



## Smyrna High School Band

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### SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL BAND INFORMATION

Being in high school band is one the most educational and most memorable activities a student will ever participate in. However, band is unlike any other activity at Smyrna High School. Although it meets like a class during the school day, it also meets after school and on some weekends for rehearsals and performances. All of these times outside of the regular class time are a REQUIRED part of the class and the student's grade depends upon his/her participation.

This class begins during the summer months to prepare for the marching season (football games and marching contests). This requires many hours of inside and outside practice. Once the numbers are set, the show is written and the drill is taught during band camp. At that point we are committed to perform and compete with the show we have learned. Band is a team activity. If a student quits then the entire team suffers. By returning your signed contract and medical release form you have signed a virtual contract that you understand the total commitment necessary.

Marching band is only a part of the overall band program that lasts from July to mid-November. Because of the rehearsal schedule it does conflict with several fall sports and extra-curricular activities. Please check with coaches and sponsors of any other fall activity in which you plan to participate. (If you are on a Smyrna High School fall sports team and also wish to participate in band, it is possible to do both, and individual cases will be evaluated by Mr. Lutz and Mr. Reagh.) There are NO conflicts with winter or spring sports.

After football season concludes, the schedule eases up quite a bit. Most of the rest of the year is spent in preparing for concerts, honor bands, the Smyrna Christmas Parade, and Concert Assessment. Please take note of the initial schedule below before making the commitment to join the Smyrna High School Band. We encourage you to make the sacrifices necessary for your child to take advantage of this incredible activity that will help them mature into adulthood, become better citizens, and will provide a lifetime of memories and friendships!

#### Summer Pre-Band Camp Schedule

<b>New Marchers:</b> July 18-21 (Mon-Thurs) 8am-noon	<b>Music Rehearsals for All Winds:</b> July 19, 21 (Tues, Thurs) 1pm-4pm	<b>Color Guard:</b> July 18-22 (M-F) 9am-4pm	<b>Percussion:</b> July 18-22 (M-F) 9am-4pm
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#### Band Camp Schedule

Monday, July 25	Tuesday, July 26	Wednesday, July 27	Thursday, July 28	Friday, July 29
8am- Marching* 11:30- Lunch 1:00pm- Sectionals 2:30- Full Band 5:00- Supper (provided) 6:00- Marching* 8pm- Clean/Dismiss	8am- Marching* 11:30- Lunch 1:00pm- Sectionals 2:30- Full Band 5:00- Supper (provided) 6:00- Marching* 8pm- Clean/Dismiss	8am- Marching* 11:30- Lunch 1:00pm- Sectionals 2:30- Full Band 5:00- Clean/Dismiss  Fire Truck Day!	8am- Marching* 11:30- Lunch 1:00pm- Sectionals 2:30- Full Band 5:00- Supper (provided) 6:00- Marching* 8pm- Clean/Dismiss	8am- Marching* 11:30- Lunch 1:00pm- Sectionals 2:00- Full Band 3:00- Clean  5:00- Load Buses 7:00- DCI at MTSU 10:30- Return to SHS

\*Marching sessions will be outside- please wear sunscreen and drink lots of water. Everything else will be inside.  
 Schedule subject to change at director discretion due to weather or other factors

Plus **Tuesday, August 2** Post-Camp Day for Everyone Schedule TBD

### **After School Rehearsals:**

- Once school starts, every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 - 5:45
- Rehearsals will be reduced following the last contest of the season.
- A few other rehearsals will be scheduled throughout the year as needed to help prepare for the parade and prior to each concert.

### **Marching Performances:**

Every football game – regular season and play-offs (Friday nights)  
Contest dates will be selected from the Saturdays in September and October  
The Annual Smyrna Christmas Parade (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday afternoon in December)

### **Concert Performances:**

Christmas Concert (December)	Spring Concert (April)
Concert Performance Assessment (March)	SHS Graduation and Rehearsal (May)
Other public appearances as scheduled	Individuals at Honor Bands (Jan-Apr)

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### **Parents/Boosters:**

The board of education only provides minimal support each year to each high school in order to maintain each band program in the county. It is up to the students and parents to pay a portion of the costs and then fundraise the rest in order to provide for transportation, uniforms, equipment, extra clinics, and general operating expenses.

Parents, please be an active participant in Smyrna Band Boosters. Your degree of commitment will directly affect your child's success in making their high school band experience the best that it can be.

We'll see you at our monthly booster meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month usually at 6:30 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings: June 14<sup>th</sup> & July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup> - Band Bash! Come for the show preview and cookout at 5:00pm followed by the Booster Meeting at 6:00pm.**

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### **Band Website**

[www.smyrnahighband.com](http://www.smyrnahighband.com)

### **Band Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/smyrnahighschoolbandstudentsandparents](http://www.facebook.com/smyrnahighschoolbandstudentsandparents)

This is a closed group, so you must ask for permission to join.

### **Band Twitter**

Follow us @smyrnahighband

### **Band Director Info**

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