



NHS Purple Regiment PURPLE REGIMENT BAND

NEWSLETTER

1ST SEMESTER, 1ST EDITION

August 2011

From the Director's Desk



Dear Band Family,

August 15, 2011

Here we are again at the beginning of a new marching season! With the thoughts of last year's fantastic season still fresh in our minds, we begin a new journey together- band students, staff and parents. I encourage each of you to follow the schedules and updates that will be posted on a regular basis on our web site:

purpleregiment.com and also published in our monthly newsletters and email messages. If you're receiving this letter then you have already made a tremendous investment in your child's future. You have supported music and its life-changing benefits for your child and indeed your entire family. What if everyone could know the magical, life-changing power of music? I don't think we do a good enough job of getting the word out! In an age of quick fixes, instant success and an unquenchable thirst for mediocrity, band and music are often ignored....often I see parents drop off their children to play in a concert and then go about their shopping at Wal-Mart while the band

plays on! We get snug about our life styles and many times ignore the fantastic opportunities we enjoy to listen to and make music.

Do you know the most powerful symbol on your keyboard? Most would say it's the exclamation point. But what may be exciting or urgent to me might not be to someone else, or vice versa. The most powerful symbol, I think is the "hyphen". As each of us approach the end of our lives, there will be two dates listed on our memorials – the date we were born and the date we passed from one life to the next. In between those two dates will be..... a little hyphen! The hyphen becomes the symbol and the story of our lives. It contains the joys, sorrows, failures and successes. In it we can see how we made a difference in the lives of those around us... or not! Were our "hyphen" moments truly special or just ordinary? I truly believe that music is at the root of many of our most cherished and memorable moments. The times and memories that last a lifetime and fill the time between birth and death are undoubtedly the most important.

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Northwestern Purple Regiment Booster Club

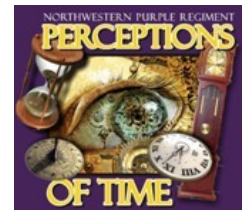
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The real meaning of band is often not seen on the football field or observed in some auditorium or other performance venue. The true meaning and lasting benefits are those that are felt, internalized and remembered forever by all participants – performers and listeners. I'll challenge each of you as I did the kids earlier this week with one of my favorite quotes: Thomas Paine's enduring quote – **“Lead, Follow or Get out of the way”** Leading and following both require one to take action. Leading puts you in the spotlight and under careful scrutiny. Following requires you to swallow a little pride. However all of us fall into some leadership category – good or bad! By choosing to get out of the way you don't need to do anything. Getting out of the way is easy and safe. It's boring and unfortunately it's the decision many people make these days.. Many people have forgotten what it's like to be daring or adventurous in favor of the uncontroversial or politically correct route. **I challenge all of you along with your students to lead, follow or both! Please make a big effort to be involved in your child's activities. They want and need you to be present and taking leading, active and vocal roles in the support of music and its fantastic benefits. We all must find a way to lead or follow but certainly not accepting the easy route of “getting out of the way” I challenge you to make those “hyphen” moments in yours and your child's life to be cherished and memorable.**

Warmest regards,

Larry Wells
Director of Bands
Northwestern High School



From the President's Podium



I See Purple People

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Purple Regiment family! You now are part of a special organization and we are blessed to have band students who have accepted the challenge to be members of the Purple Regiment and as parents, being part of this experience will be tremendous. With the news media always reporting negative stories on teenagers it is refreshing to see the commitment our band students make to serve as positive role models for their peers. Their efforts and constant hard work results in the Purple Regiment being known as one of the best band programs in the Southeast.

Each student will become better adults due to participating in the band program and they will form lasting friendships through the teamwork, discipline and competitive drive that band instills in them. We should be extremely proud of their efforts and I encourage each of you to get involved with the program as this window of opportunity is very small and you surely don't want to miss out. Already this summer we have met many new parents and supporters out helping with various band functions and we are so appreciative of their willingness to get involved. Honestly the parents have as much fun as the students and we all wear our purple proud as we travel throughout the community and the state.



This program is special. Whether we win is not critical, as the lessons the students, and yes, us parents learn is so much more important. We must be held accountable for our actions and working within a team is so important in our daily lives. I encourage each of you to show your support by being there for your students. If they do something you like, stand up and CHEER their efforts, not for the final score.

Wear your purple proud and encourage everyone you know to come and support the purple regiment, and if possible, sit with other members of our band family. At competitions we are noted as some of the loudest and largest fan groups, but please be respectful of the other bands fans when they are performing as you will expect the same in return when your student is on the field.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your efforts in making this a special year. Mr. Wells and the staff have raised the bar and it takes everyone's maximum efforts to achieve our goals. I have confidence that our organization will rise to the occasion and this will be a year to remember.
"Go Purple"

Tim Williams



THE PURPLE REGIMENT

FALL 2011 SEMESTER

IMPORTANT DATES

Game	Friday, Aug 26	Football Game: NW vs South Pointe (AWAY)
Booster Mtg	Monday, Sept 12	7 pm. ALL parents are encouraged to come and find out more about upcoming events.
Practice	Friday, Sept 16	Tim Hinton Clinic. We will extend 4th block until 7pm. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!
Practice	Saturday, Sept 17	Tim Hinton Master Clinic. REQUIRED for all. 8:30am to 6pm. Booster club will serve lunch and dinner to the kids.
Exhibition	Saturday, Sept 17	York County Exhibition of Bands (right after TH Clinic) York High School
Game	Friday, Sept 23	Football game: NW vs Nation Ford (HOME)
Competition	Saturday, Sept 24	Palmetto Tournament @ Irmo High School
Game	Friday, Sept 30	Football game. NW vs. North Augusta (HOME)
Competition	Saturday, Oct 1	J. F. Byrnes Tournament of Bands, Spartanburg SC
Game	Friday, Oct 7	Football game. NW vs. Spartanburg (HOME)
Competition	Saturday, Oct 8	OLDE ENGLISH Festival of Bands @ Dist 3 Stadium
Game	Thurs , Oct 13	Football game. NW vs. Lancaster (HOME)
Competition	Saturday, Oct 15	Pride of Pendleton Marching Classic, Pendleton SC
Competition	Saturday, Oct 22	4A Upper State Championships Boiling Springs HS, Spartanburg SC
Competition	Saturday, Oct 29	4A STATE Championships Spring Valley High School, Columbia SC
Game	Friday, Nov 4	Football game. NW vs. Rock Hill High (AWAY @ RHSD STADIUM)
Booster Mtg	Monday, Nov 7	Band Booster meeting; 7 pm in band room

From the Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us feed and hydrate the band students during band camp! There is no way we could have done this without the help of so many parents!

During the Competition Season we continue to provide them with meals, snacks and drinks on competition days. We do have enough water at this point but **we need** canned sodas (pepsi, coke, etc.) and individually wrapped snacks such as chips, little debbie cakes, rice krispie treats, honeybuns, etc. If you could donate these to the band we would appreciate it. Please bring your donated items to the band room. Feeding the band and staff costs approximately \$500-600 per meal so your donations help us tremendously with our budget needs.

Again, we are grateful to all of you who helped us with band camp and for your donations.

The Hospitality Committee

John & Annette Keller, and Sandra Tarleton
Olde English Chairpersons
327.0486 or 324.3578

From the Chaperone Committee



BAND season has started!! We have ~170 students going to ~30 events (including 10 days of band camp) which means we have ~180 chaperone slots to fill. You can help!! We are looking for FRESHMAN parents, SOPHOMORE parents, JUNIOR parents, SENIOR parents, even ALUMNI parents. We'll cover everything you need to know. Contact us today!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped with band camp this year!! You're AWESOME!!

Steve & Dana Crocker
803-493-8165 or 803-493-8104

Shirley Faircloth
803.517.7381

Yvette Williams
917.887.2734

NEEDS: Canned Sodas—Pepsi, Coke, Sprite, etc Individually wrapped snacks—Little Debbie Cakes, Rick Krispie Treats, Honey buns, Chips, Crackers, etc. Deliver to the BAND ROOM!

Olde English Festival of Bands

Saturday, October 8th

District 3 Stadium



We need **Purple People** so mark your calendar now! The Olde English Festival of Bands will be held this year on **Saturday, October 8, at District Three Stadium**. This is one of the longest running band competitions in South Carolina and it is one of the major fundraisers for the band program. Olde English is a joint effort with the band programs from both Northwestern and Rock Hill High and is always a fun event. It is a great time to come together and celebrate all the tremendous band programs from all over the Carolinas .

In order to have a successful event we need the support of band parents and students so please consider how you will be involved during this event. We need volunteers to help with air grams, baked goods, concessions, car and bus parking, field control and so much more therefore we have a job for everyone that wants to take part. Over the next several weeks be on the lookout for Olde English information that will be mailed out including info on volunteer assignments, corporate sponsorships, ads for the program and so much more.

In advance, thank you for your support and hard work and together we can make this a band season to remember!

Gina Williams

Charms: Online Band Account Management (Band Fees/ BCP's)

Our band has a great online tool to help families keep track of their band fee payments and their BCP's. Everything you need to know about the program can be found on the **PurpleRegiment.org** website.

Choose the CHARMS(BCP) link and enter our school code:

NorthwesternHSBand

At Student Area Password enter your 4 digit PIN.

The Band Credit Points (BCP) program is an important part of the Purple Regiment's fundraising efforts. It enables students to raise money for activities, merchandise and trips. Each band student has a BCP account established in their name. A **Band Credit Point (BCP)** is the equivalent to one dollar. (i.e. \$50 = 50 BCP's).

As the student participates (parents and family can as well) in the various fundraisers, points are earned and recorded in the BCP Account. These points can later be used by the band student to offset the costs associated with being a member of the band. At the end of the school year, any remaining points in the account are rolled over into the next school year.

2011—2012 Band Fee Schedule

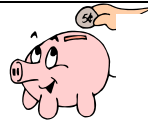
May 29th	\$75.00
August 1st	\$75.00
Sept 1st	\$75.00
October 1st	\$75.00
November 1st	\$75.00
December 15th	\$125.00

If you need to make alternate payment arrangements please contact Mr. Wells or myself. If you have questions with regard to band fees or BCP accounts, don't hesitate to contact me:

Chris Cassidy
Purple Regiment Treasurer /BCPs
704-315-9414
lv2bnsc@comporium.net

Please keep in mind the Band Fee Schedule above. A significant portion of the Band's expenses are incurred during the first three months of the school year. In an effort to keep a positive cash flow, during the month of September, students that are not current with their first three band payments will have BCPs transferred from their accounts to cover the first three band payments.

How to use BCP's to pay Band Fees



1. Get a BCP Form from Purpleregiment.org website under Forms & Misc: BCP Withdrawal/ Deposit
2. Fill out the form, indicating how many BCP's you want to apply to Band Fees.
3. Put your completed form in the Purple Box in the band room.
4. Watch your Band Fees and BCP accounts in Charms for the BCP's to be applied.

PayPal can be used to pay Band Fees

Select the On-Line Payments link at:
PurpleRegiment.org

Provide the student's name and an email address
(for confirmation purposes)

Select the On-Line Payment line at:

EARN BCP's and offset your Band Fee's!

There are many opportunities to offset your Band Fee's and earn additional money towards equipment, Purple Wear, Travel, etc... Students are **ENCOURAGED** to work at a Knights or Panthers Game, participate in cookie dough and orange sales in addition to the other FUN-raisers sponsored by the Booster Club, including our upcoming BINGO night!

Getting to know the Regiment Senior Leadership

Miles Moon

Band Council President

Drum Captain

Instrument: Percussion



I've marched with the Regiment: 4 years, Class of 2012

My first day of band camp that FIRST year, I thought: This stuff is hard and some of these kids are weird.

My first day of band camp THIS year, I thought: This band has the potential to be great, and with the right amounts of determination and hardwork it will be.

My advice to Freshmen: As cliché as it seems, take more from band than simply learning music and drill. Over the next few years, you will learn and develop things that can be picked up nowhere else and that will change you for the better.

My favorite Purple Regiment memory: Celebrating on the bus ride home from the 2008 State Finals.

My interests other than Band: hanging out with friends, swimming, playing disc golf.

My hopes for this school year (and beyond): I hope to be successful in all that I do.

What I'll always remember about Mr. Wells: Mr. Wells is probably the most patient man I have ever met. I will always remember him for that and for the love and care that he shows every student that he teaches.

I want Purple Regiment parents to know:

We appreciate all that you do!

Morgan Schroeder

Head Drum Major

Instrument: Flute

I've marched with the Regiment: 4 years, Class of 2012

My first day of band camp that FIRST year, I thought: That I might quit. I was scared. I had never been a part of something like marching band before and it was a lot to take in. But I had never quit anything before and I wasn't about to start then. I'm glad that I stuck with it looking back now.

My first day of band camp THIS year, I thought: Wow! This is the year. We can take home state again. Just meeting all the freshmen, and hearing the music played and seeing the marching just took my breath away. I really truly believe that this band can take home those gold medals once again, and it would be a great end to my marching career.

My advice to Freshmen: Stick with it. It gets better I promise. It's not easy and it takes a lot of time, but it's worth it. You get so close to the people, and everyone is just the coolest ever. We truly are a family and you will want the memories.

My favorite Purple Regiment stand song: I think I speak for everyone when I say "Hey Baby." Every year, at every football games, it is the only song that is requested by everyone. As a drum major last year, it was even more apparent to me how much everyone liked it because they always were hoping that it was the song we were holding up to play.

My interests other than Band: I play soccer year long. Club soccer in the fall, Indoor soccer in the winter, and school soccer in the spring. Lets just say I don't like being bored.



My hopes for this school year (and beyond): I hope to be successful in all that I do.

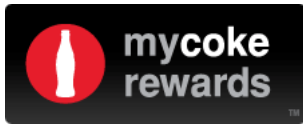
What I learned from my Junior year as Drum Major: It's tougher than it looks. All the band sees is you standing up there waving your arms, but there's so much pressure because every single person is looking at you. Oh and Rick's little exercises are a blast as well.

What I'll always remember about Mr. Wells: He is one of my heroes. He is inspiring. He has been with this band for many years and he truly loves every single person who comes through this program. Once you graduate, he welcomes you back any time you want to visit. He's like a second father.

When I Leave NHS: I will hopefully be attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and will be pursuing a career in Forensics. I'll be moving on to new things, but I'll never forget about my experiences in this band. It has made me who I am, and it will help me later on in life.

I want Purple Regiment parents to know: You need this band program as much as it needs you and as much as your kids need it. I don't think you will ever find a group of kids quite like the ones in this band. And even though every kid might not tell you, we appreciate every single one of our band parents. Y'all help us through so much and you're a big reason why we're able to function. And also, keep your kids in this band. They need to be here, they need these experiences and these memories. It shapes them into better people, and you will never regret the decision to put them into band.

Fundraisers



Collect the Caps!

Looking for a really easy way to help save the Purple Regiment money that requires almost no work on your part? Whenever you buy any Coca-Cola Brand Products save the My Coke Rewards codes that are under the lid, on the box end or on the bottom of the 12 & 24 count bottle outer wrapper and bring them to bandroom or band block at home football games. With these codes the Band Boosters can get all sorts of free products to use for the band students. FREE!!! What could be better?! For example: Instead of paying \$25+ for a photobook for each of the seniors, with 285 points each, they would be free. That would save the band \$625! It would only take 2100 bottles or 700 12 packs or 357 24packs or just a combination of that. There are posters, gift cards, and free soda or water packs. Every year we buy presents for the graduating seniors. With how much soda and bottled water that the band families use, why are we paying for it when we could be getting them FREE? Collect the Caps and pass them on to Mary Anne Gomulinski at rehearsals and home football games!

For a list of products see: <http://www.mycokerewards.com/participatingBrands.do>



Northwestern High School's Purple Regiment



To Purchase tickets & place
Pampered Chef orders contact
any **band member**
or
Candi Zazzara
Independent Team Leader
with
The Pampered Chef
czazzara@comporium.net



Thursday,
August 25, 2011
@ The Northwestern High School Cafeteria
7-9pm

\$10 per ticket includes admission, A Pampered Chef Tasting, & one Bingo card.
Additional cards for \$5 or
3 for \$12
Pampered Chef Door Prizes
Pampered Chef Desserts available for purchase

Tickets available at the door.

Uniforms



Important DO's and DON'Ts found on the website.
Please review the UNIFORM GUIDELINES at

PurpleRegiment.com

Kim Allman
803.322.7163 (cell)
kimallman@comporium.net

- ⇒ Show shirt to be worn
- ⇒ SOLID black socks, crew length, no anklets
- ⇒ Black shoes / white gloves (except percussion)
- ⇒ No jewelry (small studs ok)
- ⇒ Hem pants, do not cut material off
- ⇒ Dry cleaning 3x this season \$7/each
- ⇒ Uniforms will be kept AT SCHOOL

Cheer For the Regiment



Calling All Purple Regiment Families!

Football Season Pass

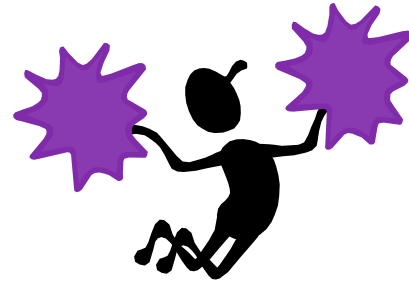
Band Section Seating

\$35 per pass

Five Regular Season Home Games

Info. shirleyfaircloth@comporium.net

517.7381



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