New Hanover County Schools
Arts Education
All County High School Honor Band

Dear Band Member and Parent:

We are excited about our upcoming NHCS All-County Band Clinic and Concert on March 30-31. Congratulations to your student being chosen to participate in this wonderful performance opportunity.

Rehearsals will be held on Monday, March 30 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM and Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. The concert will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday and will take place in the Minnie Evans Art Center. Concert attire will be black and white; as directed by the Directors. Each student chosen by the Directors will be required to attend all rehearsals and the concert.

We are excited to have Dr. Dachuan Cao as our clinician/conductor this year. Dachuan Cao is the Interim Director of Bands at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where he conducts the Symphonic Band, OLLI New Horizons Band, leads the Pep Band, and teaches courses in conducting. Originally from China, he is deeply committed to advancing wind band music education in his home country and promoting cross-cultural exchange through music. He serves as Conductor-in-Residence of the Beijing Wind Orchestra and has presented numerous lectures, workshops, and concerts across China. Prior to his appointment at UNCW, Cao was a Graduate Teaching Fellow at the University of North Texas, where he is pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting under the mentorship of Professor Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Andrew Trachsel, and Amy Woody. His previous roles include Director of the Qingdao Chamber Wind Ensemble, Guest Conductor of the Qingdao Performing Arts Dance Theater Orchestra, and the Qingdao Concert Hall Symphony Orchestra.

High School All-County Schedule

Monday, March 30 - **Students responsible for their transportation to and from Ashley.
4:45 - Students arrive at Ashley,
5:00 - Rehearsal begins in Minnie Evans Auditorium
6:30 - Snack/Break
6:45 - Resume rehearsal
8:00 - Rehearsal Ends, Students dismissed

Tuesday, March 31
8:30 – Buses depart from schools for AHS. All students ride activity buses to Ashley.
9:15 – Buses Arrive at Ashley
9:30 – Rehearsal begins in Ashley Band Room
12:30 -1:00 – Lunch break, (Students can bring their own or purchase pizza lunch $8)
4:30 PM – Eat snacks, Dress for Concert.
5:40 – Seated in band room for warm-up
5:50 – Move to Auditorium for concert
6:00 – Concert. Parents responsible for transportation following the concert.

Students will have the choice of bringing their own lunch and dinner on Tuesday or purchasing pizza, chips, and a drink for $8

We are looking forward to another great All-County Band!

Musically Yours,
The New Hanover County Band Directors

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All County Middle School Honor Band

Dear Band Member and Parent:

We are excited about our upcoming NHCS All-County Band Clinic and Concert on March 30-31. Congratulations to your student being chosen to participate in this wonderful performance opportunity.

Rehearsals will be held on Monday, March 30 from 9:30 AM until 1:45 PM and Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. The concert will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday and will take place in the Minnie Evans Art Center. Concert attire will be black and white, or as directed by the Directors. Each student chosen by the Directors will be required to attend all rehearsals and the concert.

We are excited to have Renée E. Todd as our clinician this year. Renée E. Todd is a retired band director with 32 years in music education, including 13 years leading the award-winning Ligon GT Magnet Middle School Band program. Now a sought-after band clinician, mentor, and private brass instructor, she works with students and educators across the country while maintaining an active performance schedule with the Triangle Brass Band and the International Athena Brass Band. Ms. Todd is a four-time National Band Association Citation of Excellence recipient and was named one of School Band and Orchestra Magazine's "50 Directors Who Make a Difference.

Middle School All-County Schedule

Monday, March 30
8:30 – MS Buses depart from home schools for AHS
9:15 – Buses Arrive
9:30 – Rehearsal begins in Minnie Evans Auditorium
11:30 – 12:00 – MS Lunch, (Students can bring their own or purchase lunch $8 - NO DOORDASH / UBER EATS!)
12:00 – MS resume rehearsal
1:45 – Rehearsal Ends, Buses depart for home school

Tuesday, March 31
8:30 – Buses depart from home schools for AHS
9:15 – Buses Arrive at Ashley
9:30 – Rehearsal begins in Minnie Evans Auditorium
12:30 -1:00 – Lunch break, (Students can bring their own or purchase lunch $8 - NO DOORDASH / UBER EATS!)
4:30 PM – Snacks will be provided, students can also bring their own snacks. Dress for Concert (stay contained), group pictures.
5:30 – Seated on stage for warm-up
6:00 – Concert. Parents responsible for transportation following the concert.

Students will have the choice of bringing their own lunch on Monday and Tuesday or purchasing pizza, chips, and a drink for $8. NO DOOR DASH, UBER EATS or similar.

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Please fill out the form below and return it to your music director:

Student Name: _____

Check the box for each meal to let us know whether you plan to bring food or buy food on-site for $8 cash per meal. If buying, please bring cash, preferably $5 & $1 bills.

Day	Bring	Buy for $8 cash
Monday lunch		
Tuesday lunch		

Please fill out the form below and return it to your music director:

Student Name: _____

Check the box for each meal to let us know whether you plan to bring food or buy food on-site for $8 cash per meal. If buying, please bring cash, preferably $5 & $1 bills.

Day	Bring	Buy for $8 cash
Monday lunch		
Tuesday lunch		

Please fill out the form below and return it to your music director:

Student Name: _____

Check the box for each meal to let us know whether you plan to bring food or buy food on-site for $8 cash per meal. If buying, please bring cash, preferably $5 & $1 bills.

Day	Bring	Buy for $8 cash
Monday lunch		
Tuesday lunch		