



February 13, 2023

Dear Marching Band Director:

Please accept our invitation to bring your marching band to the Northern Illinois University **2023 High School BAND DAY on September 9, 2023!** Make plans now to experience another great year of Huskie Football!

High School Band Day 2023 will take place on Saturday, September 9th, during halftime of the NIU Huskies vs. the SIUC Salukis football game at Huskie Stadium. As in the past, all participating bands will join the Huskie Band on the field during halftime for a massed-band performance. The game time is not yet scheduled so we will be in touch when we know more. You may also check the NIU football schedule at <https://niuhuskies.com/sports/football>. Participating bands will rehearse with the Huskie Band in the stadium prior to the game, so please plan to arrive in DeKalb as early as possible. An exact schedule for the day, along with instructions for parking, meals and other details will be forwarded to registered participants in early August.

All participants, directors and one chaperone per 10 students will be provided with a complimentary ticket to the game. All of this, plus an exciting afternoon of Division I-A college football, **without any participation fees!**

The music for this year's halftime show will be a Boy Band Tribute! Please purchase the commercially available music arrangements that will be performed at halftime. You are welcome to purchase these arrangements from your vendor of choice. Listed below are the titles and JW Pepper item numbers, for your convenience.

I Want it That Way, arr. Ishbah Cox
JW Pepper # 10992390

Bye, Bye, Bye, arr. Tom Wallace
JW Pepper #10766824

Everybody, arr. Tom Wallace
JW Pepper #11391625

We hope that you will join us on what promises to be an exciting and rewarding day of music, football and fun. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to us as soon as possible or complete the online application that can be found at <https://www.niu.edu/band/music-educators/index.shtml> We are looking forward to joining forces with your band in Huskie Stadium this fall!

Sincerely,
Dr. Thomas Bough
Director of Athletic Bands

Dani'ca Richardson
Huskie Marching Band Graduate Assistant