



Nease High School  
Panther Pride Band  
Handbook  
2017-2018

[Prideofstjohns.org](http://Prideofstjohns.org)



As a member of the Nease Band program, you are expected to set high goals for yourself and the program. The success of YOUR band program first requires that YOU be **100%** dedicated and committed to doing your part in reaching our goals! The rewards of reaching those goals are immeasurable in the development of our students as well-rounded human beings. In addition, it is our belief that “the process is just as important as the product.” This places the emphasis on the development and growth of each individual student, not just on specific performances. Members of the NHS Band develop musically, emotionally, mentally, socially, and physically during their time in the program. Objectives include character-building, commitment, cooperation, dependability, determination, discipline, leadership, punctuality, respect, responsibility, and self-control.

This handbook contains guidelines, regulations, and information to ensure the success of YOUR band. Please **read this handbook carefully** so that you may understand at the outset what is expected of you and what you should expect as a member of the band. Knowledge of the contents of this handbook will provide each student and parent with an understanding of how he/she may best contribute to the productivity and overall success of the program, resulting in the optimum individual experience.

The last few pages of this handbook are pages with required acknowledgment and signature from both parents and students. Please pull those pages off once you have read this handbook, sign and return at our “Signing Day” with your Reserve your Spot Fee or mail to the following address. Should you mail your signed pages and payment, please also be sure to log onto [prideofstjohns.org](http://prideofstjohns.org), click Registration and officially register your student for the upcoming year.

Forms that need to be signed and returned include:

- Handbook and Financial Commitment Form (**required**)
- Medical Form and Release (**required**)
- School Instrument Rental Form (if applicable)
- Drivers of Volunteer Vehicles (if planning to Volunteer/Chaperone. Be sure you are an approved Volunteer through St. Johns County first)
- Scholarship or Payment Plan Application(if applicable)

Please return forms to the tan box in the band room if available. If not, please mail to:

Nease Band Boosters  
2220 CR 210 W  
STE 108 PMB 140  
St. Johns, FL 32259

# EXPECTATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES & RULES

## OVERVIEW OF STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

*Each band member is expected to do the following:*

- Attend all rehearsals and performances as required - the minimum expectation is 100% attendance.
- Be on time for all classes, rehearsals, and performances.
- Be prepared for rehearsals and performances. Have instrument, dot charts, music/flip-folder, lyre, pencil, extra reeds, valve oil, mutes, flags, sabers, rifles, etc.
- Keep instruments/equipment in performance condition (both personal and school owned)
- Understand the duties of the Officers and work with them and not against them.
- Practice regularly at home (30 minutes per day min.) and study privately if at all possible.
- Keep the band facility neat, orderly, and free of litter. Store instruments/equipment and music in assigned places, NOT ON THE FLOOR. **Do not** leave books or personal belongings on the floor in the band room.
- If you use something, PUT IT BACK (i.e. stands, chairs, music folders, etc.)
- Keep up with and be responsible for the music, equipment, uniform, etc. issued to him/her.
- Fulfill "Dues" obligation in a timely manner. Fundraising activities are provided. Please contact Student Accounts if you are in need assistance.
- Relay important information to parents/guardians.
- Attend and Volunteer at FCMI. Students are required to volunteer at our annual First Coast Marching Invitational. Service hours are received.
- Act in a dignified manner treating each other with respect. This includes members of other bands and schools.
- Abide by the St. Johns County Schools Code of Student Conduct, Nease High School Student Rules and the Nease Band Handbook

## OVERVIEW OF PARENT EXPECTATIONS

*Each band parent is expected to do the following:*

- Help their student be on time for classes, rehearsals and performances – whether that be by encouragement for self-drive students or by driving.
- Keep up to date on all band news and activities by reading the weekly "band blast" newsletter, etc. Our newsletter is our primary source of communication. Please be sure to provide correct email address and keep it up to date throughout the year.
- Fulfill "Dues" obligation in a timely manner. Fundraising activities are provided. Limited Scholarships may be available for qualifying students. Please contact Student Accounts for details.
- VOLUNTEER!!! There are a number of areas where volunteers are needed to help your child's band (and therefore YOUR band) run smoothly. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator for details
- Volunteer at FCMI (First Coast Marching Invitational). We need at least one parent from each family to volunteer for a shift or two. This is a HUGE fundraiser for the band and we need all hands on deck!

# COMMUNICATION

## AS A STUDENT, HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

- The Band Director will inform you – pay attention
- Written on board in Band Room
- Your Officers will inform you
- Information will be posted on the band Facebook group and/or your section Facebook group. These are “secret” groups and each student will be invited to join in order to keep up with details/happenings.
- Weekly “Band Blast” emailed newsletter (please provide **your** email address upon registration and keep it up to date throughout the year)
- Our Google Calendar (on website)

## AS A PARENT, HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

- Ask your student. Information is provided to them to pass along to you.
- Weekly “BAND BLAST” emailed newsletter (please provide **your** email address that you check at least weekly upon registration and keep it up to date throughout the year) **This is the primary means of communication to you.**
- Facebook group
- Website
- Email the proper Board Member, Manager or Committee Chair
- Our Google Calendar (on website)

Please ensure that we have your current email address when you fill out the paperwork for the band. Our primary source of Communication will always be the Weekly Band Blast. Occasionally an extra blast will be sent if it is something important that cannot wait until the following week. If you are not receiving a newsletter on a weekly basis (starting after you register online), please contact our Communication Secretary: [neasebandcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:neasebandcommunications@gmail.com)

# **BAND ORGANIZATIONS**

## **MARCHING BAND – NEASE HIGH SCHOOL PRIDE OF ST JOHNS**

Description	The “Pride of St Johns” Marching Band operates during the fall and is a competitive marching band traveling throughout NE and Central Florida. It is comprised of wind players, front ensemble (by audition*), battery (by audition*) and field guard (by audition**)
Activities*	“Rookie” Camp for Wind Playing Freshmen, Sophomores, New Students & Officers Percussion Camp for Percussionists Guard Rehearsals for all Field Guard Students FULL Band Camp for all Marching Band Students Football Games (Home and Away) Pep Rallies as applicable Selected marching competitions FBA District Marching MPA FCMI
Rehearsal Schedule	Daily Class Meetings After School and some Saturday Rehearsals (see Rehearsals)

\*Percussion auditions for Marching band are typically held in May each year

\*\*Field Guard audition are typically held in the middle of May each year and are comprised of a 2 week long workshop (Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5 – 7:30PM) with the last Thursday being the actual audition. A mandatory parent meeting for Field Guard is hosted to discuss commitments, dues, calendar, etc.

## **CONCERT BAND**

*Students will audition and be selected for one of 2 or 3 bands.*

*Bands are re-auditioned each year*

Description	Concert Bands Typically comprise of Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony, Symphonic and/or Concert Bands. Concert Season runs from end of November (after marching season) to end of year.
Activities*	Daily Class Rehearsals Concerts as scheduled by director FBA District Concert MPA State Level MPA (if qualified) Graduation
Rehearsal Schedule	Daily Class Meetings After School Rehearsals (see Rehearsals)

**\*Subject to Additional Activities as Director Necessitates**

## INDOOR PERCUSSION

*Students will audition with auditions typically taking place in November/December*

Description	Indoor Percussion operates during the winter and into the spring and is a competitive corps consisting of Front Ensemble, Bass Drums, Tenor Drums, Snare Drums, etc. along with "Cast" (our visual movement ensemble)
Activities*	Selected Competitions Community Night shared with Winter Guard World Championships in Dayton, OH
Rehearsal Schedule	Daily Class Meetings After School and Saturday Rehearsals (see Rehearsals & Calendar)

## WINTER GUARD

*Students will audition with auditions typically taking place in November/December*

Description	Winter Guard operates during the winter and into the spring and is a competitive guard that competes and performs throughout NE and Central Florida. They also compete and perform at World Championships in Dayton, OH.
Activities*	Selected Competitions Community Night hosted at Nease World Championships in Dayton, OH
Rehearsal Schedule	Daily Class Meetings After School and Saturday Rehearsals (see Rehearsals & Calendar)

Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard activities are separate from Marching and Concert and have much higher dues associated with each. Marching/Concert dues must be paid in full in order for students to participate in Indoor Percussion or Winter Guard teams. Details for each will be announced in late October/early November before auditions.

**\*Subject to Additional Activities as Director Necessitates**

## IB, SPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

It is our belief that high school is a time where you should be allowed to pursue a couple or a few things that interest you. However, it is also a time to learn that if you spread yourself too thin, you might not have enough time or energy to achieve any of those things to your full potential. No student will be denied membership in the band program because of interest in other activities, as long as the student consistently meets all requirements of the band program. By being a part of the Nease High School Band you are committing yourself to its FULL involvement. That's not to say you cannot also commit yourself fully to other programs such as IB, ROTC, Sports, etc. Just know your limits. We have a large portion of our band that participates in IB, ROTC and/or sporting activities.

"It is really about time management and taking good advantage of power hour. I think it makes a happy, healthier student to be involved...and there is really nothing else like being a part of the band family." (Parent)

"...with a lot of diversified involvement and all it does is open up doors. I'm not going to lie and say it's easy, but I will guarantee that it is worthwhile. (Marching) Band provides a family to support you in all your endeavors, one that will celebrate and elevate your accomplishments rather than diminish them or take away from your other opportunities." (Recent graduate - now marches at University of Florida)

"If nothing else, marching while doing IB gives you a group to study with on the way to competitions and can help you have a solid support system before you start the program." (Student)

"Doing both is great practice at valuable time management skills you'll use in college." (Recent graduate)

"For me, one of the best feelings is overcoming the tough nights where you had band practice as well as loads of homework to finish. I've learned a lot about myself and my capabilities through the participation in both programs and I'm glad I do what I do." (Student)

"As a current freshman parent, this was definitely a concern for us as well. This year my daughter was in IB, the engineering program, marching band, concert band and indoor percussion and managed it all well utilizing power hours as well. This was a great year!" (Parent)



## **ATTENDANCE & TARDINESS**

Attendance at all rehearsals & performances is REQUIRED. This is a performance based activity. The minimum expectation is 100% attendance. As a member of the band program, you play a very important part in each band function. Inasmuch as the band works as a finely trained team, it is essential that every member be present for ALL functions, which include rehearsals, concerts, festivals, football games, parades, fundraisers, etc. Any member who is absent makes the band less effective and has an adverse effect on the morale and success of the band as a whole.

Band is a co-curricular activity that is part of the elective fine arts curriculum. The term 'co-curricular' means that rehearsals and performances outside of the regular school day are a part of that curriculum and therefore an integral part of your grade. Appointments, work, and vacations should be scheduled around band rehearsals, performances, competitions, etc. Individual needs will be addressed as they occur, therefore this system is subject to modification by the director.

Tardiness will not be tolerated. Tardiness causes delays in time schedules and is discourteous to your fellow band members who must wait for you. Always arrive 15 minutes early from the scheduled time, so that you are ready to begin/perform at the scheduled time.

**Early is on time, On time is LATE.  
LATE IS UNACCEPTABLE!!!**

# REHEARSALS

## MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

*During marching season while school is in session, rehearsals are schedule for the following days*

*Field Guard & Percussion also have Summer Rehearsals (see Band Camp)*

*Band Camp is also during summer months (See Band Camp)*

Monday	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Wind Players & Percussion
Tuesday	5:00 – 7:30 PM	Field Guard
Wednesday	3:00 – 6:00 PM	FULL BAND
Friday	4:00 – 6:00 PM*	FULL BAND

\*home games there will be rehearsal followed by Football game. Away games we load busses and head out after school to the game. Dinner is provided and included in your dues.

Additional rehearsals may be scheduled for Saturdays to prepare for upcoming performances and/or competitions. The director will give plenty of notice for these special rehearsals.

\*\*Please note when picking up students, rehearsals end at a certain time but please allow an additional 20-30 minutes for students to get back to band room, put away instruments, clean up, pack up and get to you\*\*

## REHEARSAL ATTIRE & ITEMS TO HAVE

- Black athletic shorts
- T-shirt or athletic shirt. Wednesdays are “white shirt” Wednesday.
- Athletic shoes
- Nease water cooler or other water source. Large coolers will be available for refills.
- Dot Charts
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Hats & Sunglasses are optional but encouraged

## SECTIONALS

Sectionals are run by the section leaders at various times and places. Often during summer months sectional are held at parks or section leaders homes (parents willing). All students are required to attend sectionals. Areas of concentration will be warm-ups, fundamentals, marching, music, stands tunes, and memorization tests. Sectionals will be called by the section leaders.

## CONCERT BAND, INDOOR PERCUSSION & WINTER GUARD

These programs have schedules that vary from year to year based on a variety of reasons. Schedules, in addition to daily class rehearsals, will be announced as we approach the season.

# UNIFORMS

## MARCHING UNIFORM

The Nease band uniform should provide each member with a spirit of unity and a sense of purpose and pride. You should therefore give the utmost care to the uniform and in no way become careless with it. The main uniform is loaned to each student by the Nease Band Program. Students will be held responsible for the uniform issued to them. The loss or destruction of a uniform, or any part thereof, will be financially assessed and charged to the student. Replacement of a lost or damaged uniform could cost as much as \$600.00. Marching Uniforms will be fitted during Rookie Camp as well as Full Marching Band Camp. Uniforms will be available for pick up at Potluck Dinner once dues are paid and must be returned at end of season.

Each student will be <i>issued</i> and responsible for the following:	Each student will need to <i>purchase</i> and be responsible for the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official Green &amp; Gold Marching uniform Jacket</li><li>• Bibbers (aka suspended pants)</li><li>• Shako (aka "hat" with storage box)</li><li>• One pair of black gloves (additional gloves may be purchased throughout the season for \$5/pair)</li><li>• Show Shirt</li><li>• Nease Water Cooler (this is a part of the uniform)</li><li>• Plume (feathers for shakos) will be distributed and collected at each game/competition</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dinkles (aka shoes)</li><li>• Long black socks that come up to the calf</li><li>• Black athletic shorts for under bibs</li></ul>

## MARCHING UNIFORM RULES & REGULATIONS

- Uniforms should be worn with Pride, correctly and in its entirety
  - Always have it zipped up
  - Bibbers should be hemmed at the proper length (**DO NOT CUT THEM**)
  - Gloves should be clean and in good repair (no holes, etc.) Extra gloves may be purchased for \$5/pair.
  - Hair should be pulled up and under the shako
  - No large, visible jewelry
  - No hair ornaments
  - No colored nail polish
- In situations where the full uniform is not required, students should wear bibbers (fully zipped) and show shirt.
- When not being worn, the uniform should be stored neatly in the garment bag provided. Uniforms should never be placed on the floor.
- **JACKETS ARE DRY CLEAN ONLY!!** Bibbers may be dry-cleaned or washed on permanent press cycle and hung to dry. Between cleanings Febreeze is your friend.
- JACKETS are not to be altered unless discussed with Uniform Manger first.
- Full uniform (minus show shirt and personal purchases) are to be returned in garment bag with latest dry cleaning tag attached prior to "Winter Break".

\*\*\*If your uniform ever needs repair, please tell the Uniform Manager ASAP!\*\*\*

## FIELD GUARD UNIFORM

The Nease band Field Guard uniform is different from the rest of the band and are custom made. The costumes are usually fitted/ordered the end of July or early August. The cost of the costumes are included in your dues. Additional items are required and will be ordered together as one with the VP of Guard (guard mom) in late July to early August.

Each student will be <b>issued</b> and responsible for the following:	Each student will need to <b>purchase</b> and be responsible for the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official Green &amp; Gold Marching uniform</li><li>• Show Costume/Uniform</li><li>• Show Shirt</li><li>• Nease Water Cooler (this is a part of the uniform)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tights</li><li>• Gloves</li><li>• Lycra Pants</li><li>• Jazz Shoes</li><li>• Team Jacket &amp; bag</li><li>• Team Make-Up</li><li>• Tape</li></ul>

## CONCERT BAND "UNIFORM"

Gentleman – Self Purchase or Rent**	Ladies – Self Purchase**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard Concert Tux (no tails)</li><li>• Black Cummerbund</li><li>• Black Bowtie</li><li>• Black dress shoes</li><li>• Black Calf Length Socks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concert Dress*</li><li>• Black stockings/hosiery</li><li>• Black closed-toe dress shoes</li></ul>

\*Ladies will be fitted for their concert dress and the beginning of concert season at one of the first rehearsals. Dresses will need to be hemmed to proper length.

\*\*These items are to be purchased on your own. Michael's Formal Wear in the Kohl's plaza in Old St. Augustine Road has special pricing for Nease Band. Cost for concert dresses is typically around \$60. This is above the "dues" for concert season.

### CONCERT BAND UNIFORM RULES & REGULATIONS

- Clothing must be fitted properly, hemmed and pressed
- Hair must be of natural color, combed/styled in a professional manner and out of the face as to not block the music
- Nail polish, if applicable, should be clear or white.
- Jewelry kept at a minimum

### INDOOR PERCUSSION & WINTER GUARD UNIFORM

These uniforms vary from year to year and are at the discretion of the director. Additional information regarding uniforms for these programs as well as details of the program, will be available as we approach the appropriate season.

# **FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURES**

## **HOME GAMES**

- Friday night home games are preceded by shortened rehearsals
- Students will break in order to dress in their under-uniforms (bibbers, show shirt, socks, Dinkles with all other items ready to go)
- Students will eat dinner prepared by our Meal Manager and Volunteers
- Students will line up in full uniform with instrument, await plume (feather) distribution, and march to the stadium as a group.
- Students will file into stands as learned.
- Follow all Stadium Rules as designated by director and implemented by Drum Majors and other officers (if applicable). Play your hearts out and have a good time.
- Please remember that other students, family members, etc. are not permitted in the band section.
- When the signal is given, the band will stand and file out to the staging area to prepare for performance
- Students will return to stands, carefully position their instruments so they are secure and await to be dismissed by officers. Third quarter is “off” for band students provided all rules have been followed. Remember this is a privilege and not a right. This is time for additional food, drinks, bathroom breaks, etc.
- Report back to appropriate location for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter ready to play.
- File out of stadium bringing any garbage with you to throw away as you exit.
- March back to band room, clean up, pack up, etc.

## **AWAY GAMES (LOCAL)**

- Students will meet in the band room after school with uniform, instruments, etc. ready to go
- Students will load busses, take roll and head to designated location.
- Students will unload busses, trailers, etc. and march into away stadium.
- Students will file into stands as learned.
- Follow all Stadium Rules as designated by director and implemented by Drum Majors and other officers (if applicable)
- When the signal is given, the band will stand and file out to the staging area to prepare for performance
- Students will return to stands, carefully position their instruments so they are secure and await to be dismissed by officers. Third quarter is “off” for band students provided all rules have been followed. Remember this is a privilege and not a right. This is time for additional food, drinks, bathroom breaks, etc.
- Report back to appropriate location for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter ready to play
- File out of stadium bringing any garbage with you to throw away as you exit.
- Load busses and head back to Nease.
- Unload and CLEAN busses

\*\*\*Parents, there is no concrete dismissal time for football games as each game lasts a different amount of time. Students must march back to the band room as a group for home games and ride busses for away games. Once back to the band room they will need to unload (away games), pack up, clean up etc. before being dismissed.\*\*\*

## **MARCHING & CONCERT FUNDRAISING**

The Mission of fundraising for the Nease High School Marching band is to show support and pride for our band and to provide avenues for financial support for all band operations and expenses. We are a completely self-funded program which gets revenue from individual band dues, corporate sponsorship and fundraising. The money generated from fundraising is needed in a variety of areas. Some areas include: instrument purchases, instrument repairs, transportation for all band events, and operational needs such as additional staff needed for instruction. Fundraising activities also include activities and events for students to help them fulfill their individual financial commitments for band.

<b>Event</b>	<b>For Band or Individual</b>
Annual March-a-thon	Individual
Annual Candy Sales	Individual
FCMI (First Coast Marching Invitational)**	Band
Band Stand Concessions*	Band
Annual Mulch Sales	Band
Store Fronts	Band
Car Wash	Band
Pizza in the Loop	Individual (guard)
TPC	Individual/Band

The above are examples of some recurring Fundraising Events. Additional Fundraisers may be added as needed and will be announced. Marching Band/Concert, Indoor Percussion & Winter Guard all have their own fundraising events throughout the year and are treated as 3 separate entities.

Students that have their dues paid for may opt to do Fundraisers for friends to help them out or may fundraise for the band as a whole. Students whose dues are paid and opt to fundraise for the band or another individual will receive volunteer hours.

\*The band has its own concession stand at football games. It's located across the field almost on the visitor side. If you look across the field from the band area you will see a cute little building. That's the Band Stand!  
Come see us! We have funnel Cakes and fried Oreos!

\*\*FCMI is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year. It is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Set up will occur the day/evening before and then it's an all-day event where we will need every student and at least one parent from each of our students to Volunteer. This is a required event for all! FCMI stands for First Coast Marching Invitational and it's our very our marching competition. WE host it!

## **NEASE BAND BOOSTERS**

By definition, the role of the booster organization is to “boost” the band program in a positive manner. The purpose of the Nease Band Boosters is to advance the best interests of the Nease High School bands by providing support, as request by the Band Director. All parents or guardian of students enrolled in the band program are members of the Band Boosters organization. Maintaining a thriving band program requires support and funding! Nease Band Boosters is a self-funded, non-profit organization. Board members and Managers are voted in each year by booster members at the end of year general meeting. Please see bylaws linked on our website for additional information on how board members and managers are selected.

### **2017-2018 BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
President	Ed Campbell	<a href="mailto:neasebandboosters@gmail.com">neasebandboosters@gmail.com</a>
VP Fundraising	Theresa Greco	<a href="mailto:neasefundraisers@gmail.com">neasefundraisers@gmail.com</a>
VP Guard	Tiffany Peacock	<a href="mailto:neaseguard@gmail.com">neaseguard@gmail.com</a>
VP Marching & Concert	Tina Nitz	<a href="mailto:bandatnease@gmail.com">bandatnease@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer (General)	Brian Russell	<a href="mailto:adneasetreasurer@gmail.com">adneasetreasurer@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer (Student Accts)	Joy Breaux	<a href="mailto:neaseaccts@gmail.com">neaseaccts@gmail.com</a>
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Recording Secretary	Laura Alvarez	<a href="mailto:neasebandrecords@gmail.com">neasebandrecords@gmail.com</a>



## **VOLUNTEERING & CHAPERONING**

The support and assistance of parents by volunteering and chaperoning is necessary to the success of all band activities. A parent's involvement demonstrates a caring and willingness to actively support their child in his/her musical endeavors. They should receive the utmost respect and courtesy at all times.

We have jobs that last five minutes, five hours, five days... We have things you can do from home, at the school, at work, out in town... We have things you can do that is alone, with a friend, with a group or with the students. We appreciate all helpers and volunteers, no matter what your time commitment. Throughout the year, we need parents who can sew, fix, construct, maintain, build, cook, fundraise, chaperone, supervise, transport, etc. No matter your skill set or skill level... we can use you! If you have a particular interest in chairing one of the many fundraising activities we have planned, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator. We utilize "Sign Up Genius", a web/email based program, to contact and schedule our volunteers and chaperones. Please be sure your email is up to date at all times.

### **CHAPERONE GUIDELINES**

- Chaperones MUST be approved through St. Johns County before he/she can volunteer to work with the students. You can do so by visiting <http://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/> for forms and additional information. Once you are approved you are good to go!
- Should you also be driving during your chaperone/volunteer experience, you will need to complete a Driver's Form as well. These forms can be obtained by contacting VP Fundraising.
- We ask that all chaperones purchase and wear the official Nease Band Parent Polo and appropriate bottoms for the occasion
- See that all Nease High School and Nease Band rules are followed at all times
- Children who are not band members are not to be brought with you when you chaperone.
- Individual responsibilities for various chaperoning activities will be given based on the "job" in which you volunteered.

## **BAND CAMP**

Preparation for the 2017 Marching Competition Season begins before school ends the previous year and goes full swing in the summer with Percussion and Guard rehearsing all summer, Rookie Camp in mid-summer for our newbies and then a coming together for full band camp just before school starts back up again as we really learn the year's show drill and music. Camp is MANDATORY for all Marching Band Students

### **BAND CAMP DATES**

<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Section/Who</b>	<b>Where</b>
Guard Choreography Camp	Tuesdays in June 6 <sup>th</sup> - July 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:30PM	Field Guard	Valley Ridge Academy**
Percussion Camp	TBA	Percussion	Valley Ridge Academy**
Rookie Camp	Monday June 26 – Thursday June 29, 2017 9AM to 5PM daily	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students plus any new student to marching (Wind Players only)*	Valley Ridge Academy**
FULL Band Camp	Monday July 24 – Friday July 28 AND Monday July 31 – Friday August 4 9AM to 5PM all days	ALL MARCHING BAND & FIELD GUARD STUDENTS	Valley Ridge Academy**

\*Wind Players are all Brass Players and Woodwind Players

\*\*This Summer only due to construction at Nease

### **POT LUCK**

FULL Band Camp concludes with our Annual Presentation & Potluck! Come out to a short informational meeting with the director, watch the students perform what they have learned of their show (weather permitting) and enjoy fun and friendship with a Potluck dinner. It is also during this time that additional monies owed can be paid and uniforms/Dinkles can be picked up (if up to date on dues and Dinkles have been paid for).

**Potluck 2017 – Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM**

## BAND CAMP NECESSITIES

- Your Instrument/Equipment– Be ready to play and spin!
- Bag lunch and snacks – *Very important*. Bring a healthy lunch to eat and some snacks for full days. NO DAIRY!
- Nease Band Igloo Cooler. *Be sure to label name on the bottom*. Water will be available for refills!
- Flip folder with 15 pages and a lyre – Purchase at any music store.
- Reeds (5) for reed instruments
- Three-ring binder and pencils – Half or 1 inch binder works fine.
- Clothing appropriate for the summer heat – We will be outside so be ready to experience the summer heat! Best clothes are athletic/cool clothing and athletic shoes with socks. No sandals, bare feet or flip flops allowed. Sunglasses and hat may be helpful as well. An extra pair of socks is helpful. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANY HEALTH CONCERNS PRIOR TO STARTING CAMP.
- Sunscreen & bug spray – It will be sunny and can be buggy at times! This is required.

## WHAT CAN STUDENTS/PARENTS EXPECT DURING BAND CAMP

- **TO BE VERY TIRED!!** While there are plenty of breaks allowed due to the heat, students are most likely not used to marching in the heat. It's a good idea to acclimate yourself to the heat a couple weeks prior and leading up to full camp dates.
- Learn how to march and play at the same time. In the beginning, new students may not be able to do both – the process happens gradually. Practice music at home in order to memorize it. It will be required for the performance.
- Make friends! Students can expect to make new friends and build on the friendships already in place. The Nease Band is a FAMILY!
- **TO BE VERY HUNGRY!!!** All that energy expended during the day will cause them to come home, eat everything in sight and crash. Just make sure they keep drinking water at home to remain hydrated for the following day.
- Band Camp concludes with an exhibition and Potluck dinner. So Parents, You get to make friends too!

## **INSTRUMENTS – PERSONAL & SCHOOL OWNED**

It is the expectation that students maintain, care for and protect their own, as well as school owned, instruments in order to keep them sounding and looking their best. Regular maintenance and proper care will go a long way in the life of each instrument.

### **INSTRUMENT GUIDELINES**

- If it's not yours, don't touch it (unless you have owner's permission)
- Make sure instruments are secure and away from any possible damage at all times
- Keep your instrument clean!! Because eww
- Store instruments properly in cases, instrument room, etc.

### **RENTING A SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENT**

The band program has a limited number of school owned instruments that may be rented for \$100 a season (Spring Concert & Fall Marching) in addition to any dues that need to be paid based on the activity in which they are participating. The rental fee must be paid by anyone using a school owned instrument, including percussionists. Mouthpieces, reeds, and any/all required items as specific to your instrument (valve oil, slide grease, cork grease, etc.) are the responsibility of the student and are not part of the rental agreement. Once issued, the instrument becomes the responsibility of the student for proper care, maintenance, repairs and protection from danger or theft. The student will be responsible for and charged for any damages or loss to the instrument during the rental period (aside from any pre-existing conditions). Any damage that is incurred while the instrument is loaned to you must be repaired before it is returned. Students that wish to rent a school owned instrument must be current on dues, pay the rental fee as well as fill out the rental agreement at the end of this packet (additional copies will be available if needed)

## DUES

The Nease Band dues represent each **student's** and each **parent's** financial commitment and responsibility to the band program. Because of the nature of our public funding, the Band Dues Structure and our Fundraising Events (including Corporate Sponsorships) represent the bands only source of funding; without it, we cannot operate. The number of expected students is used to determine the dues for each student's participation. Dues cover the planned operating expenses such as, but not limited to the following: Music, Drill, Staff, Clinicians, marching uniform rental and upkeep, additional uniform purchase (as needed), Costume Purchase (Field Guard), transportation, pre-game meals, equipment purchase & maintenance, truck/trailer fees and maintenance, marching show shirts, Nease water cooler, entry fees, etc. **Additional fees incurred include but are not limited to: Dinkles for wind players/percussionists, instrument rental (if renting a school owned instrument), Items from the Field Guard list (as needed), rehearsal clothing (black shorts, white shirt), black socks, Tuxedos/Concert Dresses for concert season, fees for All-State (optional), fees for Solo & Ensemble (optional), etc. Fundraising events are available to help with individual student dues.**

### 2017-2018 Marching Band/Field Guard Dues and Dates

Payment #	Amount	DUE no later than
#1	\$250	June 1, 2017
#2	\$200	July 1, 2017
#3	\$200	August 10, 2017*
#4	\$50	November 1, 2017**

\*Extended to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for those participating in Candy Sales Fundraiser

\*\*Participate in 20 hours of Fundraising for BAND (not individual and not FMCI) and skip this payment!

**Band Dues are non-refundable.** Failure to maintain academic eligibility or failure to participate in the band program for any reason will no relieve the student of his or her responsibility. Please understand that it is very expensive to run a band of this caliber and it hurts the rest of the band when members are unwilling to pay their dues and the burden is then placed on others. Students with outstanding balances will be removed from the program and placed on the school's debt list which will prevent access to and participation in non-academic activities (dances, field trips, graduation) until payment is made.

Any student with a financial hardship may apply for a scholarship. Please discuss the options with Student Accounts. The discussion and documents filed as a result will be kept confidential between you, Student Accounts and the Band Director.

### 2017-2018 Concert Band Dues and Dates

Each student enrolled in a band class is a part of the Nease Concert Band. As per the course description, there is a \$100 fee to participate in band class and therefore Concert Band. These fees cover music, staff, clinicians, transportation, equipment, equipment maintenance, etc. Students will be responsible for the purchase of their own concert dress or Tuxedo (may be rented). Please see Concert Band "Uniform" section for details.

Amount	Due Date
\$100	December 1 <sup>st</sup>

(Note: Indoor Percussion & Winter Guard are by audition and fees for those programs will be announced/distributed in the late fall prior to their start up).

## PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- **Cash/Check:** Checks should be made payable to the Nease Band Boosters. All cash and check payments should be placed in an envelope with the student's first and last name, amount, and purpose of payment and placed in the locked tan box in the band room. Do not hand money to band parents/board members/director for payment. If necessary you may mail your payments to the following box; however, the tan box is the preferred and most reliable place for payments to be received.

Nease Band Boosters  
2220 CR 210 W  
STE 108 PMB 140  
St. Johns, FL 32259

- **PayPal:** credit/debit card payments can be made through the band's PayPal account. When making a PayPal payment, there is a 3% convenience fee to cover the PayPal fees that the band has to pay for their use. Go to the band's website ([prideofstjohns.org](http://prideofstjohns.org)) and click on the "PAY NOW" button located at the center footer (center bottom) of the page. **DO NOT CLICK ON THE DONATE BUTTON.** Please make sure you select the correct payment and that your student's first and last name in in the memo section.