



Smyrna High School Band

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SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL BAND INFORMATION

Being in high school band is one of the most educational and memorable activities a student will ever participate in! But you should 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 it 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 acknowledge that you and your child understands the total commitment that is necessary.

Being in a High School Band involves several different parts throughout the year: Concert Band, Pep Band & Marching Band. The marching band season (though only a portion of the overall annual band curriculum) goes from late July through October. This class begins at the end of 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.

Because of the rehearsal schedule the marching band portion 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. Reagh.) There are NO major conflicts with winter or spring sports, and we can work with anything we know about in advance.

Marching Band is the ultimate **team activity** with each member dependent on every other member being present. So, if a student misses (or even worse- quits), then the entire team suffers.

After football season concludes, the initial busy schedule does ease up quite a bit. Most of the rest of the year is spent preparing for concerts, honor bands, the Smyrna Christmas Parade, Solo/Ensemble, and Concert Performance Assessment, but with fewer after-school practices.

So, please look at the initial schedule below and all parts of this info packet 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 to: 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 Dates 2026

July 20-24 (Monday-Friday) from 7:00am-4:00pm

July 27-31 (Monday-Friday) from 7:00am-4:00pm

Saturdays

Aug 15 from 8:00am-3:00pm

Sept 12 from 8:00am-3:00pm

*Color Guard will have an additional 3 days of Guard Camp from **July 15-17** (Wed-Fri)

Online Calendar:

www.smyrnahighband.com/calendar

Band Packet Contents

Keep: General Information (3 pages)
Band Camp Detailed Schedule
Tips for "Surviving" Band Camp
Marching Calendar (2 pages)
Uniform Guidelines

Return: Band Contract
Financial Commitment Plan
Medical Form - *notarized

PDFs of these documents:

www.smyrnahighband.com/documents

MARCHING BAND – time outside of class

After School Practices August-October:

Most Weeks: Guard & Percussion: Mondays & Thursdays 3:45-6:00
Woodwinds & Brass: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:45-6:00

*Any week with a day out of school, a Thursday football game, or other alterations to a normal 5-day week will have a slightly different schedule. See the “*Marching Band Calendar*” for full rehearsal schedule.

Marching Performances:

Every home football game – regular season and play-offs (Thursday or Friday nights from Aug-Nov)

Select away games - regular season and play-offs

Competitions - are on Saturdays in Sept. and Oct. (usually 3 of them total)

Christmas Parade - usually 1st Sunday afternoon in December

Pep Band Performances:

Most football games – regular season and play-offs (Thursday or Friday nights from Aug-Nov)

CONCERT BAND – time outside of class

After School Rehearsals:

-A few other rehearsals will be scheduled throughout the year as needed to help prepare for the parade, CPA, and prior to each concert.

-Typically does not exceed 1 rehearsal/week and not every week.

-These dates will be announced later in the year

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)

Communications

Band Website

www.smyrnahighband.com

SHS Band on X/Twitter

Follow us @smyrnahighband

BoosterHub

New site/app for all info and communications regarding SHS Band

Please join to stay up-to-date and to receive messages

<https://smyrnahighband.boosterhub.com>

Band Facebook

www.facebook.com/smyrnahighschoolbandstudentsandparents

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

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Detailed Band Camp Schedule

		Wed. July 15	Thurs. July 16	Fri. July 17
		COLOR GUARD 12:00p-7:00 At Simon Springs Elementary	COLOR GUARD 12:00p-7:00 At Simon Springs Elementary	COLOR GUARD 12:00p-7:00 At Simon Springs Elementary

Mon. July 20	Tues. July 21	Wed. July 22	Thurs. July 23	Fri. July 24
NEW MARCHERS (never marched before) ALL PERCUSSION & GUARD FIELD COMMANDERS, SECTION LEADERS 7:00am- arrival time / check-in 7:30- fundamentals practice outside 11:00- Lunch (bring a lunch or delivery) EVERYONE 11:45- Meeting in Auditorium 12:45- Full Band, mostly inside activities 4:00- Dismissal / Leadership Meeting *Signed Contracts Due		EVERYONE 7:00am- Outside 11:00- Lunch 11:45- Auditorium Session 12:45- Full Band (mostly inside) 4:00- Dismissal		EVERYONE 7:00a- Outside 11:00- Lunch 11:45- Auditorium 12:45- Full Band 4:00- Rehearsal ends Everyone- DCI Show at MTSU: 5:30pm – 11:30pm *Medical Forms Required

Mon. July 27	Tues. July 28	Wed. July 29	Thur. July 30	Fri. July 31
EVERYONE 7:00am- Outside 11:00- lunch (bring a lunch, or delivery) 11:45- Auditorium Session		EVERYONE 12:30pm- Sub-Sectionals 2:00- Full Band, start inside, maybe transition to outside 4:00- Dismissal		

Items to Bring: instrument, show music, pencil, phone for the digital drill book app & a fanny pack

- For outside times you will need: sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, proper athletic-style clothing, Tennis shoes with socks are required. Proper nutrition and lots of WATER are essential.

-We will never be outside the entire day, and we do avoid the hottest times of the day. But do be prepared for the times we are outside.

-Please refer to "Tips for Surviving Band Camp" page for more info.

Start of School Schedule

Teacher Inservice Week

Mon. Aug 3	Tue. Aug 4	Wed. Aug 5	Thur. Aug 6	Fri. Aug 7
No practice this week			Freshmen Orientation	½ day for students

First Week of School

Mon. Aug 10	Tues. Aug 11	Wed. Aug 12	Thur. Aug 13	Fri. Aug 14	Sat. Aug 15
Guard & Perc. 3:45-6:00pm	WW & Brass 3:45-6:00pm		Everyone 3:45-6:00pm		Everyone 8:00am-3:00pm

Band Parents = Band Boosters

The board of education only provides minimal financial 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.

Join BoosterHub

It is ONE site for all info and communications regarding the SHS Band.

Be sure to sign-up

Download the BoosterHub App

<https://smyrnahighband.boosterhub.com/>



Calendar
Announcements
Schedules
Messaging
Payments
Volunteer Sign-ups
And so much more



Volunteers Needed

We need parent volunteers throughout the season for: Band Camp, Games, Contests & More

It is fun. It is rewarding. It is time spent supporting your child.

Meet other enthusiastic parents. Make new friends!

There is a place for everyone to help:

Filling Water Jugs / Ice
Cooling Tents
Food / Meals
Donations
Football Program
Corporate Sponsorships

Fundraising
Driving a Moving Truck
Pulling a Trailer
Equipment Loading Crew
Percussion Pit Crew
Bus Chaperones

Uniforms
Sewing, hemming
Advertising
Concessions- manager
Concessions- workers
Communications