

WHAT IS A BAND REVIEW?

Every year the band attends **four band reviews at various locations**. At the band reviews, the students will use the skills they developed during band camp, and our Wednesday after-school rehearsals, in competition with other bands and auxiliary units from around Northern California. **The typical Band Review includes** the parade (about a mile long), concert, Drum Major competition (Northgate is Military style), auxiliary unit competition, percussion. The Foothill Band Review in Pleasanton also features indoor concerts. In mid to late afternoon, there will be an awards ceremony. **These are fun and LOUD!** The energy and enthusiasm (and strong display of school spirit) is abundant.

HOW TO SURVIVE BAND REVIEWS

Band Reviews are **generally all-day trips** requiring students to be at school anywhere from 5am -6am, depending on the destination. BOSS (Band & Orchestra Student Staff) **provides a light breakfast**. Whatever is left is packed-up and taken along for munching later, when we arrive the destination. For the return home, we'll arrive between 5pm and 11pm, again depending on the destination.

Here are a few tips on how to help your new marcher have the best day possible:

- 1) Your student will need layers...the **early mornings and late evenings can be quite chilly**. Many students bring a comfy blanket, an I-pod or portable CD player, a book, some take homework (!) and maybe it gets done
- 2) **Everyone should take a water bottle**, some take snacks, but everyone should take between **\$10 and \$20** for their lunch and snacks. All the band reviews we go to either sell food from their concessions or are within walking distance to the usual fast food places
- 3) **Everyone needs to prepare their uniforms, shoes, spats BEFORE they arrive for the trip**. They must ensure that **all pieces** are in their garment bags...**shoes and spats must be polished and CLEANED**, they must have their **Shako**. If any piece is missing from their uniform, or if they forget their instrument, the Marching Band Director will not permit them to play...**THIS WILL AFFECT THE ENTIRE BAND!** They will also need to have **street clothes to change into**.

Special Note: Foothill Band Review includes the Marching Band AND Concert & Symphonic bands, and Wind Ensemble...this means that **ALL marchers will also have their concert clothes in a garment bag...Make sure your name is clearly on it.**

- 4) **EVERY STUDENT IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL WITH THE BAND**...any deviation will require a note from the parent or legal guardian **PRIOR** to the Band Review.
- 5) And finally, the **NIMB website will have the itinerary posted about one week prior** to the event. **Join the communities in cheering on your home team**, the **NORTHGATE BRONCO MARCHING BAND**.

QUESTIONS? CHECK THE BOARD ROSTER FOR THE PHONES & EMAILS OF THE MARCHING BAND PARENT COMMITTEE. Auxiliary units will learn routines to this music and compete against the auxiliary units from the other schools as well.