



Parent/Student

Handbook

North Hardin High School Band Program

Director

Brian P. Froedge

Assistant Director

Daniel Reams

2019-2020

# WELCOME

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This handbook is intended to answer many questions both new and old members may have about the North Hardin Band Program. This handbook is a guide to answer your questions in general. For more specific information as the year proceeds or answers to any questions not addressed in this handbook, we encourage you to attend band booster meetings. If your question is urgent, call the band directors or one of the band booster officers. We are all in this together and we all want new band families to feel included and informed so that the entire band year can be enjoyed to its fullest.

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, administrators, staff and directors as a convenient source of information regarding the varied aspects of the North Hardin band program. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program. **Students and parents should read this handbook carefully and must sign and return the agreement on the last page upon becoming a member of the band program each year.** Band members will be expected to understand and abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this book. We sincerely hope you find this handbook helpful and refer to it often.

## North Hardin Band Program

Principal

Director

Ms. Tanya Corder

Mr. Brian Froedge

**Student Membership: 2018-2019 Over 200 members**

### The North Hardin Band Program

The Hard-working students, dedicated staff, involved and active parents, and a supportive administration and community all combine to make it possible for the North Hardin Band program to offer an outstanding array of musical opportunities. Our students are expected to set and reach high goals for themselves and their program, and the rewards of meeting those North Hardin High School Band began with the formation of North Hardin High School in 1962. The program currently involves over 200 students in grades nine through twelve who participate in one of three concert bands – Symphonic Band, Concert Band and the Wind Symphony – or one of the two ensemble classes. The marching band is an extra-curricular group with an active performance schedule.

Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Woodwind Ensembles, Brass Ensembles, Chamber Winds, Stage/Jazz Band, Winter Guard.

expectations are immeasurable. Members of the North Hardin Band program develop musically, emotionally, mentally, and socially.

The cornerstone and legacy of the North Hardin Band program is striving for excellence through dedication, learning, experience, and a team effort from students, boosters, and staff. The substantial recognition that the band receives is in no small way a result of the success acknowledged in the past at reaching for and obtaining excellence.

# Your Directors

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## ***Brian P. Froedge, Director of Bands, North Hardin High School 2007 KMEA Kentucky High School Music Teacher of the Year***

Brian Froedge is currently the director of bands at North Hardin High School. This is Mr. Froedge's eighteenth year at North Hardin High School. Previously, he was the band director at Radcliff Middle School for six years, and the assistant director at North Hardin High School. Mr. Froedge holds a BA in Music from Transylvania University and a MA in Music Education from Western Kentucky University. In 1997, Mr. Froedge was named the Fourth District Middle School Music Teacher of the Year, and has been selected to Who's Who among American teachers. In 1999, Phi Beta Mu honored him as the Outstanding Young Band Director in Kentucky. Mr. Froedge has served as a presenter at the KMEA In-Service Conference, at the CKMENC Fall Conference, and has been a guest conductor, guest clinician, and adjudicator throughout the state of Kentucky. Brian is a "Kentucky Colonel" and has been president of the Fourth District Band Directors Association. Mr. Froedge is a member of KMEA, MENC, Phi Beta Mu, and the National Band Association. Mr. Froedge has also had articles published in the Bluegrass Music News and NBA Journal. In 2006, Mr. Froedge was selected from a nation-wide group of applicants as one of two winners of the National Band Associations' International Conducting Symposium, which took him to Italy to tour and conduct for a week. In 2007 and in 2014, Mr. Froedge was elected as the 4<sup>th</sup> District High School Music Teacher of the Year. Also in 2007, Mr. Froedge was named by KMEA as the Kentucky High School Music Teacher of the Year. In 2010, Mr. Froedge was selected as the Kentucky representative for *School Band and Orchestra's* "Fifty Directors That Make a Difference." He is currently serving as the KMEA State Band Chair. Mr. Froedge served the conductor of the Heartland Winds Community Band from 2011-2016.

Under Mr. Froedge's direction, his bands have received numerous honors. The marching band has been a consistent Kentucky State Finalist, a Bands of America Regional Champion, a Grand National Semi-Finalist, and a Regional class champion. In 2014 and 2016, the marching band placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in class 2A, and in 2009 and in 2013, the marching band placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in class 2A at Grand National Championships. In 2011 and 2012, the band was the champion of the Kentucky Bands of America Regional. Mr. Froedge's concert bands have performed at the KMEA Professional In-Service Conference numerous times and at other invitational events. The concert bands at Radcliff Middle School and North Hardin have consistently received distinguished ratings at the District and State level. In 2007 and in 2011, the North Hardin Wind Symphony performed at the Music for All National Concert Festival. In 2015, the North Hardin Band performed at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York and the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

### ***Mr. Daniel Reams – Assistant Band Director***

Daniel Reams is in his seventh year of teaching and has served as the Assistant Director of Bands at North Hardin High School since 2013. At North Hardin he conducts the High School Concert Band, Symphonic Band I, Symphonic Band II, the North Hardin Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, and assists with the North Hardin Wind Symphony. During his tenure as jazz director, the North Hardin Jazz Ensemble has received all distinguished ratings at the Kentucky Music Educator's Association State Jazz Festival each year and the concert bands have consistently earned distinguished ratings at festival. Mr. Reams holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Louisville, where he studied with saxophone professor, John Moore and graduated with honors. In addition to his duties as assistant director, Mr. Reams also has performed in many outstanding ensembles. He was a member of the University of Louisville Wind Symphony has played with numerous concert bands including Chamber Winds Louisville, Louisville Winds, and the Heartland Community Band. In 2013 he performed with Chamber Winds Louisville at the Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic. During his tenure as the Assistant Director of Bands at North Hardin, the bands have been a consistent KMEA State Marching Band Finalist, BOA Regional Class Champion, and BOA Regional and Super-Regional Finalist. In 2015 the marching band was invited to perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and in December 2015 the North Hardin Wind Symphony performed at the 69th Annual Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic. Mr. Reams is a former member of the board of director's for the Heartland Winds and is currently the Jazz representative for KMEA Fourth District.

### ***Ms. Brittany Ford - Assistant Band Director***

Miss Ford is in her eighth year as Director of Bands at North Middle School and Assistant Director at North Hardin High School. She has over 180 students from grades six through eight enrolled in the North Middle School program, over 30% of the student population. Miss Ford received a B.A. in Music Education from the University of Kentucky. While at UK, she served as the CMENC president and performed in the UK Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. She studied clarinet performance with Dr. Scott Wright, and studied a semester of bassoon with Professor Peter Simpson. In 2010, she was awarded the George Hurst Memorial Scholarship for her advocacy for music education and graduated magna cum laud.

Under Miss Ford's direction, the North Middle School Band has consistently received distinguished ratings at KMEA Concert Band Festival. Her students have earned distinguished ratings at KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival and actively participate in honors bands. The North Middle Symphonic band performed at the KMEA State Convention in 2014, and was selected as one of five middle school bands to perform at the Music for All's National Middle School Festival in 2015. North Middle has consistently had over forty students to be selected to the Fourth District All-District Bands over the past few years. During her tenure as assistant director, the North Hardin band has performed the Music for All Festival 2011, KMEA In-Service conference in 2012 and 2017, and the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in 2015.

Miss Ford's professional affiliations include MENC, KMEA, KEA and NEA. In 2013, Miss Ford was awarded the Middle School Director of the Year from the Fourth District. At the 2015 KMEA Conference, she was awarded the Outstanding Young Band Director Award by Phi Beta Mu. Miss Ford has been invited as a clinician in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arizona for middle school honor bands. She recently served on the board of directors for the Heartland Winds Community Band, and is a current district officer for KMEA.

## **WIND SYMPHONY**

The Wind Symphony is a highly skilled group of 60 musicians selected from the 200 students in the instrumental music program. The Wind Symphony has received consecutive superior ratings at both district and state music festivals. The North Hardin High School Wind Symphony is the only grade six

band in the state of Kentucky to receive a superior rating at the state concert festival since its inception. In the spring of 2001, the North Hardin Wind Symphony received the National Band Citation of Excellence at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival, the first Kentucky band to be invited to this prestigious event. The Wind Symphony made a second appearance at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in late February of 2004. The Wind Symphony made a fourth appearance at the 2004 Kentucky Music Educators Association In-Service Conference in early February. Last year, 11 members of the Wind Symphony were selected for the 2004 Kentucky All-District Bands. At the 2003 Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Wind Symphony was honored as a recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Flag of Honor. The North Hardin Wind Symphony performed at the 2004 Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, the only band from Kentucky ever to have performed there twice. As a result of the Wind Symphony's outstanding performance at the Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic, they were invited to play at Carnegie Hall, New York on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, an honor only offered to the best of the best in all the musical world. In 2008 and again in 2012, the Wind Symphony was again invited and performed at the Kentucky Music Educators Association Annual Conference. The band has performed at the Music for All National Conference four times, the only band in Kentucky to do so, most recently 2011.

## **SYMPHONIC BANDS**

The North Hardin Symphonic Band and Concert Band are the second and third concert bands, respectively, in the instrumental music program. Both groups have received exclusively Distinguished ratings at the district concert festival. In fact, the Symphonic Band has received Distinguished ratings at the district concert festival since the inception of the group. The Symphonic Band has also received Distinguished ratings at the state level, and has received numerous 1+ ratings at both levels.

## **MARCHING BAND**

The Marching Band has been Grand Champion of many regional competitions, an AAAA and AAAAA state finalist, a Bands of America Regional Champion, and a Grand National Finalist. The North Hardin Marching Band received the prestigious Sudler Shield in 1992. The band recently won a Bands of America Regional Championship 2011 and 2012, and place second in the nation at Grand Nationals in class 2A in 2009 and 2013.

## **PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

The North Hardin Percussion Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2001 and 2004 Percussion Festival sponsored by Bands of America. The ensemble was recognized as a recipient of the Percussive Society Association Citation of Excellence. The ensemble was also invited to perform at the 2001 Kentucky Percussive Arts Society Conference.

## **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

The North Hardin Jazz Ensemble is the talk of the community-at-large for their professionalism and fantastic up-beat sound. They have been asked to play at many different venues. In 2012 the jazz band played at the Jazz Educator's Network national conference and at the Kentucky State Music Convention. In 2014 the Jazz Band received a distinguished rating at the Kentucky State Jazz Festival.

## **EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES**

1. Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances. Students and parents must coordinate in advance, and in writing, with the director, in the event of an absence.

2. Everyone must take full responsibility for his or her personal and issued equipment. Any damage to an instrument will be the responsibility of the student using the instrument unless there are mitigating circumstances. No eating or drinking while in uniform. Uniforms will be cleaned at various intervals, and it is the responsibility of the students to make sure that the uniform is left clean and put away neatly.
3. All personal items must be put in the proper place or taken home after each rehearsal or performance, leaving the band room or practice field neat and orderly. Any items stolen or lost is the responsibility of the student, not the band or band directors.
4. Private lessons are a tremendous aid in the development of a student's musical knowledge and will improve the overall quality of the band. All students in the wind symphony are required to take private lessons. Any student interested in studying privately should see the band director for recommendations.
5. Students/parents/guardians will pay for any damages done to school property. Disrespect of equipment and facilities will not be tolerated.
6. All school functions outside of normal school hours are under the jurisdiction of district and school policies.
7. Students are expected to arrive early enough to start rehearsal on time with equipment and supplies necessary. Tardiness to band rehearsals including summer rehearsals will affect your placement in the marching band. Serious tardiness will affect your band membership. If there are any extenuating circumstances regarding the tardy, you must bring a note from a parent.
8. All students involved in the band program are expected to excel in the classroom. Failure to do so may result in some type of teacher or peer intervention, and if the problem continues to persist, the student may be declared ineligible to participate with the North Hardin Band.
9. All school instruments used by students are owned by the school district. To use these instruments, students are asked to pay \$25. This payment goes to a fund used to keep all school instruments repaired and functioning. Failure to pay \$25 may result the student not be able to use the instrument.

### **Transportation – Bus Rules**

1. Use ear buds/headphones if playing music.
2. No sitting on the back of seats. Butts must be touching seats.
3. No throwing objects around the bus or out the window.
4. Students are to be completely quiet when crossing railroad tracks.
5. No public display of affection (PDA) is allowed. No couples will be able to sit together on a bus after dark.
6. No exchanging of seats/buses. Use the same seat/bus coming and going.
7. No unnecessary walking while bus is moving.
8. No feet/legs blocking the aisles.

9. Students will clean the bus during trips and will not be allowed to exit the bus upon returning to NHHS unless all trash is picked up/disposed of.
10. No aerosol spray of any kind is allowed on the bus.
11. Avoid excessive use of perfumes/colognes/lotions.
12. Noise level should remain moderate. NO EXCEPTIONS.
13. No group singing.
14. Hands, arms and head are not allowed outside the bus windows.
15. Students are to remain seated and quiet while roll call is being conducted. Everyone answers for his/herself.
16. No obscene language/gestures will be tolerated.
17. Bare feet are not allowed.
18. Students will become quiet when the band director boards the bus.
19. Students will be given permission to dismiss by band staff only.
20. Students will be quiet when reaching city limits of the contest/parade site and will remain quiet until told otherwise.
21. No eating or drinking while in uniform. (Uniform shorts included.)
22. No student will be allowed to leave the bus or contest area without written permission from a parent/guardian. Permission to leave must be coordinated between the band director(s) and head chaperone. The bus mom must be positive of the identity of everyone a student leaves with.

## **Payments and Student Account Information**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose and intent of Student Accounts shall be to assist the individual band student with expenses related to their participation in the North Hardin Band program.

### **Policy:**

1. Students accounts are not refundable and under normal circumstances, student accounts are not transferable to another student; however, accounts may be transferred between siblings who are members of the band program during the same year. Other circumstances in which students desire to transfer their account to another student must be approved by the Band Directors.

2. Students who are voluntarily or involuntarily terminated from the NH Band program relinquish all rights to their Student Account and the balance will be transferred to the general fund unless the NH Band Director approves an exception.
3. All money owed, whether it is from reeds, gloves, shoes, trips, repairs, fund raisers, band fees, etc., must be paid in a timely manner.
4. A charge for returned checks will be assessed by the treasurer.
5. You are financially responsible for the loss of or the damage to any part of the uniform or equipment issued to you (Marching, Concert, Guard, Winterguard, etc.).
6. Any student who has not paid any prior year fees or fundraiser money may not be permitted to participate in the marching band. **All current payments must be paid in full or either payment plans must be up-to-date, before your child will be admitted to July band practice. Failure to pay prior year band fees in full by the last spring practice may result in your child being written out of the show.** If there is a financial hardship, contact the band director to discuss the situation confidentially and to fill out a financial hardship form as soon as possible. Exceptions to the above policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the band directors have final approval authority.
7. Please TRY TO avoid giving band fees or payments for ANYTHING to band directors or staff. They have many responsibilities and need to concentrate on handling the students' instruments, practice, etc. The treasurer or other booster representatives will be available to collect any monies due.
9. There will be NO refunds for any reason/function after July 12th .
10. Parents must ensure their name is listed on the Volunteer Sheet for all events worked.
11. Late joiners to the Marching Band: If a student joins the Marching Band late, through no fault of his/her own (i.e. just moved to the area), the band directors will determine the amount of fees to be paid on a prorated basis.

## **North Hardin Band Boosters**

The North Hardin Band Boosters are the support structure for the North Hardin Band Program. Each band parent is automatically a member of the band boosters. Members can also be any relatives of band members, interested alumni, and "former" band parents.

### **Meetings**

General Membership Meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, in the band room. The band booster meetings provide the best opportunity to keep informed of upcoming events, to be involved in decision-making, and to ask questions. All parents who have students in the band program and have accounts in good standing are voting members of the Band Booster organization. Attendance at meetings is highly encouraged.

### **Budget & Fund Raising**



The Band Director develops and submits a comprehensive budget of expenses for the upcoming school year. The budget is funded through the band fees and various fund raisers the band boosters conduct through the year. Each fund raiser is budgeted to provide a specific amount of revenue to meet the needs of our band program. For the marching band, it costs approximately \$675 to put each band member on the field. During concert season, additional costs may be incurred depending on the event or activity.

The financial support of the band program provides both a challenge as well as a considerable opportunity for band members and their families. The School Board provides a limited amount of money. Therefore, the Band Boosters must generate the additional funds that are an absolute necessity in order to have a meaningful and successful program. An important and beneficial part of the total band experience is the opportunity to work together and earn the funds needed to support the entire Band Program. The team-building that goes on during these work experiences support the close working group that the band (and boosters) must be in order to perform up to North Hardin standards.

Although we sometimes get caught up in all the fund raising activities, the most important function the band boosters perform is to be where the band is to show our support. We work hard but have a lot of fun at the same time.

<b>North Hardin Band Boosters contact Information</b>	
President – Bobby Bell .....	(270) 735-3510
Vice President – .....	
Co-Treasurers – .....	
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Secretary – .....	

**Band Camp** ..... in the new marching and band camp is conducted by the band directors, their assistants, and special instructors for each instrument, and student leaders selected by the directors.

**Color Guard-** This term applies to the students who showcase the band during marching performances by dancing, spinning flags, etc. Their uniform is different but the Color Guard unit is a regular section of the marching band.

**Directors-** The band director or assistant band director. He/she has total control of the band program. Please note that certain sections also require specialists, such as percussion and color guard. These specialists work with the director(s) and are under their supervision.

**Drum Majors-** The students(s) in charge of all students while on the marching field. All section leaders and all band members must follow their commands. The drum majors are assigned their responsibilities by the directors(s).

**Fund Raising-** Making money from outside sources for the band program. This is one of the most important of all the band parent activities. Because so little money comes to our program from the county, we are mostly self-funded. Consequently, students are involved in several fundraisers each year.

**General Membership Meeting-** These meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, usually in the band room. PLEASE ATTEND!!

**Mandatory Meeting-** A mandatory meeting is any meeting at which at least one parent's attendance is required. These meetings are rarely called, but are very important.

**Marching Band-** During the fall marching season, whenever reference is made to the Marching Band, it includes playing members, color guard, percussion and pit. NO distinction is made between groups. Regardless of which group your student is in, be sure to read this entire handbook for the complete information. After marching season, students continue to be involved in concert bands, pep bands, as well as Winter Guard and percussion groups; all of which are supported by the band boosters. Unlike many other schools, we are family, not separate units. The Marching Band performs at all football games, parades, and contests and is involved in various other performance opportunities in the area. All students at North Hardin have the opportunity to participate in the Marching Band. To participate the student agrees to attend summer rehearsals and is required to attend band camp. Each member must meet the financial obligations and must attend all rehearsals and performances.

**Marching Competition-** During the marching season, the band traditionally attends several marching competitions where the band is judged as a whole and on individual sections of the band and their marching, precision, musical ability, general effect, etc. Parents are encouraged to attend, even though they may be held in neighboring states or cities.

**Marching Exhibition-** Similar to a marching competition, but without the judging. Please note that the occasionally we may be asked to do an exhibition at a marching competition, which would mean we participate for the show, not for the awards. Parents are encouraged to attend.

**Marching Season-** The part of the school year generally lasting through November.

**NHBB Board-** The board consists of those officers elected by the general membership and directors. Board meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the band room. Board meetings are open to the General Membership.

**Pit Crew-** Band Boosters who are responsible for equipment for performances/parades/practices both during marching season and concert season. Involves taking equipment on and off the field, loading the Semi/Equipment bus, painting the guard poles, practice requirements of water, saw horse/rope off area, setup and tear down.

**Section Leader-** Students appointed by the band director(s) who are in charge of his/her section of the band i.e., flutes, trombones, percussion, etc). All students must adhere to the orders of their particular sections leaders.

**Solo and Ensemble-** An opportunity for students to perform individually or in small groups.

**Student Account-** See Student Account section for details. Student accounts are maintained by the co-treasurers.

**Volunteer-** No experience necessary, just willing hands. We will guide you as much as possible but, remember, we need fresh ideas – YOURS! Volunteers may be used for chaperones, sewing flags, altering uniforms, fund raising, feed-the-band, building props and much, much more. Don't be intimidated or shy – WE NEED YOU!

**Winter Guard-** Students who participate in choreographed indoor performances. The Winter Guard is a select group with membership through audition only. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must also have all prior financial obligations met before joining the Winter Guard.

### **Marching Band Payment Information**

Students are asked to make a commitment when entering the band program. Based on this commitment, the program is developed to meet the special needs of these students. This commitment allows us to schedule and budget for the seasons ahead. Students are made aware that a portion of their commitment is financial.

The Marching Band fee for all winds and percussion members is **\$675.00**. This partially pays for the cost of uniform cleaning, your band T-shirt, band camp, fall and summer instructional staff, band shorts for parades, music arranging, copyright fees, drill writing costs, show design expenses, as well as supplies and electronic equipment. Any marcher who does not have the appropriate shoes will also pay **\$30.00** in order to cover the additional cost of new marching shoes. We are continuing to offer the sibling discount for families with more than one student in Marching Band (full fee for the first student and half fee for each sibling). Also, students are fed by the band parents throughout the season for about \$3 a meal.

Please see the payment schedule for this year's payment plan.

All checks should be made out to the North Hardin High School Band Boosters and should be given ONLY to the treasurer or other authorized representatives. Please DO NOT give any monies to staff other than band directors.

Payments can also be placed in the secured black box located in the Band Room. Please ensure that any monies are put in an envelope with student's name on the outside. Payments can also be made online at our website: **[www.northhardinband.org](http://www.northhardinband.org)**.

### **Forms To Be Completed by Members of the Band Program (needs to be updated (9/18/18))**

The following is a list of forms used in our band program. Some are optional and some are mandatory. Mandatory forms must be completed prior to the start of band camp. Completed forms should be turned in to a Band Booster Officer.

1. Information Sheet/Travel Form and Performer/Parent Agreement.
2. Physical Examination, Parental Consent, and Acknowledgement of Risk and Participation (KHSAA Form GE004) (Mandatory) **NOTE:** For the last several years, we have been able to have a physician come to North Hardin and conduct physical exams for the students for \$10.00 each. Students need to bring \$10.00 cash and a completed physical form with them.
3. Volunteer Background Check. (Mandatory for anyone who will be working with the band student) – POC is Ms. Melissa Armes .
4. Parent Volunteer form—choose which committee(s) you would like to be involved with

### **North Hardin Band Website**

The website address is <http://www.northhardinband.org>. Several of the forms we use are on the website and are downloadable. We will be using the website to post information, schedules and meeting minutes. Please take time to visit the website. Questions or comments should be directed to our Webmaster, Randy Smith.

