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Greetings, Musicians of the Class of 2023!

The NCHS and NCWHS Bands are nationally-recognized, and they have established longstanding traditions of excellence! We look forward to having you as a part of the Unit 5 High School Bands!

The high schools are home to concert bands that meet during the school day, a competitive extracurricular marching band, jazz bands, and a number of other musical opportunities.

For additional information about how to enroll, read on:

Bands NORMAL WEST

We invite you to visit the Normal West Band Room and play an audition in January. When you arrive for your audition, we will share additional information about playing in the Normal West Bands. Please bring your instrument and your band music so that we can hear you play (in order to place you in the appropriate concert band class.) The audition is only intended for placement; we do not make "cuts." Plan to play your band music, ILMEA excerpts, or solo and ensemble music and as many major scales as you know (in as many octaves as you know). Audition music for percussionists will be available from your band director or on the Normal West Bands website. Please explore **www.nwbands.org** and sign up for an audition time online. When signing up for band, please sign up for Concert Winds. If you are placed in a different ensemble, we will adjust your registration. We look forward to hearing you play in January!

-Ms. Preston (prestols@myunit5.org) and Mr. Budzinski (budzinsr@myunit5.org)

We welcome all incoming Ironmen to play an audition in January. This will be a great time to share all of the exciting opportunities the NCHS Bands program has to offer you. The directors look forward to meeting you! Please bring your instrument and select a section from your band music, private lesson music, ILMEA music, or Solo and Ensemble music that features your technical and lyrical playing. Also, plan to play as many scales in as many octaves as you can. The more scales/octaves, the more points you receive. Audition music for percussionists is available from your band director. The audition is for placement only. Everyone is welcome and we do not "cut" anyone! When signing up for band, please sign up for Concert Winds. If you are placed in a different ensemble, we will adjust your registration. Please go to **www.ironmenbands.org** for more information about the program and to sign up for a time. We cannot wait to meet you!

NCHS Home of the IRONMEN

-Mr. Meadows (meadowld@unit5.org)