag \*\*

*\*\* Purchased once and re-used from year to year unless damaged. NOTE: Resources are available to assist families experiencing financial hardships. Please contact Lynne Nolan, the Dean of Student Activities with your financial aid request. All requests are confidential.*

Uniforms are dry cleaned before distribution to students. It is the student's responsibility to have complete clean, pressed uniform and polished shoes for all performances.

After the Memorial Day Parade, uniforms will be collected by our team of uniform volunteers. Please note that you will receive a bill from District 203 for any missing, torn, stained, or otherwise damaged pieces of your uniform.

### **Instrument Care:**

School-owned instruments become the responsibility of the student to whom they are issued. Any damage other than normal wear and tear will be repaired at the student's expense. Individual instruments must always be maintained in top playing condition. Always show the director your instrument before taking it for repairs.

Remember that horseplay can cause damage to instruments and equipment. Be careful with your own instrument, place it out of harm's way if it is necessary for you to put it down, and never play around with or play on anyone else's instrument.

### **Competition Guidelines for Students:**

Competition days are typically very long and begin with rehearsal, followed by loading and traveling to the competition site, unloading, warm-ups and then the performance. After awards are announced, we will return to NCHS and unload equipment and instruments before dismissal.



It is strongly suggested that marching band members get a good night's sleep the night before competition and eat a large, hearty breakfast the morning of the competition. Often students will bring a brown bag lunch (do not bring food containing nuts) and purchase concessions for dinner.

All Marching Redhawk members are expected to graciously accept the results, regardless of outcome. We will show our appreciation and respect for the other bands. The band's image is based on each individual. Our public reputation is based on our appearance and our actions. It is the responsibility of each member to insure that we present the best possible image at all times.

### **Competition Guidelines for Parents:**

Marching band competitions differ from halftime performances in that the crowd is quiet and focused on the performance! Some bands have a large following, while others do not. We hope our NCHS band parents fall into the former category. Below are some competition suggestions and tips for parents:

1. Try to sit as close to the center (50-yard line), and as high in the bleachers as possible. This is the best vantage point to see the show. Seating is on a first come basis, so being early is a good idea. Generally saving seats at competitions is frowned upon.
2. Look for other NCHS band parents and try to sit together and cheer enthusiastically for the Marching Redhawks! We suggest wearing your NCHS band spirit wear – or red and white.
3. Please cheer for all the bands – all the other band students have worked just as hard as our marching band students and deserve your appreciation! Refrain from making negative comments about any band or placement while within earshot of other audience members.
4. While the band is performing, remain seated and quiet. You should applaud at appropriate times during the performance (after a solo or something that you really like) but don't converse with others around you until after the performance has ended. No air horns or cow bells, please!
5. Many parents enjoy informally "tailgating" near the band trailer in the parking lot (with or without food). This is a great way to meet and visit with other band parents! You are encouraged to stop by.



### Cost / Student Accounts / Financial Aid:

All school activities in District 203 are fee-based. Unfortunately, the district's marching band participation fee of \$52.00 does not even come close to covering the costs necessary to operate the marching band. Below is a breakdown of each student's required marching band fees:

1.	District 203 Marching Band Fee:	\$52.00
2.	Black gloves (brass & woodwinds only)	\$ 6.00 (3 pairs )
3.	Beret (sousaphone players only)	\$ 8.00
4.	Black gauntlets (can be reused from year to year)	\$10.00
5.	Marching shoes (can be reused from year to year)	\$35.00
6.	Uniform cleaning (required of all band students)	\$10.00
7.	Garment bag (can be reused from year to year)	\$15.00
8.	Show shirt (required for all members)	\$15.00
9.	Dinners (pasta dinners before home football games & dinner at ISU)	\$60.00
10.	Band Camp	\$400.00
11.	District 203 Marching Instrument Rental Fee (for school owned instruments)	\$50.00

As with other sports and activities, the cost of marching band can be expensive. Fundraising is required of all marching band students to help earn funds to help offset some of the costs of music, drill, props, staff, transportation, meals, instruments and equipment. Each student (and/or his parent or guardian) must volunteer for three (3) fundraising shifts per year (in addition to the Marching Classic). Examples of some fundraising activities are: Ribfest; Last Fling; Bears games; Market Day distribution; poinsettia distribution, and indoor concessions. Refer to the Volunteer Calendar at [www.nchsbands.info](http://www.nchsbands.info) for available fundraising shifts.

In addition to raising funds for the overall band program, the NCHS Band Booster Association has established several fundraisers where students can earn funds to help pay their fees. A portion of the funds generated from these fundraisers are credited to the student's account, which can then be used to help pay marching band fees. Some of the fundraisers that earn credit for student accounts are: Bears games; poinsettia sales; citrus fruit sales; and ad book sales. The BBA is always looking for new fundraisers – if you have any suggestions, please contact the BBA President or Vice President.

Please refer to the band website at [www.nchsbands.info](http://www.nchsbands.info) or ask any BBA board member for more information about fundraising.

Additionally, Naperville Central High School and District 203 both have financial aid available for band students who qualify. If you would like to apply for financial aid, please contact Dean of Student Activities, Lynne Nolan, at [lnolan@naperville203.org](mailto:lnolan@naperville203.org). Your request for financial aid is always held in the strictest of confidence.

We are happy to work with families to ensure every student that wishes to participate has an opportunity to do so. No student will be turned away due to an inability to pay!



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This serves as an agreement indicating that the student and the parent have read and understood the 2011-12 Naperville Central Marching Band Handbook. Please sign and return this page promptly to Mr. Alstadt.

As a student of the Naperville Central marching band, I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all of the policies, rules and regulations contained in the Band Handbook. I will display a positive attitude at all times and will be present, prompt and prepared for all rehearsals and performances.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument / Section: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent/guardian, I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the set policies of the NCHS Marching Band Handbook. I will encourage my child to maintain high scholastic standards in all classes and will work to ensure that my child will be prepared, prompt and present for all band rehearsals and performances.

I further understand that the primary source of communication for the marching band is the website located at [www.nchsbands.info](http://www.nchsbands.info), and it is my obligation to check the website regularly for information, itineraries, and schedule changes.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email address: \_\_\_\_\_