

OCTOBER 9-13, 2023: NORTH GASTON COMPETITION THIS WEEKEND

Welcome back to another week, everyone. This weekend we take our show out on the road for our next to last competition. However, what is a little scary is that we lose a day of rehearsal this week. If we want to continue portraying our show to its fullest potential, we must continue to work hard. The season is quickly coming to a close. Leave nothing on the field.

What's Happening this Week?

- Monday, October 9:** **Columbus Day (No Rehearsals).**
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Tuesday, October 10:** In-School Instruction.
Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Wednesday, October 11:** In-School Instruction.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Thursday, October 12:** In-School Instruction.
Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm
Pit Crew Practice, 5:30 pm
Chaperone Meeting, 6:00 pm
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Friday, October 13:** In-School Instruction.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Saturday, October 14:** **Wildcat Invitational, Call-Time 9:30 am**
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Sunday, October 15:** Eat. Sleep Practice. Repeat.
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Wildcat Invitational: The schedule for North Gaston Wildcat Invitational will be posted on Band App at 6:00 pm on Tuesday. Students will also receive a physical copy during rehearsal on Tuesday.

Pit Crew Practice & Chaperone Meeting Pit Crew will meet at 5:30 pm at the practice field to prepare for our final rep of the evening. The chaperone meeting will also be at the practice field immediately following rehearsal. [To sign up for Pit Crew or Chaperone, please go here.](#) We need as much help as we can get.

Butter Braid Fundraiser: If you have never had a Butter Braid, they're basically the equivalent of food from the heavens. They are awesome. They make great desserts for Thanksgiving. Our Butter Braid sale will run until October 18. At that point all money will be due. Orders can be done on paper, online at our store, or a combination of both. [We will be offering a prize for our top seller this year.](#)

Marching Band Photo Session: Our annual marching band photos will be on October 24 after school. It is *supposed* to start at 3:00 pm, but old folks know that it could be delayed (the photographer was late last year). Marching band students should plan on staying after school that day and bringing all uniform implements to change into uniform for the photo. Hair below the jawline, and make-up are fine for this photo.

Christmas Parade Rehearsals: Rehearsals for the Christmas Parade are: November 8, 9, 14, and 16 from 2:45-5:00 pm. **This is required for marching band students.** It counts as one of our performances for the year.

After-School Rehearsals for Winter Band Concert: Rehearsals for the Winter Concert are: November 13, 15, 20, and 27 from 2:45-5:00 pm. **This is required for all band students.** The Winter Band Concert will be November 29 at 7:00 pm. More information will be forthcoming as we approach the date.

UNCC Football Game Concessions: The band has an opportunity to make some big bucks. UNCC asked us to help run the concessions for their football games. It's kind of a big deal and we don't want to miss this opportunity. But we need help. [Please sign up here to help with concessions throughout the season.](#) There are several spots available. **Marching band students, please be aware that there are several dates that conflict with your performance schedule. Students may only sign up for the following day – November 11.**

All-District Band Audition Help Clinic: UNCC is hosting another solo help clinic on their campus on November 10. The tentative time is 3:00-6:00 pm. Students will work with applied faculty on their audition etudes and get more valuable audition success tips. More information and registration to come soon.

Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble Auditions: Auditions for Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble will be December 2. Registration information will be forthcoming. Rehearsals for CYWE will be Tuesday nights from January 2 – February 27.

Student Fees: All students in the band class have a semester fee that the county charges to help offset the cost of materials used in the band class. There is also a \$50 per semester fee for those who are renting an instrument from the school. These fees can be paid through the K-12 Payment Portal (<https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>). **These fees are to be paid by August 31, 2023.**

School-Owned Instruments/Instrument Repairs: If you are in need of a school-owned instrument, please email me to set-up a time to get your instrument (joshua.adams@cabarrus.k12.nc.us). If you are in need of an instrument repair, please let me know!

October 2023

8	9 Columbus Day (No Rehearsals)	10 Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm	11	12 Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm	13	14 Wildcat Invitational, Call-Time 9:30 am
15	16 Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm	17 Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm	18 Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends	19 Marching Band Rehearsal, 2:45-6:00 pm	20 Home Football vs. Carson	21 Blue Devil Classic
22	23	24 Marching Band Photo Session, 3:00 pm	25	26	27 Home Football vs. Northwest (Senior Night)	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

November 2023

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5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm	7 Election Day (No School)	8 Parade Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	9 Parade Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	10 Observed Veterans Day (No Rehearsals) UNCC Audition Clinic, 3:00 pm	11 Veterans Day
12 Diwali	13 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	14 Parade Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	15 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	16 Parade Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	17	18 Concord Christmas Parade, Call-Time TBD
19	20 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	21	22 Thanksgiving Break (No Rehearsals)	23 Thanksgiving (No Rehearsals)	24 Thanksgiving Break (No Rehearsals)	25
26	27 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	28	29 Winter Band Concert, 7:00 pm	30		