

# NATION FORD MARCHING BAND NEWS

Weekly Update December 2 - December 8

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. -Thomas Edison



## Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert has been rescheduled to December 19th at 7:30pm. It is being held in the NFHS Auditorium. Apologies to all for the change, it was due to unforeseen circumstances in school schedules beyond our control.

## Band Fees

The deadline for band fees to be paid has officially past. All band fees are now PAST DUE! You now owe a full \$950. Be sure you are making this payment as soon as possible. **Band fees not paid will result in not walking at graduation or being able to attend Prom.** Discussions are in the works with the school administration.

## Winter Guard Auditions

Fees are now set for Winter Guard:

Cadets fees \$175 spread out over 3 payments - Rehearsals start this Tuesday, 12/4 and are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm - 5:30pm  
JV fees \$300 spread out over 4 payments - Rehearsals have started and are held Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm - 8pm

Varsity fees \$650 spread out over 4 payments - Rehearsals have started and are held Mon and Wed from 4pm - 7pm

## Restaurant Night

Wednesday, December 19th, is our monthly Spirit Night at Hobo's in Ft Mill. **It is in the process of being rescheduled until January due to a change of scheduling in the Christmas Concert.** Stay Tuned for more information....

We are having a Clay Escapes Spirit Weekend Jan 25 - 27. Stop by and show your creative spirit over the weekend. Nice chance to make a Mother's Day or Father's Day gift.

## Important Panthers Payout Announcement

The Board has increased the payout for each Panthers game worked. **For the remainder of the season, there is an additional 10 point (\$20) bonus per person paid to your Charms account.** **Are you late on your band fees? This can help you pay them off! Is your student in Winter Guard or Indoor Percussion? This can help to pay those fees off quickly.** **Looking ahead to easing your payments next year for Marching Band? This can help you to bank money to be used for band fees.** Come on, now's the time to sign up and work Panthers. **This is effective for 12/17, 12/23 and 12/29**

## Spring Fundraiser meeting

The 1st Spring Fundraiser planning meeting has taken place. We are having another Trivia Night this Spring with some interesting twists being added to the evening. If you were unable to make the meeting last week, our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm Starbucks in Kingsley.** Lots of help is needed to make this event successful. Hope to see you there!

## Fruit & Pastry

Fruit and Pastry sales this year were another success! Thank you to the volunteers who showed up to sort and count fruit as well as helping with the distribution. Your efforts are truly appreciated!!! Thank you to Gretchen Whitesell for chairing this fundraiser - you give countless hours of your time and we are so appreciative of your dedication to the band program. Students and parents who sold fruit -- you all are who help work to keep the band fees lower and earn money to keep our band program strong. Thank you!!!!

## Indoor Percussion

Rehearsals are underway and held 4pm - 6:30pm each Mon, Wed, Fri.  
Total for fees is \$600. Payment schedule is as follows:  
Monday, Nov 19th \$200 -- **ALREADY PAST DUE**  
Wednesday, Dec 19 \$200  
Wednesday, Jan 16 \$100  
Wednesday, Feb 20 \$100

## Panthers Games

**Our next event is on Monday, December 17th -- we still need 8 adults and 1 student.** Check in time is 3:45pm. All sign ups can be accessed via Charms Public Calendar. **You can easily pay for next years band fees, Indoor Percussion, or Winterguard fees by working these events!** It is not too late to start planning. This is to keep YOUR band fees lower -- WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!! Looking ahead to future games on **12/23 11 adults, 1 student needed; 12/29 Belk Bowl 17 adults, 4 students needed**

## Ways to keep informed of band information

Don't forget we have 4 ways to keep informed of all band related information. We have this newsletter, our band website [www.nationfordband.com](http://www.nationfordband.com) which is updated weekly, the Charms public calendar link, a Facebook page, Nation Ford HS Band Boosters, and an Instagram page @nation.ford.band. Please be sure you check these sites regularly for updated information.

## Congratulations

Most everyone has likely heard of the announcement from the Ft Mill School District on Nov 19th. Exciting times are ahead for both Mr Dockey and Mr Linkous. Next year will be exciting as 3 bands are cheered on in Ft Mill at various competitions. In case you missed it, here was the district post:

The Fort Mill School District is excited to announce the selection of Martin Dickey as the band director for the new Catawba Ridge High School and the promotion of Raymond Linkous to the band director position at Nation Ford High School, effective July 1, 2019.

“Both Mr. Dickey and Mr. Linkous have been outstanding educators of our students and leaders of the Nation Ford Band Program,” said Superintendent Dr. Chuck Epps. “These transitions will allow the tradition of excellence established at Nation Ford to continue and provide a strong foundation for the new program at Catawba Ridge.”

## Ft Mill Christmas Parade

The Ft Mill Christmas Parade was a success with our Cairon Grinch in the boat pulled by Bob Ludolph. It was a wet and rainy day, but the Christmas Spirit was in the air and marching band season has officially ended. Don't be sad... band events will still continue so please stay involved.

## Christmas Concert

**The Christmas Concert has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30pm in the NFHS Auditorium.** Students can wear their band uniform or their concert black attire. Not everyone has concert black attire as order forms have not been released at this time. These order forms will not be released until Jan/ Feb. time frame.

## Crosswinds Insurance referral

Renado Robinson, owner of Crosswinds Insurance Agency has a referral program that benefits the band. For each referral sent to Crosswinds Insurance Agency, they will donate \$25 to the band. This insurance company can beat the price of most other companies as they are an independent insurance agency with several markets to compete for your home, auto or business insurance. There are no strings attached to their donation. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

## Amazon Smiles

Amazon has a very easy to use giving program to the band. All you need to do is be sure you shop using [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles) This site uses your same user name and password as the Amazon site, however it gives a percentage of all purchases back to the band. **You will need to choose Fort Mill District Band Booster Club Inc in order to support the band.** Please consider using this Amazon site when shopping -- we are having great results with the quarterly earnings and hope you will help us out if you haven't already been doing so.

## Harris Teeter E-Vic

Nation Ford High School Band has teamed up with Harris Teeter E-Vic program as an easy way to help raise funds for our band program. Please go to the Harris Teeter website and under Together in Education click the [green tab](#) to "link your school". Link your card to Nation Ford HS Marching Band and you are set. **Note: If you did this last year, you need to do this again this year. E-Vic linking is only good for 1 year at a time.** We receive quarterly checks once we meet a \$250 minimum required. Please, everyone link your E-Vic card as this is an easy and effortless way to help raise funds for the band.

## Booster Club

The last Booster Club meeting for 2018 has been held. There is no Booster Club meeting in December. **We will see you again on January 28th at 7pm in the Large Band Room for the next Booster Club meeting in 2019.**

## Christmas Ornament Sales

Christmas ornaments based on this years show "From the Other Side" will be running through Friday, 12/7. **These ornaments are sold on a pre-order basis only. No late orders will be accepted.** Each ornament is \$10 and can be paid for with cash, check, or paypal online. There is an envelope in Mr Dickey's office that the payments or online order payments can be placed. Please be sure your students name is on the order. **ALL SENIORS ARE GIVEN 1 ORNAMENT FREE OF CHARGE**

## IMPORTANT DATES – DO NOT FORGET

- December 7** Varsity Staging 6pm - 9pm  
Last Day for Christmas Ornament orders
- December 8** Varsity Staging 9am - 9pm
- December 17** [Panthers Game](#) - **ADULTS & STUDENTS NEEDED**
- December 19** Christmas Concert at 7:30pm NFHS Auditorium  
2nd payment for Indoor Percussion due \$200
- December 21** JV Staging 6pm - 9pm
- December 22** JV Staging 9am - 9pm
- December 23** [Panthers Game](#) - **ADULTS & STUDENTS NEEDED**
- December 29** Belk Bowl - **ADULTS & STUDENTS NEEDED**
- January 3-5** JV/ Varsity Staging Camp (1/2 day times TBD)
- January 12** Cadet Staging 9am - 6pm
- January 16** 3rd payment due for Indoor Percussion \$100
- January 25 - 27** Clay Escapes Spirit Weekend
- January 26** Indoor Percussion @ Dorman HS Roebuck, SC ALL DAY
- Feb 2** Premiere North @ Northwestern in Rock Hill Cadets/ JV/ Varsity
- Feb 9** CWEA @ Clover Cadets/ JV/ Varsity
- Feb 16** Indoor Percussion @ Pickens HS Pickens, SC ALL DAY
- February 20** 4th payment due for Indoor Percussion \$100
- March 2** WGI Spartanburg (Indoor Perc) @ Dorman HS ALL DAY
- March 9** CWEA @ White Knoll in Lexington, SC Cadets/ JV/ Varsity
- March 16** Indoor Percussion @ Rock Hill HS ALL DAY
- March 16-17** WGI Mid-Atlantic Power Regional @ Winthrop Univ. Varsity only
- March 20** Chick Fil A Spirit Night
- March 22** Community Performance (Winter Guard & Indoor Perc.) 7:30pm NFHS
- March 23** CWEA Championships Cadets/ JV/ Varsity
- March 24** CWEA Championships (Indoor Perc.) @ Winthrop Coliseum Rock Hill, SC
- March 26-28** Concert Festival
- May 15** Empire Pizza Spirit Night