

If your child is interested in taking part in this exciting opportunity, fill out the form on this flap and return it to Notre Dame High School. Within a few days of receiving your reply, your child will receive a telephone call from one of our band officers to discuss "the student view" of our music program. If you have any questions for me, you can give a message to the student officer or contact me at the high school via the phone number or e-mail on the back of this brochure. I hope to see your child at camp this summer!

Musically,  
Mr. Albert J. Shimkus, Jr.

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### Crusader Band & Color Guard Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Band [ ] Color Guard [ ]

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Fall 2017) \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Dates

### First Meeting of the Season

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00pm

### Summer Sectionals

Wednesdays 8am-noon  
(except July 19<sup>th</sup>)

### Band Camp

August 7-11 8am-noon  
August 21-25 8am-noon

### Fall Band Schedule

TBD



## 2017-2018 Season

### Notre Dame High School

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# The Notre Dame High School Band Program

Your child is invited to be a part of the Notre Dame High School Band Program!

The Notre Dame High School Music Department has designed a program that is educational, but also a great deal of fun. Elementary students have the opportunity to participate in some facets of the Band Program, while high school students can enroll in our credited band class.

The program is divided into four performing ensemble types:

## Marching Band

Students between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to be part of the marching band. This group performs at all of the football games and will potentially march in local parades and participate in regional band competitions. Students participate in a “band camp” during three weeks in August to prepare marching, music and drill for the year’s show. The word that best describes this ensemble is “Discipline.” This band contains a level of intensity and excitement that goes unmatched in any other performing ensemble. But to achieve this, the students must work together and strive to be as one.

## Color Guard

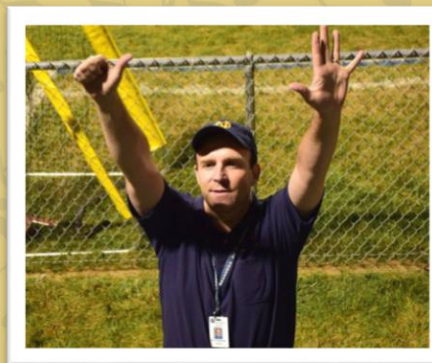
Students between 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to be part of the color guard. The word that best describes this group is “Spark,” because this group is the visual flair for the marching band in all their performances. They also work as a separate performance group throughout the winter and spring. If you are interested in silks, rifles and dance, this is the group for you.

## Concert Band

Students between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to be part of the concert band. This ensemble rehearses during the band period and performs with Music Ministry at Mass as well as winter and spring concerts at Notre Dame High School. The word that best describes this ensemble is “Heart.” This is where students learn the most about music and themselves as players.

## Small Ensembles

Students between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to be part of small ensembles such as Jazz Band, Rock Band and Percussion Ensemble. These groups will perform at a concert in the spring and will potentially tour our local elementary schools. The word that best describes these groups is “Fun.” The students take the “Discipline” from marching band and the “Heart” from concert band, then sit back and have a good time.



*“There is nothing more fulfilling than to watch students grow over the course of their school careers from wide-eyed newbies to wonderful senior leaders.”*

Albert J. Shimkus, Jr., Director  
Notre Dame Band Director '97-'02, returned '15  
Over 15 years of teaching experience  
BS in Music Education, West Chester University  
MA in Conducting, Hofstra University  
Director of the Easton Municipal Band