

MARCHING INDIANS **BANDS AT NORTH**

MARCHING BAND- A considerable amount of this handbook is devoted to Marching Band. This ensemble rehearses in the summer, before school and on Thursday evenings during August and September (drum-line meets briefly during July). Students receive 1/2 credit for this class and range in age from freshman to senior.

SYMPHONIC BAND- A select ensemble made up of freshman through senior who audition and qualify for the group. Auditions for this band occur in the Fall semester. This band rehearses during the second semester, first block. Students are required to be in the band room at 7:30AM to warm up and prepare for rehearsal. The Symphonic Band has more performances than any other concert band.

CONCERT BAND- This group is comprised of sophomores through seniors who either choose not to audition for Symphonic Band or who have auditioned and not been selected for the group. This group meets third block all year. Students who choose not to march first semester should enroll in this class.

FRESHMAN BAND- This group also meets second semester. Freshman may audition for Symphonic Band but freshman **MAY NOT** audition for Concert Band. There are exceptions to this rule, at the discretion of the director. This class meets seventh block.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE(TOP GROUP)-This ensemble is chosen by audition in the spring semester of the previous school year. **Students may not enroll in jazz band only.** Jazz classes may be taken in addition to another major musical ensemble. The jazz ensemble performs frequently and students must have an excellent understanding of jazz style and a high level of musical skill. This class meets fourth block all year.

JAZZ BAND- This jazz workshop is open to all band students interested in learning more about jazz. **Students may not enroll in jazz band only.** Jazz classes may be taken in addition to another major musical ensemble. Only students who play piano or guitar may sign up for jazz band only. Students in jazz band need not audition. This class meets block II all year.

JAZZ COMBOS and SMALL ENSEMBLES- Jazz combos/ ensembles meet outside class (or during seminar) throughout the year. These ensembles will meet around once a week and perform throughout the fall and spring semester.

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