



July 20, 2011

Dear Tiger Band Parents,

Welcome again from the Norman High Band Association. I'm Barbara Craig, your 2011-2012 NHBA President. Thought I'd take a break from this record heat (remember last winter when all we wanted was to be warm again?) to let you know about some upcoming opportunities to support your band students with NHBA.

In addition to this letter, this mailing includes:

- A **Band Camp letter** detailing donations and help needed for Band Camp and related activities
- Two **Gridiron Grill schedules** and sign-up sheets, one for parents, and one for students who are 16 or older
- An **NHBA membership**/volunteer sign-up form
- A corrected copy of Mr. Meiller's **Band Camp dates and prices**.

August is almost here – and that means Marching Band Season officially kicks off with Band Camp. Color Guard starts with a one-week camp July 25-29; Percussion members meet Aug. 1-5. Finally, Band Camp for the entire band runs **Aug. 9-12 and Aug. 15-16**. (See Mr. Meiller's Band Camp dates page for more details.) The **Band Camp letter** from Deandra Coil details a variety of needs those weeks, from food and water donations to help with meals and uniforms and chaperoning the Band Lock-In on Friday, Aug. 19. There are ways for every family to help! You can also **stop by and cool off** with some of our refreshing fruited water **Aug. 9-12 from 9-10 p.m.** and chat with other parents while we wait for camp to finish each night.

Be sure to put **Tuesday night, August 15**, on your calendar. At **6 p.m.** Mr. Meiller will hold a **Parent Meeting** in the large band room; **ALL band parents are strongly encouraged to attend**. He will share important information about the band program and the upcoming year's activities (including the NHS Bands' first trip to Branson). In addition, I will talk about NHBA and some of the essential work we do to help make the Norman High Bands program possible. NHBA officers and members will be available throughout the evening to help you **join NHBA** and **sign up to help** us. At **7:15 p.m.** band family and friends are invited to a **Preview Concert** in the stadium. Join us afterwards for cold treats courtesy of NHBA.

Did you notice that little line about joining NHBA and signing up to help? NHBA is the parent support group for the Norman High School Bands. Revenue sources for NHBA include the OU Gridiron Grill, NHBA memberships, Corporate Sponsors, and other miscellaneous fundraisers. We can't do our job without your help!

Running the **Gridiron Grill**, a concession stand located in the east side of OU Memorial Stadium, will be our largest fundraising effort this year. We need fifteen people for each OU home football game, **starting Saturday, Sept. 3**. This is approximately a nine-hour commitment, beginning four hours before kick-off. Volunteering requires:

- Khaki slacks or Bermuda-length shorts -- OU provides a polo shirt and hat.
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes
- A Cleveland County food handler's card (cost \$5.00). You must attend a food handler's class at the Health Department (see times and locations on sign-up sheet) or at the Lloyd Noble Center on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 3 p.m.
- One Saturday of your time.

If most parents agree to work one or two games, we can easily staff this fundraiser and fairly share the work. And it is hard work -- but can also be fun, and a wonderful way to meet other band parents. **Please remember, since times for some games have not been determined, your commitment is for the date.** Without enough volunteers, we will have to discontinue this valuable opportunity and find another way to raise the money needed. (Note: several slots are available for students age 16 or older for most games. Band students will not be able to work the Missouri or Ball State games because of marching contests those days. Student workers earn money for their trip accounts.)

Finally, take a look at the **NHBA membership form**. Fill out the form and send it in -- or bring it with you when you stop by for Band Camp, or the Parent Meeting or Preview Concert. (If you forget, we'll have more!) Tell us about a business that might be interested in being a Corporate Sponsor for the Norman High and Norman North bands. Consider the many ways you could help, and pick a way to volunteer. There are lots of opportunities, big and small. We still have openings for:

- **Vice President**
- **Committee Chairs: Corporate Sponsors, Ways and Means** (fundraising), **Communications**, and **Banquet** (Band and Orchestra—this is Orchestra's year to plan the banquet, so it would be a great year to sign on and learn!).
- **Taste of Norman workers** Thursday, Sept. 1, for 1-2 hour shifts, before the Norman High Norman North game.

Feel free to email me at dbcraig85@gmail.com or call (405-447-8651 after July 30) if you have any questions or want more information on any of these opportunities or events. We'd love to help you find a place to get involved.

See you in August!

Barbara