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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

August 2013

This handbook is written by the Northeast Band and Orchestra Parent's Organization. It is published for parents and students in order to help you have a successful and fulfilling experience in the orchestra, band, jazz band, or the auxiliary marching units: color guard, majorettes and silks. Once again we are all looking forward to having an exciting year. I encourage everyone to join in helping those who will be working hard to make Northeast's music ensembles the best of all the middle schools.

All of us here at Northeast are always **Northeast Proud** to see the high level of enthusiasm and commitment contained within our music programs here. As principal, I look forward to supporting this enthusiasm and commitment and to maintaining a strong, supportive relationship between the Northeast Band and Orchestra Parent Organization and the entire school community. It is important to understand that at Northeast students are always encouraged to explore and be involved in as many extra-curricular activities as possible as they discover and refine their talents and interests. We encourage this time and discovery as long as students maintain positive grades in school and are respectful of the rules and people around them. We ask all of our students to be their best in all they do and to always try to maintain a positive attitude and image of themselves and the school. Our Northeast Orchestra and Band units exemplify the type of attitude and image we look to have for all students!

We are also extremely proud and honored to have Mr. Brian Rupnik as our director of the orchestra and band. Brian is dedicated to helping all students become fine musicians and his 24 years of experience here at Northeast almost assure us that he can answer any and all questions you may have regarding the music programs. Any of our band officers will also be happy to answer any questions or assist in any way either you or your child. They are also always willing to accept new volunteers; we can never have enough help for all we try to provide for our students.

In closing, I thank you, in advance, for your support of our band, our jazz ensemble, our orchestra and our auxiliary marching units. Our musical programs here at Northeast exemplify what it means to be **NORTHEAST PROUD!** I hope you all enjoy the remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in August.

Joseph G. RaHS Jr.
Principal

INTRODUCTION

NEBOPO (Northeast Band & Orchestra Parents Organization) supports the instrumental music programs at Northeast Middle School. This includes Marching Band, Auxiliary Marching Units, Concert Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. We do this in many ways. We raise funds for expenses that are not covered by the school district. We provide volunteers and chaperones. We host events such as the Northeast Middle School Jazz Festival and staff all events held by the Band and Orchestra, support the program and Mr. Rupnik and provide assistance to him when needed. We also assist Mrs. Parker with her events as requested.

NEBOPO also supports the students and their families with the goal of allowing all students to take advantage of the instrumental music programs to their fullest. We are a strong network of caring families that want the very best for our kids. As such, we should look out for the benefit of our entire group, including each other's kids.

If you see that any child needs help, either pitch in or bring it to the attention of an officer, the band director, another parent or volunteer. If you should see the uniform or equipment not being taken care of, gently correct that child and instruct them on how to do it or wear it properly. And if you should see an organization member behaving in an inappropriate manner, either address it directly or bring it to the attention of an officer, teacher, administrator, advisor or the director.

The NEBOPO officers are available to help and answer any questions you may have. We are always open to suggestions that will strengthen our organization. There is an opportunity at every Band Parent's meeting to ask questions and make suggestions, or you can contact an officer directly by phone, email, or in person.

We work to keep our musical hornets' appearance and behavior at its best at all times because they are representing our school. It takes all of us working together to instill and maintain the pride in our organization. It's what makes our group so successful.

We are Northeast Proud !

NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

An extracurricular activity shall be defined as all student organizations and activities which meet in the name of Northeast Middle School and are not part of the regular school curriculum. This policy shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Athletic Teams	Academic Activities
Varsity sports	Student Council
Cheerleaders	Yearbook
Intramural tournaments	Newspaper
Music Organizations	Performing Arts

Academic Standards

To participate in an extracurricular activity, a student must meet specific standards in academic and related arts courses during the previous grading period. At the end of the school year, the student's final grades and credits in his or her subjects shall be used to determine eligibility for the next school year. A student will be ineligible for participation if he/she does not pass four full credit academic courses, or the equivalent.

In cases where a student's performance in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards as presented above, such students shall be on probation fifteen days of the next grading period. If the eligibility standard is not attained, the participant will be ineligible for the activity for the remainder of the quarter.

In the case of athletic teams and music organizations, students may attend practice but not compete or perform. Members of Student Council, Newspaper, and Yearbook will be placed on probation for fifteen days. Eligibility sheets, indicating the names of all ineligible participants on a varsity team (basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, soccer, softball, volleyball) shall be completed as needed by all teachers. **Please note that at the time of the band trip if a student is failing 2 or more subjects they will not be able to attend the band trip and NO refund will be given.**

Attendance Standards

Students who are absent from school may not participate in a practice or performance on the day of the absence without administrative approval. Students are expected to attend ALL performances. **Students who fail to attend performances may be ineligible to go on the band spring musical competition.** This decision will be left to the discretion of the Director and NEBOPO executive board.

A tentative schedule of events for this school year is located in the back of this handbook. Please mark them on your calendar IMMEDIATELY.

Disciplinary Standards

A student placed on in-house or out-of-school suspension may not represent the school in a performance or competition during the suspension. For each succeeding suspension, the student may not participate during the suspension and an additional 10 days. A student may not practice for school-sponsored activities during the period of the actual in-house or out-of-school suspension.

Coaches' Standards

Coaches and directors may add various rules and regulations that are specific to their activity. Coaches and directors will follow the guidelines in the middle school coach's handbook.

Sportsmanship

Students who participate in extracurricular programs must keep in mind that they are always in the public eye and that their personal conduct will always be subject to the scrutiny of other students, fans, and opponents. They, therefore, have an obligation to serve as positive role models by demonstrating the following:

- ✓ showing respect for authority and property
- ✓ showing support for and helping each other
- ✓ maintaining academic eligibility and training rules
- ✓ emphasizing the ideals of sportsmanship, loyalty, ethical conduct & fair play.
- ✓ understanding that succeeding is important in every facet of life and any display of unsportsmanlike behavior toward an opponent, official, or spectator during the season may result in discretionary discipline by the coach or director and possible suspension/termination from that activity.

Northeast Middle School Extracurricular Activity Contract

Northeast Middle School is very diverse in its offering of extracurricular activities to aid the students' enrichment during this very important time in a child's development. Each student is able to enroll in as many extracurricular activities as he/she and the parent/guardian sees fit, provided a suitable grade point average in his/her academic subject matter is maintained.

Membership in an activity means that **each student is expected to attend every rehearsal/practice as well as every game/performance of a given extracurricular activity.** Because of this requirement, however, there may be a time that a student's chosen activities overlap. In the event of such a conflict, the advisor of each activity needs to be notified of the conflict as soon as it becomes known. Please help your child to check their calendar and foresee these events in advance. Generally, a performance (parade, concert) is a higher priority than a practice; likewise a game is a higher priority than a rehearsal. When a game and a performance conflict the faculty advisors WILL resolve the conflict between

themselves and inform the student of the outcome. In order to avoid stress, conflicts between activities should be taken care of at least *two weeks* in advance of the activity. The advisors will make every attempt to resolve such conflicts as fairly as possible, with the help of the principal if necessary. If it is known that there will be more than one conflict between the same extracurricular activities, the decision will be made by the advisors of the activities as equitably as possible to both groups.

This decision may not always be seen as favorable by the student, but must be understood that it is done with the student's best interest in mind. Failure of the student to abide by the decision of both advisors will result in dismissal from both activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Auxiliary Marching Units (AMU)

AMU includes Color Guard and Majorettes. Anyone in grades 6, 7, or 8 is eligible to become a member of the AMU. Tryouts for majorettes are held in May each year. Those chosen for the next year's squad attend practices throughout the summer. Anyone interested in participating in color guard is asked to contact either the AMU Advisor or Mr. Rupnik prior to the start of summer band camp each year.

Students in AMU may not be instrumentalists in the marching band as AMU members participate in all marching band activities, such as parades, football games and all marching events. AMU members can participate in concert band, orchestra and jazz ensemble activities.

Rehearsals

Band, Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra rehearsals are held each morning **beginning at 7:30 a.m. and concluding at 8:15 a.m. Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances during the school year.** Students need to arrive to be ready to start at 7:30 a.m. Late arrival at morning rehearsals interrupts and delays the rest of the musical group, resulting in wasted time for the entire group.

If a student is in school, he or she is required to attend the morning rehearsal. Excuses are given for illness and specifically excused school functions. All other absences of performances must be approved by the Band Director.

Weekly Practice Schedule:

Monday - Jazz Ensemble
Tuesday - Orchestra
Wednesday - Band & AMU
Thursday - Orchestra
Friday - Band & AMU

The AMU meets every time the band is scheduled for rehearsal.

Jazz Ensemble has an additional weekly rehearsal Thursdays during the school day.

If a member of the band, orchestra, or jazz ensemble needs to schedule extra help with an academic teacher before school, it must be done on days which the child does not have rehearsal. If extra help must be scheduled on a rehearsal day, the child must first report to rehearsal with a note from their parent or teacher. Only then will the child be excused from rehearsal.

Practice

Practice makes perfect! Students should practice 20 to 30 minutes per day at home in addition to morning rehearsals and weekly lessons. To excel at an instrument, daily practice is required and will improve playing, may advance seat placement and will help create a great Northeast Band and Orchestra.

Lessons

Group instrumental music lessons are offered to all Bethlehem Area School District students performing in their school's instrumental music program. One lesson per week is offered, at no cost, to students during the school day on a rotating basis. If a child does not take private instrumental music lessons, he/she is required to attend these weekly group lessons. If a child takes private lessons, he/she may choose to also attend the group lessons. It is important to note that students are responsible to make up their missed class-work.

If a student does not take private music lessons, he/she must attend a minimum of 17 group lessons during a given school year (5 lessons in the first quarter, 5 the second quarter, 5 the third quarter, and 2 the fourth quarter). Failure to attend at least 17 group lessons, along with failure of proficient progress in your chosen instrument, may result in the director denying the student permission to attend the spring music trip.

The student will be issued a punch card during summer band camp so that they may easily track how many lessons they have attended. They will sign the card to acknowledge that they understand this policy and are aware of the penalty if they do not attend the appropriate number of lessons. The card will be attached to their instrument case, and the student is responsible for bringing it to their lesson and having it punched. Make-up lessons may be scheduled by request of the student at the director's convenience.

A number of teachers and businesses provide private instrumental music instruction in our area. Please check your phone book for these names and locations (under music instruction in the yellow pages), or speak to Mr. Rupnik.

Music

All instrumental music students are permitted to take home their folder for rehearsal purposes throughout the school year. In most cases, two students will be sharing the same music folder throughout the year. It is required that stand partners work out a fair schedule for taking home music. If, for some reason this cannot be accomplished by the students, Mr. Rupnik will create a fair folder sign-out schedule.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The students' successes in the instrumental music and AMU programs at Northeast rely heavily on the involvement and support of parents and extended family members. All our fundraisers, concerts, and events are organized and/or staffed by parent/family volunteers and would not be possible without them.

Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed. Please consider volunteering for events and activities throughout the year. There are plenty of opportunities to fit anyone's schedule ranging from light involvement, to committee chairs and officers. You can sign-up on the volunteer form in your rainbow colored packet, on sign-up sheets at meetings, or contact the chairperson of the event you would like to help with. If you haven't signed up for an event, but find you have the time, do not hesitate to come and volunteer. It's never too late!

**All parents are asked to contribute baked goods
to at least one of our bake sales during the year.**

Chaperones and Parade Walkers

Chaperones are always needed for events to help Mr. Rupnik keep the kids safe, well-behaved and organized. Parade walkers walk along with the band in the parade carrying water, watching for dropped items, etc.

Band Trip Chaperones

It is very important for parents to attend meetings and volunteer. Parents who wish to chaperone must volunteer for at least 5 activities and have their trip paid for in full. If you are not chosen to chaperone, your payment will be refunded. Chaperones are chosen based on overall volunteerism throughout the year. Attendance is taken at all meetings and band events. Band trip chaperones will be responsible for paying \$250 to attend the trip this year. Overnight trip chaperones are required to have a TB test and a copy of a photo ID on-file at the school and submit a release form for background checks.

Attend Concerts and Events

Please attend as many events as possible, even if your child is not performing. Students appreciate performing to a full house and viewing their and family and friends supporting the music programs of their school.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staying informed is the key to success in the Northeast Band and Orchestra. We go to great lengths to be sure you are aware of all news that you need to know. Email and our Website are our two main ways of distributing information to families. If those ways are not accessible to you, please let us know to phone or text information, so that everyone stays informed of updates or last minute changes. Please use the form on the bottom of the monthly newsletter to keep us informed of any changes.

Bulletin Board, Handouts, Website, and Sign-up Sheets

Any information that students need to know throughout the school year will be posted on the Band and Orchestra bulletin board in the Band Room or handed out in rehearsals. As students may not attend rehearsals every day if they are only in one group, it is important for students to:

- Check the website: www.nebopo.org
- *Check parents' email everyday for any changes/updates.*
- *Listen to announcements before rehearsals every morning.*
- Check the bulletin board every day for any new information.
- Check the counter daily for handouts to bring home. Please remind your child to give these to you when he/she arrives home.
- Check daily for any posted sign-up sheets for specific activities.

The NEBOPO Newsletter - A Musical Note

The Parent Organization publishes a monthly newsletter entitled *A Musical Note* to keep families informed about events. These newsletters are distributed at monthly band meetings and posted on our website. If you cannot make a meeting, your child may get a copy of the newsletter from the band director. Please be sure to watch for the newsletter and read it to keep updated. If any student, parent or faculty member wishes to write an article or submit information, please send the material to the band room labeled NEWSLETTER.

Parades

During parade season, on Wednesdays prior to the weekend parade, a notice will be sent home with students with the details and route of the parade.

NEBOPO Meetings

NEBOPO meetings are held to inform parents of important information and give them an opportunity to ask questions and offer input. Attending these meetings is the best way to keep up to date and informed.

Student members of the band, orchestra, and auxiliary marching units are encouraged, but not required to attend with their parents. Students that come to

meetings are required to remain in the meeting and may not wander around the building and outside. Student officers will attend the meetings and report information back to the students during rehearsals.

Meetings are generally held the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Northeast Middle School's band room, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A quorum shall be 10 members, including a majority of executive board members.

Meetings for 2013 – 2014 All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

August 14, 2013 -- Mandatory Meeting; Kickoff Joe Corbi/Candle/SpiritWear fundraiser
September 18, 2013 -- Parade Preparation
October 16, 2013 – General Meeting
**November 13, 2013 -- Kick off Pointsettia/Spiritwear/ThirtyOne/Scentsy/D&D fundraiser*
January 15, 2014 -- Kickoff Joe Corbis fundraiser #2
February 19, 2014 -- Final Spring Competition payment due
March 19, 2014 -- Nominations for officers will be held
**+April 23, 2014 – Kickoff Spring Flowers/SpiritWear Fundraiser and
Band Trip/Chaperone Meeting ***

**Dates are different from printed BASD Calendar—these are the correct dates.*

+This is a mandatory trip meeting for ALL students & parents!

Website -- www.NEBOPO.org

NEBOPO's website features a calendar of upcoming events, current fundraiser information, a copy of the current newsletter, and recent photos of our students in action as well as general information. On event days, any important changes or cancellations will be posted on the site as soon as it is known. Help keep the website up-to-date by supplying photos and feedback to our Webmaster.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter at NEBOPOtweet. This way you'll be sure to get up to the minute updates.

E-Mail List

PLEASE provide us with an email address when you fill in the forms in the rainbow packet. This is the most direct and quick way we have to contact you by email with last-minute changes, reminders, updates, etc.

Translation

If a family needs any paperwork, forms, or communication translated, please contact Mr. Rupnik, the school, or a NEBOPO officer for assistance. We will do everything possible to make sure that all parents are well-informed.

Si una familia necesita cualquier papeleo, formas, o comunicación traducida, por favor, comuníquese con Sr. Rupnik, la escuela, o un oficial de NEBOPO para ayuda. Haremos todo posible para asegurar nos de que todos los padres están bien.

Forms

You will be asked to complete a packet of forms that we call "the rainbow packet" and they must be filled-out and returned right away for involvement in Band/Orchestra (see deadline on forms). Copies of the forms you fill out are located at the end of this handbook.

Uniforms will not be distributed until these forms are returned.

Throughout the year there will be additional forms for events and participation, and a separate packet for the annual trip. We have tried our best to keep the forms to a minimum, but it is very important that you fill out all forms completely and return them in a timely manner. If we do not receive the forms, your child may be denied participation in an event and we do not want that to happen to any student. If you have any problems or questions with forms, please contact Mr. Rupnik, the school, or a NEBOPO officer.

Forms

It is very important that we have a reliable way to contact you. E-mail, text, phone, and checking the website are all ways we can get up to date information to our families. On your forms, PLEASE be sure we have the best way to contact you so we can keep you informed. AND...if your information changes during the year, please fill out the form on the bottom of the Newsletter so we can be up to date with your information. Due to privacy concerns, the school office cannot share addresses/phone numbers with us. You can send the new information to Mr. Rupnik or any NEBOPO officer.

EVENTS

The following is an overview of the events that your child will participate in this year. Details for each event will be sent home beforehand. Dates for these events can be found in the Calendar of Events or will be announced. There may be additional events if we have opportunities throughout the year.

Parades

*This year the Northeast Marching Band and AMU will participate in 6 parades. Four in October for Halloween, one in March for St. Patrick's Day, and one in May for Memorial Day. The exact dates are listed in the calendar at the end of the handbook. Please take a moment to mark them in your calendars immediately. Parades are a **REQUIRED** activity of all marching band and AMU members.*

Holiday Concert

Before the holidays, there will be a concert with the Orchestra and the Northeast Singers and Choruses.

Caroling

Mr. Rupnik will choose members of the band and orchestra to play in the Wind Ensemble to go caroling before the holidays along with Northeast Singers at several locations. Some of these will be during the school day and some may be on a weekend.

Jazz Ensemble Competitions

The Jazz Ensemble participates in several Jazz Ensemble Competitions such as the Nitschmann Jazz Festival and Freedom High School Jazz Festival. These generally occur during the month of March.

Northeast Jazz Festival

Northeast Middle School sponsors a Jazz Festival at the school for local Middle School Ensembles. The Northeast Jazz Ensemble performs and will be adjudicated. As the host school, Northeast is not eligible for awards at this festival.

All City and PMEA District 10 Concerts

Mr. Rupnik will choose students to participate in The All-City and PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) District 10 Band and Orchestra concerts.

Northeast Spring Concerts

In the spring, there will be two concerts, the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble concert, and the Orchestra, Chorus, and Northeast Singers concert.

Spring Competition Trip

Each year Northeast Concert and Marching Bands, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, and the Northeast Singers attend a competition held through the Music in the Parks program. This is an overnight trip with a competition for each group. We will attend an amusement park and several educational side-trips as well.

8th Grade New York Trip

8th Graders in the Instrumental Music Program and the Chorus will have the opportunity to attend a Broadway Show in New York City in the spring. This is an additional expense and parents may attend as chaperones. Tickets are limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

COSTS

Following are expenses you can expect throughout the year.

Fair Share

Fair Share is a basic cost that all Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, and AMU students must contribute to cover basic operating costs such as music, supplies, parade buses, printing costs, postage, etc. All students **must have a \$50 fair share** in their accounts, either through fundraising or personal payments no later than uniform distribution. This is due whether they are attending the band trip or not. Fairshare must be paid before uniforms are released to your child.

Spring Competition Cost

The cost for our annual competition trip is \$235.00. Combined with the Fair Share, the total is \$285.00. This may be earned through fundraising, personal payments, or both and is due by February 19th, 2014.

Community Service High School students may attend the annual competition if they are registered with Northeast Band, have attended on a regular basis to assist Mr. Rupnik, and have written permission to attend from their school. Mr. Rupnik will choose the students that are invited to attend. They will be required to *make a payment of \$125 to cover their room and park admission. All other trip costs will be covered by NEBOPO.*

Eighth Grade Trip Cost

Eighth Grade students will have the opportunity to attend a trip to New York City to see a Broadway show. The cost will be announced and will be the same for students and chaperones. Tickets are limited and on a first-come-first-served basis. Payment must be made by personal check and is due with permission forms by November 13th, 2013. A sheet will be sent home with more information on the trip.

Additional Fees

These expenses must be made by a personal payment, not through fundraising.

A \$10.00 fee will be collected at the time of uniform fitting and distribution to cover the expense of uniform care and cleaning at the end of the year. Additional uniform fees may apply depending on your student's needs; see the section on Uniform Distribution for details.

Marching Band students will be issued one music holder (Flipfolio). Holders may be used from year to year and are turned in at the end of 8th grade. They must be kept in good condition and should be brought to uniform distribution to be inspected. If broken or lost, students will be charged \$8.00

Refund Policy

We do not provide refunds for any items purchased for band and orchestra for any reason other than damage or defect at the time of delivery. This includes uniforms. Please make sure that all items ordered are of proper size and free of defects at time of purchase.

Amounts earned through fundraising are not refundable.

Any refunds requested will be made payable to you by a check from NEBOPO.

No refunds will be given in the event the Bethlehem Area School District denies travel as a result of safety concerns.

If it is a parent/and or student decision to not attend the Spring Music trip, cancellation must be in writing to NEBOPO Officers c/o Mr. Rupnik. If cancellation is more than 60 days before the departure date, you will receive a full refund of the trip cost (not the fair share amount). If cancellation is from 30 to 60 days before departure, you will receive a refund of $\frac{1}{2}$ the trip cost. Cancellations less than 30 days will receive no refund. Refunds will be given only for amounts paid in cash. Fundraised amounts can be carried over according to the above policy.

Monies remaining in a student's account at the end of the year will be rolled over for the following year's account provided they are a returning student or have a younger sibling that will be a Northeast Instrumental student in the next school year. Monies are not transferred to Liberty High School, nor are they refunded in cash amounts. Funds remaining in accounts of graduating students without younger siblings attending Northeast the following year will be directed into the organization's General Fund.

If a student does not participate in the practices, parades and performances as listed in this handbook, the Director and/or the NEBOPO Board, may at their discretion, deny the student participation in the Spring Music Trip.

Financial Status

If anyone has any concerns about the financial requirements, please contact Mr. RaHS, Northeast Principal. No child will be denied participation because of financial needs. NEBOPO will do everything possible to assist. We ask that notification of financial hardship be given as soon as possible. These contacts will always remain confidential.

FUNDRAISING

In order to help defray the costs of participation, and to raise funds for NEBOPO'S general fund, we hold several fundraisers throughout the year. Students generally earn a percentage of sales to their account. Several fundraisers are held strictly for the general account. Our first fundraisers begin during Summer Band Camp to assure that you have enough time to raise funds.

Please have your orders in on time and pick up your orders promptly. Some merchandise requires refrigeration and cannot remain at the school overnight. Remember that fundraisers are run by parent volunteers, so please do not make additional work for them. Do not expect your child to bring home their fundraiser merchandise if they have sold a lot or it includes bulky items. Please deliver fundraiser items as soon as possible.

Payments

Payments for all orders are due when the order is placed. All payments should be submitted as **one check or money order made payable to NEBOPO**, with your child's name in the memo space (this assures credit if the check should become separated from the order). Your customers should make their checks payable to you and you make a single payment for your entire order.

You will be charged a \$35.00 fee for any returned check! In the event that a child's account has two or more returned checks, NEBOPO reserves the right to require all future payments in the form of a money order, in addition to any fees owed.

Fundraisers

The following is a tentative list of fundraisers this year. Please check the calendar of events in this handbook, or the website for dates. Be sure to ask your child for the information when the sale starts.

**Do not send your child into school with cash payments
it will be returned to you and possibly delay your order !**

Bulk Candy Sale

Boxes of candy are available for you to sell at your place of work, club, etc. They will be sold beginning with the first NEBOPO meeting until the trip deadline. You purchase a box of candy bars for \$30.00 and sell them for \$1.00 each. Your child's account will be credited \$10.00 for each box purchased. Order forms and instructions for bulk candy are available in the band room, at after-school candy sales, at NEBOPO meetings, or at www.nebopo.org. **Students should not sell candy door-to-door!**

After-School Candy and Snack Sale

The after-school candy and snack sale allows students to raise funds for their account by selling candy at the end of the school day to fellow students, teachers and staff as they exit the school. Candy sales begin in September and will run until the band trip. It is held every day in the front hallway near the CAFETERIA from 3:00 to 3:20. Student workers are free to leave after the candy has been put away and cleaned up. There are no candy sales on days of early dismissal.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Band Room. Three students may sign-up to sell candy each day, 4 times a month. Students working that day share 1/2 of the gross sales for their account. Sales after the trip deadline will roll-over to the following year. Students must be at the sale by 3:05 for credit. Any student that misses 3 shifts will not be able to sell candy for the rest of the school year and their shifts will be available for other students. Students that cannot fulfill a shift should either trade with another student, or get another student to take their shift, then revise the sign-up sheet, and it will not count against them. Excused absences will not count against them. Students not signed up may check with the parent supervising the sale that day as to whether the candy sellers showed up for the day. If it is after 3:05 PM and two or more students haven't arrived, they may be assigned to work the candy sale for that day. That shift will not count toward the 4 per month.

Holiday Gift Sale

For the 2013-14 year we are doing something a bit different from previous years. NEBOPO will be offering several options and you can sell as many or few as works for your family. It has something for everyone, Thirty-one organizing and bags, Scentsy Candles & Air Fresheners, Dunkin' Donuts Coffee, SpiritWear, AND Poinsettias. Dates and quota information will come home during the November NEBOPO meeting.

Joe Corbi's Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough (2 sales)

These are excellent pizzas that sell very well and make a great profit. Order forms will be handed out with information on due date, delivery date and quota and will be announced at NEBOPO meetings. There will be one in August and one in February.

Car Washes

We will hold a car wash in August, and possible one more date to be determined, to raise funds for the NEBOPO general account. These are always great fun for the students and help us support the music program financially.

Bake Sales

We will hold bake sales at concert events to raise funds for the NEBOPO general account. We will need parent volunteers to help sell and all parents are asked to bake for at least one sale.

Gift Baskets

We hold raffles for gift baskets at some events for the NEBOPO general account. We need parent volunteers to help sell raffles and donations of themed gift baskets.

Other Fundraisers

We will also be selling food, beverages, candy, 50/50 raffles, etc. at various events for the NEBOPO general account. There may also be additional fundraisers throughout the year for the general account.

Check for more information, updates, changes
and all delivery dates in the newsletter
and on the website!

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Marching band and AMU uniforms will be fitted and distributed in September. (Jazz band uniform distribution will be scheduled later in the year.) Students will be measured during band camp and uniforms will be pre-assigned to help ensure the best fit for all band members.

Sign up sheets for distribution date and time will be posted in the band room.

Dates and times are:

Thursday, August 29, 2013 6pm to 8pm

Monday, September 9, 2013 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 6pm to 8pm

(Assistance is always needed for distribution, please let us know if you can help)

During uniform distribution, students will be issued pants/jumpers, jackets, hats/berets, garment bags and hangers. All uniforms are issued freshly dry-cleaned and pressed.

A fee for end-of-year cleaning will be charged for all uniforms. Other fees may apply depending on your student's needs.

Although uniforms are pre-assigned, students will be required to try on their uniforms at distribution time so we can check the fit. (Wear gym shorts and a t-shirt so you can try on your uniform over your clothes.)

Pant length will be checked and marked for hemming if necessary. NEBOPO can hem student's pants if needed.

Used shoes will be available for purchase or exchange, or new shoes can be ordered. Students also can purchase gloves and band polos.

All uniform fees, Fair Share, and band forms are due at distribution. If students do not have their fees or completed paperwork, they will be fitted and assigned a uniform and the uniform will be held until fees and forms are turned in. Payment can be in cash or checks made payable to NEBOPO.

Band Polo \$11	Cotton Gloves \$5	Gripper Gloves \$5
New Shoes \$29	Used Shoes \$10	Cleaning Fee \$10
Shoe Exchange No charge	Majorette Boots \$53.50	

If you have questions or concerns, contact the Uniform Chairperson.

New To You Exchange

Please send in clean, outgrown band shoes, polo shirts, and gloves for the "New To You" exchange. Many of these articles are gratefully used by other families. Feel free to look through the exchange articles for your child's use. Many are only gently used and you may only need to use it once or twice.

CARE OF YOUR BAND UNIFORM

It is your responsibility to keep the band uniform you have been issued in the best condition possible. Northeast band uniforms are new this year. Check the uniform before you leave Uniform Distribution. Have any problems noted on your distribution sheet so that you will not be charged for existing problems. Follow these guidelines to care for your uniform throughout the year. Refer to the "What to Wear" section of the band handbook for additional information.

1. Always hang your uniform on the hanger provided. Using other hangers can leave creases in the uniforms. Do not roll or fold your uniform. Always allow your uniform to "air" for a while after parades and strenuous marching before placing it in the garment bag. Always store your hat in the hat box.

2. Use the garment bag for all traveling and storage. All garment bags should be labeled with your name and grade so that you can easily identify it. All hat boxes should be labeled with your name and grade using masking tape. Do not write or draw on the outside of the hat box. You will be charged to replace a ruined hat box. All hats should be labeled on the inside with your name and grade using masking tape.

3. If you spill something on your uniform, take note of what the spill was and then promptly take it to a reputable dry cleaner. The band uses Prestige Cleaners near the Giant food store on William Penn Highway. The sooner you take the uniform to the cleaner, the easier it will be for the cleaner to get the spot out. Tell the cleaner what caused the spot.

Do not use home dry cleaning kits. Do not machine wash and dry the band uniform.

Dry cleaning during the school year is your responsibility and expense. The band will clean the uniforms once at the end of each year. If you would like to make a welcome contribution to the band you may return the uniform dry cleaned with the dry cleaner's receipt attached.

4. Pants must be hemmed so that the hem falls at or above the sole of your band shoes; they **must not** touch the ground. If needed, NEBOPO volunteers will hem your pants for free. If you hem your own pants, **never remove the original hems, cut the pants, staple, glue or tape the hems**. You will be charged a replacement fee! If you need longer pants, contact the uniform chairperson.

It is your responsibility to make sure that your pants are hemmed correctly and worn correctly. Try on your pants with your band shoes after they are hemmed. Pants should **never** drag on the ground! The hems will wear very quickly, and you will be charged a replacement fee.

5. Gloves should be kept clean at all times. After washing, gloves should be dried flat to prevent shrinkage.

6. Shoes should be polished and kept clean at all times. Windex, Fantastic, or a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser works well on dirty shoes.

7. **Do not** exchange uniforms with friends. All uniform parts are numbered, and you are required to return the one you were issued unless noted by the uniform committee.

8. Replacement costs are as follows:

2013-2014 Uniforms:

Uniform Jacket: \$160.00

Uniform Bibber (Pants): \$90.00

AMU Jacket: \$125.00

AMU Sash: \$35.00

Majorette Jumper: \$100.00

Uniform Hat: \$35.00

Hat Box: \$10.00

Uniform Beret: \$45.00

Garment Bag: \$15.00

Uniform Hanger: \$5.00

Washable Collar: \$2.00

Jazz Ensemble Uniforms:

Tuxedo Shirt: \$27.00

Bow Tie: \$15.00

Vest: \$35.00

Black Buttons \$5.00 a set

WHAT TO WEAR

MARCHING BAND

- Green uniform pants.
- White uniform jacket with a *plain, white t-shirt* underneath. No colored shirts, no logos, and no pictures on the t-shirts - it will show through.
- *High, white socks* (either crew or tube socks. NO low ankle socks).
- White band shoes - cleaned and polished.
- White gloves (clean, please. Clarinets cut off the fingertips).
- Band hat or beret (percussion, sousaphones, color guard and majorettes wear berets.) Feather plumes will be placed on the hats by adult volunteers once students are in formation. Students will remain in formation until their plumes are removed by an adult at the end of the event.
- In cold weather, students are advised to layer long-sleeved white t-shirts, thermals or turtleneck with the collar rolled down. They must be white and may not stick out from the uniform. Extra socks are also advised along with either thermals or tights under the pants.
- *No earrings, jewelry, nail polish*, visible body piercing, or tattoos.
- Individuals with long hair must have hair secured under the beret. No wild hair color.

MAJORETTES

Jumper with jacket over it.

- Majorette boots with tassels.
- Beret.
- Lollipops.
- Additional socks may be worn inside of the boots, as long as they do not show.
- Tan pantyhose may be worn for added warmth if necessary.
- No earrings, jewelry, nail polish, visible body piercing, or tattoos.
- No wild hair color. Majorettes wear their hair down; not secured under their beret.

COLOR GUARD

- Female Banner Carriers dress the same as the majorettes.
- Male and female Color Guard dress the same as the band members.
- No earrings, jewelry, nail polish, visible body piercing, or tattoos.
- No wild hair color. Individuals with long hair must have it secured under the beret.

CONCERT BAND

- Dresses the same as in Marching band, but no hats and no gloves are worn.

ORCHESTRA

- Males wear black, dress slacks with high black socks (either crew or tube)
- Females may wear black dress slacks with black socks or black hose, or a black skirt with black pantyhose
- White dress shirt or blouse
- Necktie (may wear a festive one at the holiday concert)
- Black dress shoes (no sneakers)
- No earrings, jewelry, nail polish

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

- Black dress slacks
- White tuxedo shirt with black button inserts (Issued by NEBOPO)
- Tuxedo vest with matching bow tie (Issued by NEBOPO)
- High, black socks (either crew or tube)
- Black, dress shoes (no sneakers)
- No earrings, jewelry, nail polish

PEP RALLIES, CAROLLING

- Green NEMS Band polo shirt purchased at start of year
- Clean, un-ripped and un-frayed blue jeans
- Good condition sneakers
- Majorettes wear pep rally uniforms, no jewelry or earrings

PARADE WALKERS

- ***Black Slacks***
- NEMS Band polo shirt purchased at start of year
- Comfortable shoes
- Dark socks or hose

OFFICER'S DUTIES

ALL POSITIONS

- Are members of the Board of Directors and attend Board Meetings.
- Attend NEBOPO Parents meetings.
- Help during band and orchestra concerts, parades, football & basketball games, competitions & other activities, as needed.
- Assist on trips by helping with organization, packing, and chaperoning (if requested by director).
- Responsible for training successor and handing over any supplies, keys or other items, by August 1 after his/her term of office. Also responsible for being a mentor to his/her replacement until October 1 after his/her term of office.
- May receive reimbursement of expenses incurred for any band or orchestra activity when a receipt is presented to the Treasurer.
- Assist the director with planning and arrangements for the annual band trip by creating room & bus rosters, planning, registration, etc.
- Work with the director to foster a positive environment within the organization.
- Support parents and students and be available to advise and answer questions.

PRESIDENT

- Liaison between the parents and the Band Director.
- Liaison between NEBOPO and the Student Officers.
- Represent NEBOPO in the community, at school, and to the public.
- Conducts the monthly meetings and Board of Directors meetings of NEBOPO.
- Coordinates the activities of the parents as they relate to the bands and orchestra.
- Recruiting and guiding Volunteer Coordinators & Chairpersons.
- Organizing the non-musical activities of the Band, Orchestra & Jazz Concerts.
- Organizing the Northeast Jazz Festival.
- Assist the director with planning and arrangements for the annual band trip by ordering t-shirts, booking reservations, scheduling itinerary, etc.
- Arrange details of fundraisers for the general fund.
- Maintain documents relating to activities.
- Arbitrate conflicts and solving problems when needed.

VICE PRESIDENTS

- Attend NEBOPO Parents meetings; make reports as needed.
- Conduct monthly meeting in the absence of the President.
- Maintain the students' account records including fundraiser quota amounts.
- Collect and maintain participation and medical forms for parade and trip participation.
- Will issue 2 statements to each parent/guardian, by mail, denoting account status and balance due.
- Arrange, execute and coordinate distribution of fundraisers for student accounts.
- Coordinate with Uniform Chairperson regarding students that drop out so uniform return or payment can be pursued.
- Maintain documents and records regarding all fundraisers.

SECRETARY

- Attend NEBOPO meetings and make reports as needed.
- Take the minutes of NEBOPO Parent meetings
- Transmit the NEBOPO Parents meeting minutes to the website coordinator.
- Create and distribute the *Musical Note* newsletter
- Maintain the minutes of all meetings and other materials important to the operation of the organization.
- Write and send correspondence as requested by officers, committee chairs or the band director.
- Send greeting cards as requested by officers, committee chairs, or the band director.
- Inform the insurance company of the names of the NEBOPO officers necessary for bonding purposes, at the beginning of each school year.

TREASURER

- Receive fund raising proceeds and student account payments to deposit into NEBOPO'S bank account. An extra copy should be made of all checks and money orders received that are pertaining to student accounts and given to the vice-president in charge of student accounts. Relay any payments received for uniforms, supplies or quota (items chargeable to students) to the person in charge of student accounts or uniforms.
- Make all deposits expeditiously into the NEBOPO bank account.
- Keep the financial records and banking records of the organization, with the exception of the students' accounts.
- Present a financial report at the monthly NEBOPO meetings and have copies available for distribution.
- Maintain the checking account, reconcile it monthly and keep the President abreast of account status.
- Have the checking account audited yearly.
- Provide checks for payment of organizational activities promptly, as needed, always securing a second signature from an authorized officer or the director.
- Provide change and money boxes for any organization event or sale.
- Make telephone calls regarding returned checks and assist the vice president with calls regarding delinquent student accounts, if necessary.
- Handle any other financial matter concerning the organization.
- Provide the President with a Treasurer's Report for the months of May, June and July, prior to handing over the books on August 1 of a new administration.

NEBOPO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013-2014

****TENTATIVE – subject to change Check WWW.NEBOPO.org for updated information!**

August 5 – August 16, 2013	Summer Band/Orchestra/Jazz Camp 8 AM – Noon
Wednesday, August 14, 2013	Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting 6PM New/ 7PM Returning
Thursday, August 15, 2013	6 th grade Parent Orientation Meeting 6PM
Monday, August 26, 2013	First day of school – students
Wednesday, August 28, 2013	Morning Rehearsals begin
Thursday, August 29, 2013	Uniform Distribution 6pm to 8pm
Friday, August 30, 2013	Corbi's/Candle/SpiritWear Fundraiser due and Rainbow Packet Due
Monday, September 2, 2013	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY
Friday, September 6, 2013	NO SCHOOL – Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 9, 2013	Uniform Distribution 6pm to 8pm
Tuesday, September 10, 2013	NE Open House 6:30-8:30 PM
Wednesday, September 11, 2013	Patriot Day Assembly 8:15 AM; STUDENTS MUST WEAR POLOS
Wednesday, September 11, 2013	Uniform Distribution 6pm to 8pm
<i>Thursday, September 12, 2013</i>	<i>Corbi/SpiritWear/Candles Delivery; pick-up 3-6 PM</i>
Wednesday, September 18, 2013	Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting 7 PM (NEPTA @ 5:30PM)
Thursday, September 19, 2013	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Saturday, October 5, 2013	Band Group Photograph at 12 Noon (No hats or gloves)
Saturday, October 5, 2013	Freemansburg Parade (Full uniform) 2 PM
Monday, October 14, 2013	NO SCHOOL- COLUMBUS DAY – Teacher In-service
Thursday, October 17, 2013	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Wednesday, October 16, 2013	Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting 7 PM (NEPTA @ 5:30PM)
Saturday, October 19, 2013	Nazareth Parade 1 PM – Fireman's Parade
Sunday, October 20, 2013	Saucon Valley Parade 2 PM
<i>Tuesday, October 22, 2013</i>	<i>Middle School practice for LHS vs FHS Football Game, 6-9 PM</i>
*Thursday, October 24, 2013	*Football game, Northeast vs. Broughal at BASD stadium Time: TBD
Sunday, October 27, 2013	Bethlehem Parade 2 PM
<i>Saturday, November 2, 2013</i>	<i>LHS vs FHS Football / ALL Middle Schools participating</i>
Tuesday, November 5, 2013	NO SCHOOL- ELECTION DAY – Teacher In-service
Wednesday, November 6, 2013	Barnes and Nobles Night Rt 33 6 to 9 PM
<i>Friday, November 8, 2013</i>	<i>Movie Night, 6-9 PM</i>
<i>Sunday, November 10, 2013</i>	<i>Allentown Band Concert – Selected NEMS Students participate 3PM</i>
Thursday, November 14, 2013	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
**Wednesday, November 13, 2013	Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting 7 PM -
	Thirty-One/Scentsy/Poinsettia/SpiritWear/DD Kickoff
Tuesday, November 26, 2013	Thirty-One/Scentsy/Poinsettia/Spiritwear/DD Orders Due
Wednesday, Nov 27-Dec 2, 2013	NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING
Wednesday, December 11, 2013	Poinsettia delivery and set up for concert 1 PM
Wednesday, December 11, 2013	Winter Concert (orchestra and NE chorus) 7 PM
Thursday, December 12, 2013	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Thursday, December 12, 2013	Thirty-One/Scentsy/SpiritWear/DD Order Pick-up TBD
Thursday, December 20, 2013	Caroling in the Lehigh Valley
Thursday, January 2, 2014	SCHOOL RESUMES – HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Band & Orch Parent Mtg 7 PM- Corbi's (NEPTA @ 5:30PM)
Fri., Jan. 17-Mon., Jan. 20, 2014	NO SCHOOL- TEACHER INSERVICE / DR. KING DAY

Thursday, January 23, 2014	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Monday, February 3, 2014	Joe Corbi 2 nd fundraiser orders are due
Tuesday, February 4, 2014	All City Middle School Band Practice 7:30 AM
Wednesday, February 5, 2014	All City Middle School Band Practice 7:30 AM
Wednesday, February 5, 2014	All City Middle School Band Concert 7:30 PM
*Monday, February --, 2014	Basketball, Northeast vs. Nitschmann, Liberty Gymnasium TBD
Monday, February 17, 2014	NO SCHOOL- PRESIDENTS HOLIDAY
Wednesday, February 19, 2014	Corbi delivery; 3-5 PM
Wednesday, February 19, 2014	Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting 7 PM (NEPTA @ 5:30PM)
Thursday, February 20, 2014	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Thursday, February 20, 2014	Northeast Musical 7 PM
Friday, March 14, 2014	Nitschmann Jazz Festival 7 PM
Saturday, March 15, 2014	Celtic Classic Parade of Shamrocks 2:30 PM
Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting 7 PM (NEPTA @ 5:30PM)
Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Band & Orchestra Composite Pictures - evening
Thursday, March 20, 2014	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Thursday, March 20, 2014	Band & Orchestra Composite Pictures – evening
Friday, March 21, 2014	Broughal Jazz Festival 7 PM
<i>Friday, March 7, 2014</i>	<i>Northeast Jazz Festival 7 PM</i>
Thursday, April 17 & 18, 2014	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
**Wednesday, April 23, 2014	Band and Orchestra Parent MANDATORY Trip Meeting 7 PM
	Spring Flowers & SpiritWear Kick-off
Thursday, April 24, 2014	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Thursday, April 24, 2014	Northeast Annual Band Concert 7 PM
Tuesday, April 29, 2014	All City Elem. Band & Orch. Practice 9:30 AM
Wednesday, April 30, 2014	All City Elem. Band & Orch. Practice 9:30 AM
Wednesday, April 30, 2014	Spring Flowers & SpiritWear Orders Due
Thursday, May 1, 2014	All City Elem. Band & Orch. Practice 9:30 AM
Thursday, May 1, 2014	All City Elem. Band & Orch. Concert 7:30 PM
Friday, May 2, 2014	Vocal Ensembles Concert 7 PM
Wednesday, May 7, 2014	Spring Flower and SpiritWear Delivery 1PM
Wednesday, May 7, 2014	Northeast Spring Concert 7 PM
Friday, May 9, 2014	Music in the Parks at Northeast-Volunteers needed
Friday–Saturday, May 16-17, 2014	Northeast Music Spring Competition Trip
Wednesday, May 21, 2013	NYC Trip Meeting 3 PM – 8 th Grade Students
Thursday, May 22, 2014	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM
Friday, May 23, 2014	Music in the Parks at Northeast- Volunteers needed
Monday, May 26, 2014	Memorial Day Parade 9 AM
Monday, May 26, 2014	Marching Band Awards & Potluck immediately following parade
Monday, May 26, 2014	NO SCHOOL-MEMORIAL DAY
Wednesday, May 28, 2014	8 th Grade Music New York City Trip, NEWSIES
Friday, May 30, 2014	Music in the Parks at Northeast – Volunteers needed
Friday, May 30, 2014	8 th Grade Farewell Dance
Friday, June 6, 2014	Music in the Parks at Northeast- Volunteers needed
Saturday, June 7, 2014	Music in the Parks at Northeast-Volunteers needed
Thursday, June 12, 2014	Northeast MS Market Day Pick-up 3 - 4:30 PM

****Times for games still to be determined.***

*****These dates are different than those listed on the BASD printed calendar. These ARE the correct dates.***

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
Director	Brian Rupnik	610-868-8581	brupnik@beth.k12.pa.us
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Treasurer	Becky Darrell	610-751-8901	rmdarrell@rcn.com
Secretary	Carole Burkhardt	610-442-9470	m0mto3@yahoo.com
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Website	Ralph Checo	484-725-4584	rcheco@aol.com
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Volunteer Coord.	Linette Checo Heather Shue	484-725-7479 610-573-9315	mrscheco912@gmail.com heathers93@gmail.com
Parade Coord.	Angelo Gentile	610-758-9957	monangn1@rcn.com
Parade Assistant	Currently Open		
Publicity Coord.	Currently Open		
Spring Trip depart/ Return Coord.	Currently Open		
Jazz Festival Coord.	Kristin Illick-Frank	610-867-2002	kristinillick@hotmail.com
Jazz Festival Committee	Michele Deegan	610-390-3804	deegan@muhlenberg.edu

FORMS TO RETURN

Please fill out the following five (5) forms **completely** and return them to Mr. Rupnik by Friday, 08/30/2013. Forms must be returned as well as Fair Share payment before uniform pickup.

Print all information except signatures.
Please return all five forms and the optional monthly payment plan for the Spring Competition Trip form.

If any information on these forms changes during the school year, please supply the updated information to Mr. Rupnik, or the NEBOPO President.

Form #1

CONTACT AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION
Complete and return to Mr. Rupnik by August 30, 2013.

Please complete this information so that we may contact you throughout the year.

Student Name _____	
Address _____ Zip Code _____	
Home Phone Number _____	Parent Cell _____
School previously attended _____	
Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth <input type="checkbox"/> Seventh <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Member of (circle) BAND ORCHESTRA AMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE SINGERS	
Instrument(s) Played _____	
Parent/Guardian Names _____	
Parent/Guardian Email _____	
Address _____ Zip Code _____	
Home Phone _____	Work Phone Number _____
Alternate Cell _____	* <input type="checkbox"/> Do not add me to the email list
**Best way to contact me (circle): call home call cell text cell email	
List allergies (environment, food and/or medication), type of reaction and treatment:	
Please describe any problems that you/your family doctor feel NEBOPO should know:	
<i>If the parent / legal guardian cannot be contacted in an emergency, the following person may be called:</i>	
Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	
Physician _____	Phone _____
RELEASE OF INFORMATION:	
I have read, understand & accurately supplied the above information for the use of NEBOPO only.	
I authorize licensed medical personnel to treat, and if necessary, transport my child to a hospital in case of an emergency. I will be responsible for all costs associated with this treatment or transportation.	
Parent Signature _____	Date _____

NOTE: A BASD nurse does not necessarily accompany the band/orchestra on field trips. It is expected that middle school children will be responsible for administering their own medication. Medication cannot be administered by adult leaders/chaperones. The child should bring the medicine in its original container with a note signed by the parent/guardian explaining the type of medication, reason for its use and the dosage requirement. The child's chaperone will carry the medication for safekeeping until needed by the child.

Form #2

INTENT & PERMISSION FORM
Complete and return to Mr. Rupnik by August 30, 2013.

TRAVEL PERMISSION

My child, _____, has my permission to travel with the band/orchestra and participate in authorized Northeast Middle School band/orchestra activities and parades scheduled throughout the 2013-2014 school year. I understand students will be given written notice to take home.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

FAIR SHARE AND TRIP EXPENSES

I understand that we are responsible for Fair Share of \$50.00 due by Uniform Distribution and trip cost of \$235.00 due by February 19, 2014 (\$285.00 total). You may fundraise or make monthly payments.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

INSTRUMENT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Please complete this information in case your child's instrument is lost or stolen during the school year or on trips, parades, etc.

Student _____ Grade _____

Member of (circle): Band Orchestra Jazz Ensemble AMU

Instrument #1 _____ Serial # _____

This instrument is a (circle one): School Instrument Personal Instrument

Identifying marks _____

Instrument #2 _____ Serial # _____

This instrument is a (circle one): School Instrument Personal Instrument

Identifying marks _____

PARTICIPATION OF SCHEDULED EVENTS

I have received and reviewed the **Calendar of Events** for the **2013-2014** school year and understand that my child is expected to participate in all scheduled events. I am expected to contact Mr. Rupnik and advise him of any illness or emergency that would prevent my child from participating in a scheduled event.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

SPRING COMPETITION TRIP and PAYMENT PLAN
Complete and return to Mr. Rupnik by August 30, 2013.

On Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 2014, members of the Northeast Middle School Band & Auxiliary Marching Units (majorettes and color guard), Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble and Northeast Singers will be taking an educational field trip by chartered bus to the "Music in the Parks" Festival and Kennywood Amusement Park in Pittsburgh, PA.

_____ I will allow my child to attend the spring band/orchestra/singers trip to Pittsburgh PA. This is an overnight trip which will take place on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, 2014. I am aware my child needs to fulfill his/her financial responsibilities (\$235) by February 19, 2014.

_____ My child has special meal requirements: ___ Vegetarian ___ Other/Details _____

_____ My child will not attend the spring trip this year.

_____ I am interested in being a chaperone for the spring trip to Pittsburgh, PA. Cost for each chaperone is \$250. I understand that I must volunteer for at least 5 activities and be paid in full to be eligible for selection as chaperone and will be contacted by a member of the NEBOPO Executive Board if selected. A Tuberculosis test must be on-file with the school to chaperone this trip. Chaperone payment will be due by March 19, 2014.

Name of Parent Chaperone _____

Child's Name _____

Parent Signature _____

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NEBOPO SPRING COMPETITION TRIP PAYMENT PLAN

We are offering a monthly payment plan for all band, orchestra, jazz and choral students that plan to go on the band trip in May 2014. This is an optional choice for participants.

Music in the Parks trip this year will be to Pittsburgh, PA. The cost of the trip is \$235 for students and \$250 for chaperones. The monthly payment amount for students is \$39.16 for 6 months. The monthly cost for chaperones is \$41.66 for 6 months. ***The 1st payment being due on September 18, 2013 and the final payment is due on February 19, 2014.*** All other payments are due by the 15th of each month. There will be **NO CASH ACCEPTED**. If due to unforeseen circumstances you do not attend this trip, your money will be refunded as long as notice is given at least 1 month in advance.

Payments must be made in the form of check or money order payable to NEBOPO with the child's name on the memo line and trip monthly payment as reference (Ex. Jim Smith –monthly payment plan for Band Trip.), in an envelope addressed ATTN: Maureen Gentile, VP of Accounts.

*Your child is still eligible to fundraise while participating in the payment plan. We will send out a letter to each parent after the final fundraiser in February with the total amount due. The amount of fundraising that each child does will determine the final payment amount due February 15th.

This payment plan does not cover fair share of \$50.00 which must be paid in full by uniform distribution

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Complete and return to Mr. Rupnik by August 30, 2013.

The student and parent/guardian, by their signatures below, understand that school standards must be met and maintained in order to participate in the band, orchestra, jazz band or auxiliary marching units. It is also understood that each student is responsible to attend 17 instrumental lessons (1 approximately each week) during the course of the school year; if that requirement is not met AND the student is not playing well in performing groups, the student may not be permitted to attend the music trip in May, at the determination of the director. It is further understood that proper care of the uniforms, sheet music, instruments and school equipment, as outlined in this handbook, is the student and parent/guardian's responsibility. Fees will apply for any damages.

I / We have read and reviewed the policies & procedures contained in the Northeast Middle School Band and Orchestra Handbook for 2013 – 2014.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Complete and return to Mr. Rupnik by August 30, 2013.

All duties of the Northeast Middle School Bands/Orchestra are performed by volunteers, and without them, we cannot function. Below is a list of opportunities available. Please check those that you can help with. If you do not sign up now, please do not feel you can't help with an event. We **always** welcome volunteers!

BAKE SALES - ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE BAKE GOODS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- _____ **Bake Sale Attendant:** sell baked goods, snacks & beverages at events.
- _____ **Bakers:** provide homemade baked goods for bake sales
- _____ **Candy Sales:** help students sell candy after school (1 or 2 days per week)
- _____ **Car Wash:** Assist students in washing cars during this fundraiser
- _____ **Fundraising Distribution Team:** help with the distribution of orders.
- _____ **Website:** help post news, info. & photos on www.nebopo.org
- _____ **Parade Walker:** walk with the band during parades.
- _____ **Phone Chain:** help call members of the band when needed.
- _____ **Photographer:** photograph band events for displays, website, etc.
- _____ **Sewing Team:** do hemming and other sewing projects involving uniforms.
- _____ **Ticket Sales:** distribute and sell tickets for performances at Northeast.
- _____ **Uniforms:** assignment, distribution, and return of uniforms.
- _____ **Volunteer Coordinator:** help organize and contact volunteers as needed.
- _____ **Jazz Festival Committee:** plan and organize our annual Jazz Festival
- _____ **Publicity:** distribute fliers, submit events to the newspapers & TV
- _____ **Medical:** attend parades and spring trip to assist with sudden emergencies/illnesses
- _____ **Unload Buses:** at the end of the spring trip, help unload & let us get home sooner
- _____ **On Call:** to help with events throughout the year. Circle **AM** or **PM** availability.

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Student's Name _____