

# Big Blue 2016-17 Commitment Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name), fully commit to participation in the 2016-17 Big Blue Marching Band. I understand the fees associated with the activity & I understand that the fees are non-refundable, due to the need for design to happen during the summer months. I understand the financial commitment required, whether paying out of pocket or through the various fundraisers available throughout the year.

I commit to the 2016-17 Big Blue Marching Band with the full understanding that you must be enrolled in an approved band class at NSHS in order to participate. I understand that only scheduling issues for CORE classes that CAN'T BE TAKEN IN ANOTHER YEAR will be considered for any refunds. (There is almost ALWAYS a way to include Band in your schedule.)

I understand that an alternate system is part of the NSHS Big Blue Marching Band. All students who commit their time & finances are full members of the Big Blue Marching Band. The alternate system provides an incentive for hard work & rewards students who demonstrate the highest level of commitment with a spot in the competitive show. Alternates MUST challenge for a spot in the show every Monday following a competition. All students are full members of the band, regardless of current alternate status.

I have seen the attached schedule and understand that membership in this ensemble is limited to only those students who attend all rehearsals & performances. I understand that any absence or tardy adversely affects the group's goal of achieving top-level performance. I understand that students with unexcused absences and/or tardies will be removed from the ensemble without refund. Excused absences must be approved at least 2 (two) school days in advance by Mr. Nicholas.

I understand that either a \$150 marching fee deposit (to be credited toward the total marching fee) or a signed Payment Plan must be included with this commitment form to secure a spot in the 2016-17 Big Blue Marching Band.

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

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Date

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Name (Printed)

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Parent Signature

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Date

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees:

Description	Amount (If paid in full by August 1, 2016 and Volunteer Commitment*)	Amount (If paid in full by August 26, 2016 and Volunteer Commitment*)	Amount (If not paid in full by August 26, 2016 or no Volunteer Commitment*)
Marching Band - Winds	\$200	\$225	\$250
Percussion	\$200	\$225	\$250
Percussion Stick Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50
Guard	\$300	\$325	\$350
Guard Shoes and Gloves	\$40	\$40	\$40

**\*\*\*See Pages 4-6 for how to make payments\*\*\***

Multi-Student Discount for Families with more than one child participating:

- Pay 100% for the Highest Fee (Winds, Percussion or Guard)
- Pay 75% for the next Highest Fee (Winds, Percussion or Guard)
- Pay 50% for each Fee thereafter (Winds, Percussion or Guard)
- Family must make a volunteer commitment\*
- *Discount does not apply to Percussion Stick Fee or Guard Gloves and Shoes*
- *Early payment discounts cannot be used in combination with the Multi-Student Discount*

Please check if you will be using the Multi-Student Discount

Names of all Students Participating: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\$150 Deposit or Signed Payment Plan Due by June 15, 2016 (see Page 6 for Payment Plan)\*\*\***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Volunteer Commitment – Must make a firm commitment to volunteer at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual North Stafford High School Invitational, September 24, 2016 (this is an all day event) **and** to at least one other volunteer date for one of the following activities (see schedule for dates):

 Concessions Date \_\_\_\_\_

 Pit Crew Date \_\_\_\_\_

 Driving Trailer Date \_\_\_\_\_

 Student Band Meal Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Friday evenings before  
Football games setup  
and clean up)

I will volunteer at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual North Stafford High School Invitational on September 24, 2016 and I am interested in volunteering in the following area:

Parking

Concessions

Entrance Gate

Wherever Needed

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# PAYMENTS

## PayPal

### PayPal within the Student's Charms Account:

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/login.asp>

#### PARENTS/STUDENTS/MEMBERS

Please enter your school code:

NSHSBand

Enter Student/Parent Area

Then enter student ID -this page also links to the North Stafford High School Band web site ("www" icon) and you can email Mr. Nicholas ("Email Staff") from here:

Student Area Password: **(Case Sensitive!)**

Enter

Show Hint

If this is the first time you have logged in to Charms, your password is your ID number.



Public Calendar



Email Staff



Website

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have logged in, the Finance Button will take you to your student's account and it has a link to Paypal there. ***PayPal payments made via this link automatically post to your student's account.***

***Note – if you are new to the school, there may be a transition period before your account is activated.***

***If you cannot log into your account or have questions on your account, please email [Nsbbtreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:Nsbbtreasurer@yahoo.com).***

### **Paypal link from the North Stafford High School Band Web site:**

Payments via this link do not automatically post to your student's account so there will a delay between payment and when the payment is reflected on your student's account:

<http://www.northstaffordband.com/paypal/>

### **Checks:**

Include the name of the student on the check and the fee you are paying. For example: John Smith – Percussion

Returned checks – the student's account will be charged with any associated bank fees and all payments must then be either cash or via PayPal.

### **Cash:**

Cash must be in a sealed envelope with the full name of the student, the date paid and the fee being paid written on the outside of the envelope. For example:

John Smith - July 1, 2016 - Percussion

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Plans

Payment plans must be a minimum of \$50 per month with the first payment due no later than July 1, 2016, and the last payment due no later than December 1, 2016.

If taking advantage of the Multi-Student Discount, please submit only one payment plan that covers all the students. The payments will be distributed on a pro-rata basis amongst the students.

Student Names:

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Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Amount
July 1, 2016	
August 1, 2016	
September 1, 2016	
October 1, 2016	
November 1, 2016	
December 1, 2016	
<b>Total</b>	

X

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Communication

## Charms:

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/login.asp>

**Student Area Password: (Case Sensitive!)**

**Enter** **Show Hint**

If this is the first time you have logged in to Charms, your password is your ID number.

Can Email Director from here

Links to NS Bands Web Page

**Public Calendar** **Email Staff** **Website**

## Charms Mobile App:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/charms-parent-student-portal/id624145958?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.charmsoffice.mobilestudio&hl=en>

## Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2259482731/>



# BIG BLUE 2016-17 SCHEDULE

## North Stafford High School Bands

VIRGINIA HALL OF FAME

### Summer Practices & Performances

6/20 – All Percussion 8am-4pm (pack lunch)  
6/21 – All Percussion 8am-4pm (pack lunch)  
6/22 – All Percussion 8am-4pm (pack lunch)  
6/23 – All Percussion 8am-4pm (pack lunch)

8/8 – Possible Practice  
8/9 – Possible Practice  
8/10 – Possible Practice  
8/11 – Possible Practice

8/15 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/16 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/17 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/18 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)

8/22 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/23 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/24 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/25 – Band Camp 8am-5pm (pack lunch)  
8/25 – Home FB vs. Osbourn (pep band only?)  
8/26 – Band Camp 8am-8pm (pack lunch, dinner provided)  
8/26 – Band Camp Preview Performance 7pm

8/30 – All Big Blue 3-6pm  
8/31 – All Big Blue 3-6pm  
9/1 – All Big Blue 3-7pm  
9/1 – Home FB vs. Colonial Forge

ALL SUMMER REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY. YOU MUST MAKE NOTE OF ANY CONFLICT ON YOUR COMMITMENT FORM IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR 'EXCUSED' STATUS.

STUDENTS MAY NOT MISS ANY PORTION OF BAND CAMP DAYS. NSHS Orientations (CGS, JROTC) are workable, but will require advance coordination.

### Fall Required Events

9/17 – Competitions TBD  
9/23 – Home FB vs. Battlefield  
9/24 – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual NSHS Invitational  
10/1 – Competitions TBD  
10/7 – Away FB @ BPHS  
10/8 – Competition @ Stafford HS  
10/14 – Homecoming FB vs. Stafford HS (Alumni Band)  
10/21 – Senior Night FB vs. Potomac HS  
10/22 – Competitions TBD  
10/29 – Competitions TBD  
11/4 – Away FB @ Mountain View  
11/7 – BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT HUNGER (MVHS)  
12/3 – Fredericksburg Christmas Parade  
5/6 – Tag Day TENTATIVE PENDING PROM (Required Final Event)

Likely FB Playoff Dates – Fridays & Saturdays 11/11-12/10

BIG BLUE STUDENTS MAY NOT TAKE THE SAT ON 10/1. 11/5 is an SAT TEST date with no competition conflict.

BIG BLUE STUDENTS MAY NOT TAKE THE ACT ON 10/22. 9/10 is an ACT TEST date with no competition conflict.

AFTER LABOR DAY (9/5), BIG BLUE PRACTICES DAILY FROM 2:45-5PM EACH DAY OF THE WEEK. ALWAYS ASSUME THAT THERE IS REHEARSAL EACH SCHOOL DAY UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.

ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS. STUDENTS WHO MISS REHEARSAL WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUP WITHOUT REFUND.