



NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL WIND SYMPHONY

Ill. Music Education Association Festival

AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY | SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

INFORMATION AND PACKING LIST

Eat lunch before arriving at NCWHS and wear your Concert Black (tux/dress) when you arrive. Please bring a change of clothes in a backpack or bag so that you can change out of concert black after the performance.

Remember to bring your music, instrument, and all mutes, etc. Please have your music stand nametag with you for the clinic. Bring money for dinner on the way home. If you are riding home with a parent/guardian (not on the bus) please give your bus chaperone a note signed by the parent/guardian who is driving you home.

Parents who wish to ride the bus with the group should email Mr. B at budzinsr@unit5.org at least one week before the trip. In case of emergency, Mr. B's cell phone number is (815) 370-8730. It will be off during the warm up, performance, and clinic.

ITINERARY

Eat lunch before reporting to school and arrive dressed in your concert black.

We will travel to NEIU in our concert black. Please double check that you have the appropriate shoes, bow ties, etc. You may pack a backpack or bag with a change of clothing for after our performance.

- 11:45 AM** Load buses in the bus lane behind the band room
You will have access to the building so that you may pick up equipment and music before we depart.
- 12:00 PM** Depart for the Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium (Chicago)
- 3:00 PM** Arrive at the Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium. Buses will drop off in Lot F and park in Lot E.
Store instrument cases and belongings in the designated area. This is a shared space, so keep NCWHS items together and refrain from bringing valuables into the building. Immediately assemble instruments and percussion equipment. Do not play your instrument in this space.
- 3:45 PM** Warm Up in the designated warm up room
- 4:15 PM** An EXCELLENT performance in the NEIU Auditorium - Go, Team!
- 4:45 PM** Clinic with a guest clinician on stage (we are the final performance of the day)
Festival clinicians include Dr. Hannah Rudy (the University of Illinois), Dr. Justin Antos (Eisenhower High School), and Steven Gooden (Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra)
- 5:15 PM** Pack up, use restrooms, change out of concert black if you choose, load buses
We will stop for dinner en route to Normal.
- 6:00 PM** Dinner stop at Fulton Market
Fulton Market is home to the McDonald's Global Menu Restaurant and Hamburger University—the only McDonald's in the world that serves items from McDonald's in other countries. There are additional dining options available at Fulton Market, including the Taco Bell Cantina and [Time Out Market](#). You will have a short time to eat and see the area. Please make sure that you stay with a group of people from Normal West.
- 7:30 PM** Load buses, depart for Normal West
- 10:00 PM** Approximate arrival at Normal West