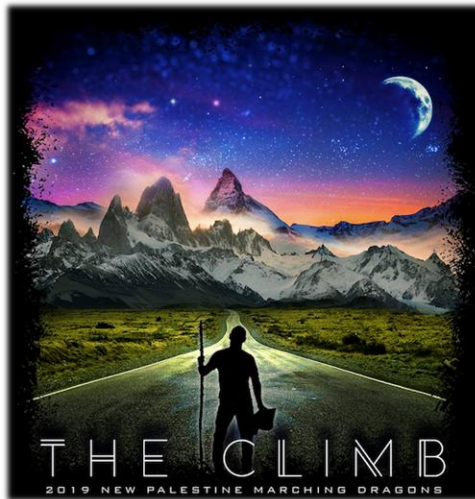




New Palestine High School  
Marching Dragons - 2019



2018 Contests

Class B

Brownsburg Invitational  
New Palestine Invitational  
Ben Davis Invitational  
ISSMA Whiteland Invitational  
Indiana State School Music Association Regional Contest  
ISSMA Semi-State  
Mid-States Band Association Finals – Grand Champion

# New Palestine High School

## Band Department Guide

### 2019-2020

The information included in this guide is offered to inform parents and students of the opportunities for instrumental/dance performance at New Palestine High School. It is also offered as a point of reference for general expectations, rules and regulations. Specific rules and standards are determined by the director, with input from specialized instructors, to fit the needs of a particular ensemble.

#### General Expectations

All members of the New Palestine High School Band Department are expected to conduct themselves as mature, cooperative team members within the guidelines of the student code of conduct set forth by the CSCSHC. Furthermore, students are expected to be mature and sincere in every aspect of their participation in performing ensembles associated with the Band Department. Finally, all members of performing ensembles at New Palestine High School are challenged to strive for excellence in artistic achievement in their specialized area. Through participation, diligence and private and/or public instruction, students are encouraged to achieve at the highest levels of music and movement as displayed through success in Indiana State School Music Association, Indiana Percussion Association, Indiana High School Color Guard Association and Winter Guard International.

#### Attendance

The Band Department at New Palestine High School strives for excellence. In kind, we also recognize student's desire to excel in all areas of school. Generally, students are expected to be prompt in attendance for all Band Department rehearsals and performances. However, students can be excused from ensemble rehearsals, and in some instances performances, for conflicting personal and/or NPHS athletic and academic events by completing a "**request to be excused form**" as soon as a conflict is discovered. This form is available at the band office information center. If a student wants to participate and their absences, as determined by the director, are deemed not detrimental to the artistic integrity of the ensemble then they are encouraged to participate. As in most situations, common sense and communication go a long way. However, please understand that this is a performing ENSEMBLE, and when one student is missing from a rehearsal it truly effects the entire group.

**New Palestine High School**  
**Band Department**

*Performing Ensembles*

Intermediate Band

Wind Ensemble

Marching Dragons

Jazz Ensemble

Pep Band

Winter Guard  
(Cadet/JV/ Varsity)

Dance Ensemble

Winter Percussion  
(Audio Theater)

Percussion Ensemble

# **New Palestine High School** **Marching Dragons** **2019**

## **Director's Opening Statement**

Marching Band at New Palestine High School is rich in history and achievement. The Marching Dragons have long been a sense of pride for band families and schools of the New Palestine community. The support of our school administrators, band parents, staff members and marching members are second to none. At New Palestine, we are fortunate to be nestled in one of the true centers for artistic achievement, in regards to school music, in our country. Our state marching activity may be the best opportunity for our collective department to grow in artistry. In turn, it may be the best environment for your children to grow as public school artists. My goal, as your director, is to build a total program that is the blueprint for other competitive music programs in our state marching class. A program that offers the music students of The Southern Hancock County School Corporation the best possible experience. I invite all of you, as parent supporters and student members, to participate in the continuation of our school's marching band history. Experience the unique tradition and pride that will only be defined by the members of the 2019 New Palestine High School Marching Dragons.

### **The Staff**

**Director** - Shawn A. Humphries  
**Assistant Director** - Andrew Wilson  
**Percussion Director** - Tim Henderson  
**Program Coordinator** - Greg Hagen  
**Drill Design** - Jack Pursifull  
**Guard Director** - Kelly Piacenti  
**Music Design** - Don Barrett

### **How to Become a Marching Dragon**

Any current or incoming New Palestine High School student desiring to be a marching dragon should register for the appropriate class, (Concert Band, Percussion or Dance Performance) according to the rules outlined in the band department guide. **Any incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade New Palestine Junior High School student desiring to be a Marching Dragon can join on an extra-curricular basis upon approval from a director.** *(School Transportation will be provided to NPJH students that practice directly after school)* Any student desiring to be a marching dragon (NPHS or NPJH) must fill out an **INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM** and return it to either Mr. Humphries or Mr. Wilson, **ALONG WITH THE REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FORM** (if necessary) no later than Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students may have the opportunity to join after this date. (Junior High Participants have reduced fees)

### **How to Become a Marching Dragon Drum Major/ Section Leader**

There will be a drum major (s), flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, mellophone, baritone, tuba, percussion, and guard section leader. Any 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student may indicate on their intent to participate form that they would like to audition for these positions of responsibility. There will be an audition along with an interview to determine the best candidates for these positions. Specifics about drum major auditions are TBA.

### **Follow Us Online!**

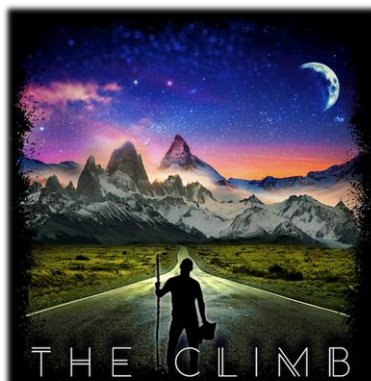
NP Band Website: <http://newpalbands.com/>

Facebook: New Palestine Band

Twitter: @NewPalBand



### **The 2019 Show**



## 2019 Marching Band Intent to Participate

(Please return this sheet along with your deposit, field trip permission slip, and health form to Mr. Humphries or Mr. Wilson no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> )

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in a student leadership position (available to 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)

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Parent (s) / Guardian (s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(This address will be used for student account invoicing)

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### Intent to Participate:

*(By signing this, you are confirming that you intend to participate in the 2019 Marching Dragons. This signifies that you have read the general expectations and regulations for attendance and agree to abide by all obligations here after. These obligations also include the marching band fee of \$450 to be paid in installments, the fair share agreement, and equipment rental fee if it pertains to you. Failure to do so, may result in removal from the group without financial compensation and report to a credit service.)*

Parent, please initial each line below stating you understand the fees and fair share program.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay the \$450 Marching fee.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to work two (2) IMS Fair Share shifts per student OR pay \$100.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to work the all-day NPBB Performance Contest Fair Share OR pay \$100.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to work 5 Concession Fair Share scheduled shifts OR pay \$100.

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### Volunteer Survey:

We are in constant need of volunteers to help during the year. Please indicate areas you are interested in volunteering.

<input type="checkbox"/> Concessions / Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Pictures/Video	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Truck
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology / Web Page	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Prop Building/ Logistic	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> Misc. Repairs	

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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