



Smyrna High School Band

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SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL BAND INFORMATION

Being in high school band is one the most educational and memorable activities a student will ever participate in! But also know that band is unlike any other activity at Smyrna High School. Yes, it meets like a class during the school day, but the activity also includes **required after-school practices**, plus a few weekends for practices, contests and parades. All of these times outside of the regular class time are a **REQUIRED** part of the class. And the student’s success and grades, depend upon their participation.

As you read through this information, we know this packet is lengthy and can seem overwhelming at first, but please take the time to read it carefully. We want to be up front with the **time and commitment** it takes to be part of this activity. And we are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. By returning the attached **signed contract and medical release form** you have signed a virtual contract that you and your child understands the total commitment that is necessary.

Marching band season (though only a portion of the overall annual band curriculum) does last from late July to mid-November. This class begins in July at **“Band Camp”** to prepare for the marching season (football games and marching contests). Most of our halftime show is taught during band camp with every student having their own unique spot and role in every formation- everyone has the opportunity to be a “starter” on our team with no subs or “bench players”. Because of this, band is the ultimate **team activity** with each member dependent on every other member being present. So, if a student misses (or worse- quits), then the entire team suffers.

Because of the rehearsal schedule it does conflict with several **fall sports** and extra-curricular activities. (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 initial busy schedule does ease 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, but with fewer after-school practices.

So, 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: develop their thinking skills and other **essential life skills**, mature into adulthood, become better members of society, and will provide them (and their parents) a lifetime of memories and friendships!

Band Camp Schedule

Mon. July 22	Tues. July 23	Wed. July 24	Thurs. July 25	Fri. July 26
New Marchers, Percussion, Guard, Leadership 7:30am – 6:00pm		Everyone 7:30am – 6:00pm		Everyone 7:30am – 3:30pm
Everyone else reports after lunch 12:30pm – 6:00pm				DCI Show: 5:30pm – 11:30pm

Mon. July 29	Tues. July 30	Wed. July 31
Everyone 7:30am – 6:00pm		

*a more detailed daily plan for band camp is in this packet

There will be additional practices on:
Monday, August 5 – from 5:30-8:00pm
Thursday, August 8 – from 3:35-5:45 (1st day of school)

Online Calendar:
www.smyrnahighband.com/calendar

After School Rehearsals:

- Once school starts, every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon from 3:35 - 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 from August-November)
Contest dates to be selected from these Saturdays: September 14th, 21st October 19th, 26th
The Annual Smyrna Christmas Parade (usually 1st 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)

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 2nd Tuesday of each month usually at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings: May 14th June 11th July 9th August 13th

**Aug 13th - Band Bash! Come for a cookout at 5:30pm
followed by the Booster Meeting at 6:30pm.**

Band Website

www.smyrnahighband.com

SHS Band on X/Twitter

Follow us @smyrnahighband

Band Facebook

www.facebook.com/smyrnahighschoolbandstudentsandparents

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

To Receive TEXT Message Announcements and Reminders

<u>Parents/Boosters:</u> Send to this number: 81010 This TEXT message: @7e83k7g	<u>Students:</u> Send to this number: 81010 This TEXT message: @6fa732
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