

PICKERINGTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Panther Band Families,

This message is to inform you of some very important updates to the Summer Plan for the PHSN Marching Band.

Please note the attached **REVISED SUMMER PLAN** document, updated as of yesterday, *Friday, July 17th, 2020*. This will also appear on the band website shortly.

Please read the following message IN FULL.

It is important to understand a few critical changes outlined in this revised plan, and the reasoning behind them.

1. In response to the school district announcing a delay in the first day of school for students to August 24th from the original August 13th (announced at the School Board Meeting held Thursday, July 16th), we have made the decision to push back our rehearsal calendar one full week, now beginning morning rehearsals in what would traditionally be our "Pre-Camp" week on Monday, July 27th. Additionally, please note the adjusted/shortened times for these rehearsals.
2. We will still operate TWO rehearsals this coming week on Tuesday, July 21st and Thursday, July 23rd. Please note the adjusted/shortened times for these rehearsals on the attached plan. We have elected to continue these rehearsals in abbreviated fashion to continue our positive momentum toward the coming season.
3. Please note a schedule change to what would traditionally be our "Band Camp" week, now slated for August 3rd – 7th. District protocols and recommendations prohibit us from having full day rehearsals as in a traditional year. Therefore, we will be operating two-a-day rehearsals on these dates. Please note the times for these rehearsal blocks on the attached plan. ****Students are not to congregate outside of rehearsal during the open portion of the middle of the day.**** Adjusted/shortened rehearsals in the mornings slated for August 10th – 13th will follow this week, as described on the attached plan.
 - Please note that the August 3rd – 7th week DOES NOT include a Sunday rehearsal prior to the 3rd, as in years past, but also DOES include a Friday evening rehearsal on Friday, August 7th.
4. We will maintain the Big Band Meeting scheduled for this coming Monday evening, July 20th. However, this meeting has been adjusted to 7:00pm and will not be conducted in-person, but rather virtually through the Zoom platform. This virtual meeting is MANDATORY for all Band families, and it is encouraged that both Band parent/guardian and Band student attend. The meeting will begin accepting logins at 6:45pm Monday evening using the following information for access:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86566054912?pwd=SEJhcUN2U3BGdmV5cWtibGVXcFBuUT09>

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We have made the adjustments mentioned above and stated in the attached REVISED SUMMER PLAN in an effort to maintain and increase student and staff safety, and to comply with district protocols and recommendations while providing the best educational model and opportunity for success and achievement for our students. Each time an update is announced, careful consideration has been taken to provide as much safety, stability, and positive opportunity with the information we have. While we hope each adjustment is our last, we ask that you understand that this remains a fluid and constantly evolving circumstance.

While I'm confident the attached REVISED SUMMER PLAN is designed with our students and families in mind, it may also bring with it questions. While we may not have every answer at this time, the PHSN Band staff and Boosters remain more committed than ever to execute our coming Marching Band season with high expectations, outstanding opportunities, and the tradition of excellence that is a hallmark of the Pickerington North Bands.

Thank you for your continued support and flexibility, and we look forward to making music together in a safe and successful environment this coming week and throughout the month ahead!

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



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