

# NATION FORD MARCHING BAND NEWS

Weekly Update December 2, 2019

Celebrate what you've accomplished but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed. -Mia Hamm



## Fruit and Pastry

We have had a successful fruit and pastry sale. We are receiving 260 cartons of fruit and 708 butter braids in the Nation Ford Band Room on Friday, December 6th.

**We need for volunteers to help with the receiving and pickup of items. Please sign up today for a shift through the Charms calendar on December 6th and December 7th.** Students can help with parents for the shifts after school if they chose.

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/public/calendar.asp>

### PICKUP INFORMATION

When:

Friday, December 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm (preferred pickup due to frozen and perishable items)

Saturday, December 7 from 1 - 3 pm

Where:

Nation Ford High School Band Room, 1400 AO Jones Blvd.

Why:

Our butter braids are FROZEN. It is EXREMELY IMPORTANT to pick these items up on FRIDAY. We have VERY limited freezer space.

Fruit items need to be delivered ASAP since they are perishable. A Thank You card is enclosed that contains product handling and care of the fruit products.

There are very limited quantities of extra items for sale.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Gretchen Whitesell, Fruit and Pastry Chair

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## Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion

Winter Guard practices are underway. Practices are on Tuesday and Thursday with longer practice blocks.

Indoor Percussion auditions have been completed. We have approximately 20 students participating this year. Practices are held on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

## Christmas Ornaments

**Christmas Show Ornament orders have been extended - all orders must be in by Thursday, December 5th. Every Senior will be given one ornament. All underclassmen will need to purchase their ornament - \$15 each.** If a Senior needs more than 1 ornament, then additional ornaments will need to be purchased. If you order and pay online, please email Shawna Lee Irish at [nafobandstore@gmail.com](mailto:nafobandstore@gmail.com)

## Ft Mill Christmas Parade

**This Saturday, December 7th is the Ft Mill Christmas Parade.** It is scheduled to start at 11am and run-down Tom Hall St and Main Street. Call time for the students will be announced as the time gets closer. Come support the kids as they walk by playing Christmas songs.

## Band Fees

**\*\*ALL ACCOUNTS WITH A PAST DUE BALANCE THAT HAVE POINTS WILL HAVE THEM AUTOMATICALLY REDEEMED TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS YOUR UNPAID BALANCE \*\***

**\*\*IF YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING FEES FROM MARCHING SEASON ON YOUR ACCOUNT, ALL TRIP PAYMENTS WILL BE APPLIED TOWARDS OUTSTANDING FEES FIRST\*\***

**If you have not paid your band fees, you will not be able to buy Prom tickets, walk at graduation, or get a parking pass.**

## State Championship shirts & rings

State Championship shirts are in the works. Each band member will be given a shirt. There will be a very short window (1 week) for any family members that would like to order a state championship shirt. Order forms will be sent home soon. It will also be posted on Facebook when the order forms are sent home.

State Championship rings will also be available for students to order. These are optional and not required. Order forms will be sent home once available.

## Panthers

Our Panthers stand is a very important fundraiser for the band. Last year we made over \$30,000 to help keep your band fees low and provide much needed resources for our band students.

The following Panthers games still have availability due to some Catawba Ridge cancellations. These points will be paid in time for Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion and the Disney Trip!

December 7 -- 3 Adults are desperately needed for the ACC Championship game.

December 29 - 3 Adults

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449aaa82eab9-sunday5>

December 31 - 3 Adults

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449aaa82eab9-tuesday>

**Remember if you find you can no longer work a game you signed up for, please email Shawna Lee Irish at [irish1011@hotmail.com](mailto:irish1011@hotmail.com)**  
**Students must be 16 years or older to work.**

## Restaurant Nights

This **Wednesday, 12/4 at Panera Bread in Kingsley from 4p-8p is our Restaurant Night. You must show the flyer (either printed or on your phone) to give the band credit. The band will earn 20% of all sales!** Please come out and support the band and take a night off from cooking. Take out, delivery, and eat in all can count as band credit.

**Looking ahead, Wednesday, January 15th, we go to Hobo's. Definitely a great place for a burger and a local business to support.**

## Spring Trip Announcement

This Spring trip to Florida has been announced for the band members to celebrate winning the 4A State Championships! It will take place **April 1st through the 5th**. This trip will include:

\*band members working with professional Disney musicians to sight read and play a soundtrack to a movie. Everyone who participates will receive a copy of the recording.

\*a special clinic for Color Guard members.

\*2 days at Disney parks

\*a day at Cape Canaveral

\*1 shows like the Blue Man Group or Florida Symphony

\*hotel, transportation, and all meals covered except the meal down to Florida and the meal returning home. All money for souvenirs will be set by individual families.

Payment prices are as follows:

**Nov. 25, 2019: \$150 w/ Commitment Form - PAST DUE**

Dec. 16, 2019: \$250

Jan. 13, 2019; \$250

Feb. 10, 2019: \$250

\*Payment may be made utilizing points in your Charms account. Please verify your available point balance before submitting\*

\*The last payment of \$250 may be reduced based on participation numbers.

\*Tag A Long reservations are not being accepted at this time. The focus of this trip is on the band students being able to celebrate a successful season together as a group. If they are accepted, please remember they will be priced at a higher rate on a first come, first serve basis with a non-refundable deposit.

## Pura Vida Bracelets

**The Band Store is selling Pura Vida bracelets in NF school colors. Each bracelet is \$10.** You can purchase the bracelet online through our website [www.nationfordband.com](http://www.nationfordband.com) or through cash sent in to the school. If you purchase online, please email Shawna Lee Irish at [nafobandstore@gmail.com](mailto:nafobandstore@gmail.com) to let her know about your purchase.

## Crosswinds Insurance referral

Renado Robinson at Crosswinds Insurance has a referral program that benefits our band program. For each referral sent to Crosswinds Insurance that sets up a new insurance policy, Crosswinds Insurance will donate \$10 to the band on a monthly basis and will also send a \$10 gift card to the referring person. This insurance company can beat the price of most other companies as they are an independent insurance representative. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

## Amazon Smiles

**Please use the [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles) site when ordering from Amazon. This will help support the bands fundraising efforts.** This site uses your same username 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.**

## 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.

## Publix Partners

To support Nation Ford Band, sign up for Publix Partners through your Publix.com account (if you don't already have one) and select your desired school. Then, enter your phone number at checkout each time you make an eligible purchase.

To enroll... Log in or sign up through [www.Publix.com](http://www.Publix.com). Once signed in, drop down under "Welcome, (your name)" to access "Go To My Account." Go to "My Publix Partner" and select a school. Type Nation Ford, and you will be able to select Nation Ford High School Band, Fort Mill, SC. Every time you shop, enter your phone number (linked to your account) to give credit to the band. Family and friends who shop at Publix in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia can sign up for Publix Partners.

**Please note, you need to re-enroll every year.**

**We just received our 1st quarterly check for \$52.71. Thank you to everyone who has been shopping at Publix to support the band!**

## Ways to keep informed of band information

Don't forget we have 6 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 [@nafo\\_band](https://www.instagram.com/nafo_band) **We also have a public events page NAFO Marching Band Events Page.** This way your family and friends can easily follow the band and their activities. Please be sure you check these sites regularly for updated information.

## IMPORTANT DATES – DO NOT FORGET

December 4 Panera Bread Restaurant Night (Kingsley) 4pm - 8pm  
December 7 Ft Mill Christmas Parade (required event) 8am - 2pm ACC  
Championship Game at Panthers Stadium – sign up to volunteer & earn points  
December 12 Holiday Band Concert 7pm NFHS Auditorium  
January 11 Region Band Auditions Blythewood High School  
Blythewood, SC  
January 15 Hobo's Restaurant Night 5pm - 9pm  
January 27 Booster Club meeting 7pm Large Band Room  
February 19 Showmar's Restaurant Night (Indian Land)  
February 21 - 22 Region Band Clinic \*  
February 24 Booster Club meeting 7pm Large Band Room  
March 30 Booster Club meeting 7pm Large Band Room  
April 1 - 5 Spring Band Trip to Florida (OPTIONAL)  
April 27 Booster Club meeting 7pm Large Band Room (New Board voting occurs)  
May 14 Spring Concert NFHS Auditorium 7pm  
May 20 Percussion/Small Ensemble Concert NFHS Auditorium 7pm  
Empire Pizza Restaurant Night 5pm - 9pm  
May 25 Booster Club meeting 7pm Large Band room  
June 5 NFHS Graduation Winthrop Coliseum 6pm (REQUIRED EVENT)



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