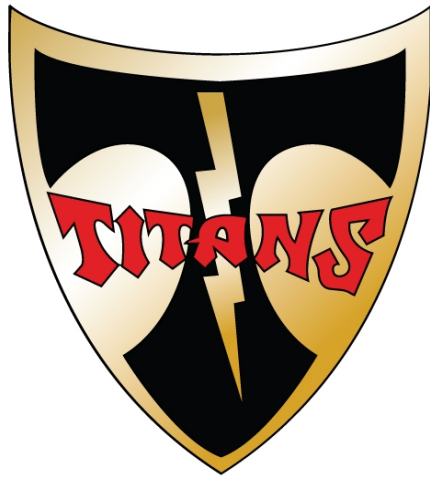


North Oconee High School



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Rising 9th grade
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Dear Band Parents and Students:

Welcome to an exciting year with the North Oconee High School band program! Our goals this year are to be successful in everything we do, to represent our band and our school in a positive way, and to have fun. We will strive to have a great marching season and a great concert season. I believe communication is a big key to our success, so if you have questions about anything, please feel free to ask. You will be receiving email communications from me throughout the year. I will also send home information with students and post information on the band website. I will make sure you have all rehearsal and performance schedules well in advance.

I want to welcome our new members this year. You are the future of our band program. Work hard to learn the traditions of the band and to find your place in our group. You will find the band is a family and there is a place for everyone. For the new parents, we hope you will find a way to be involved. There are many ways to volunteer, and getting involved and coming to performances is the best way to get the most out of your child's band experience.

Please take time to read all information thoroughly. We attempt to provide the answers to most questions you may have about the North Oconee High School Band. Please call or email if you have any questions. I am honored to serve as the band director at North Oconee and I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

J. Scott Smith
Band Director
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Pain is temporary.....Pride is everlasting

Attendance Policy

Marching Attendance

Rehearsal attendance is always vital to the well-being of any band program. As we put drill on the field and work to develop our competitive field show, it is essential that all band members are present for the entirety of all rehearsals. Regular attendance at rehearsals will ensure a permanent position in the marching band in good standing. Students **MUST** attend all marching band performances including all football games and Saturday band contests.

Concert Attendance

Attendance policies mirror that of marching band. All after school practices and performances are required. There are very few practices after school during Concert season, but all sectional rehearsals and full band rehearsals after school are mandatory. Students **MUST** attend all concert performances.

- Attendance for all events is mandatory. Do not schedule appointments during scheduled band events. Absence from band events should not be used as a punishment. Absences will be excused by the band director only. Each absence will be addressed on an individual basis.
- In the event a student is sick, please notify the band director as soon as possible. We prefer to always be notified before an event, even if a student is out of school. Illness will be excused with a note (email) from a parent.

Financial Responsibility

2018 marching band fee:

\$250 for musicians, \$400 for flagline

The \$250 fee can be divided into 2 payments:

1. \$75 due by May 18th (**non-refundable deposit**)
2. \$175 balance when full band camp starts on July 16th

Other financial responsibilities may include uniform costs (shoes - \$27) and clinic fees and costs (honor bands, solo & ensemble, etc.) and the annual spring band trip. We will also participate in several fundraisers throughout the year.

Student Accounts

The purpose of student accounts is to assist students with expenses throughout the year.

Students can earn money in their account through participation in certain fundraisers. This money can be applied to band related expenses but is not payable in cash.

Marching Band Expectations

All school rules are in effect at all marching band activities. This includes rehearsals, performances, travel, and band camp. In order to maintain good standing in the marching band, students must follow the attendance policy, be respectful to the director, staff, student leaders, and all student members. Students are expected to give their best effort at all times. If any problem arises, they are expected to refer the problem to the appropriate student leader or adult.

Band Uniform

- The school will provide a marching uniform consisting of a jacket & bibbers (with garment bag), shako (with box), duffel bag (with base insert), gauntlets, black gloves, and plume (handed out at performances).
- Never cut any fabric on a uniform. **If you use a professional tailor, it is your responsibility to inform him/her that no cutting of any fabric is allowed.**
- Pants should be hemmed so that the pants hit at the halfway point of the back of the shoe. Pants that are too long will not look right on the field.
- Do not wear the uniform over jeans, coats, or other outer garments. You may wear exercise shorts, soccer shorts, or thermal underwear beneath the uniform. You must wear your black band shirt under the jacket.
- Each student is responsible for ordering one pair of black marching shoes. We will order these during band camp. You must also provide your own black socks. Shoes are \$27.
- Extra gloves can be bought during the season for \$2 per pair.
- Store your uniform on the hanger and in the garment bag. During warm weather, uniforms should be aired and dried on their hangers after each wearing. The uniform is NEVER to be rolled up and/or stuffed in the garment bag.
- If the uniform gets wet, hang parts separately in a well-ventilated area. Have them dry cleaned quickly.
- Auxiliary members will purchase their own uniforms and accessories.
- Hair that reaches the uniform collar must be pinned up for marching band performances.
- Uniforms will be dry cleaned at designated times and before they are collected at the end of the season. Make sure never to machine wash a uniform.
- Do not mark any issued items in a permanent fashion. When putting your name on anything, it must be able to be removed before the items are returned at the end of the season.

Band Travel

The North Oconee Band travels to all away football games, contests, the spring trip, and various other band events. Always be on time. All band and school rules apply when we travel. All students must ride the bus to and from band events. If a student needs to leave a game or contest with a parent and will not ride the bus home, they must bring a signed note prior to departure. (This is only acceptable at the end of an event; students will not be allowed to leave early unless there is an emergency) These students must check out with a chaperone or director before they leave. All students must be accounted for before we can depart; this is for the safety of all students. Chaperones will be on each bus when we travel, and students must respect their authority. Make sure your parents/guardians know when to pick you up after a game. For the spring trip, students will receive a separate set of rules and guidelines.

Honor Bands Participation

Students have the option to participate in the following extra events:

All-State Band, District Honor Band, & Solo & Ensemble

All-State: 1st audition (\$25 – nonrefundable) – Scales on the GMEA scale sheet for your grade level and instrument, chromatic scale (full range), the lyrical etude, and 1 sight reading. For the 2nd audition – lyrical and technical etudes and 2 sight readings. Percussion will audition on snare, mallets, and timpani – see Mr. Smith for further details. Students are paying for the OPPORTUNITY to audition. Students must pass off for Mr. Smith to be allowed to attend auditions. Signups will take place at the beginning of the year.

District Honor Band: \$25 + hotel and meals – non refundable (when accepted to District band)

Solo and Ensemble: Registration is in February with the event in April. Cost is \$12 per event. Students may register for up to 3 different events.

Students are encouraged to audition for some or all of the above events. This experience will improve each player and the entire band. Students nominated and selected to attend these events will be expected to follow all school rules. Students will be required to miss school at some point during the events and are expected to make up all work missed.

Band Boosters

No organization can be successful without extensive parental involvement. Parents, YOU are an absolutely vital part of our success in the NOHS Band. The band boosters provide financial support, manpower, and moral support to the band. The booster meeting schedule changes depending on the season, please check the calendar or band website for meeting dates. We have various committees you can be involved with and there are a lot of ways you can help. Your help is needed and welcome! See a band booster officer for more information.

Contact Us

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Band Staff

Scott Smith-Director
Susan Smith-Flag Line Instructor/choreographer
Nathan Tingler-Front Ensemble Instructor
Hunter Hulsey-Marching Instructor
Scott Ellis-Marching Instructor
Luke Riddle-Marching Instructor

Band Booster Officers for 2017-18:

Wayne Suggs, President dwsuggs@uga.edu
Shirley Eddy and Margie Hines, 1st VPs
Tonya Henderson and Lynn Hughes, 2nd VPs
Teresa Byrd, Nicole Rivera, and Adrian Torres
3rd VPs (Concessions)
Julia Brown, Secretary
Jeff Henderson, Treasurer
Melissa Suggs, Parent Volunteer Coordinator