



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 acknowledge that you and your child understands the total commitment that is necessary.

High School Band involves several different parts: Concert Band, Pep Band & Marching Band. The marching band season (though only a portion of the overall annual band curriculum) does last 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 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. Reagh.) There are NO major conflicts with winter or spring sports, and we can work with anything we know about in advance.

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 Performance 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 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 2025

July 21-25 (Monday-Friday) from 7:30am-6:00pm

July 28-31 (Monday-Thursday) from 7:30am-6:00pm

Evening Practices

August 4 (Monday) from 5:30pm-8:00pm

August 8 (Thursday) from 5:30pm-8:00pm

*Color Guard will have an additional 3 days of Guard Camp from **July 16-18** (Wed-Fri)

Band Packet Contents

Keep: General Information (2 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

Online Calendar:

www.smyrnahighband.com/calendar

PDFs of these documents:

www.smyrnahighband.com/documents

After School Rehearsals:

- Once school starts in August: every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon from 3:45 - 5:45
- This practice schedule only lasts until the last marching contest of the season is over in October.
- Then only 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 (Thursday or Friday nights from August-November)
Contest dates are tentatively scheduled for these Saturdays: September 20th October 18th October 25th
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)

Band Parents = Band 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: June 10th July 8th August 12th

**Aug 12th - Band Bash! Come for a cookout at 5:00pm
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 via Remind

For Parents

Send to this number: 81010

This TEXT message: @7e83k7g

For Students

Send to this number: 81010

This TEXT message: @6fa732

Band Director Info

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Detailed Band Camp Schedule

		Wed. July 16	Thurs. July 17	Fri. July 18
		COLOR GUARD 12:30p-7:30 At Simon Springs Elementary	COLOR GUARD 12:30p-7:30 At Simon Springs Elementary	COLOR GUARD 12:30p-7:30 At Simon Springs Elementary

Mon. July 21	Tues. July 22	Wed. July 23	Thurs. July 24	Fri. July 25
NEW MARCHERS (any student new to SHS) PERCUSSION, GUARD, LEADERSHIP 7:30am- Meet in Band Room, fundamentals practice outside 11:30- Lunch (on your own, bring a lunch) EVERYONE 12:30- Meet in Band Room 1:00- Full Band, mostly inside activities 6:00- Dismissal *Signed Contracts Due			EVERYONE 7:30a- Band Room 11:30- Lunch 12:30- Auditorium 1:00- Full Band 6:00- Dismissal	EVERYONE 7:30a- Band Room 11:30- Lunch 12:30- Auditorium 1:00- Full Band 3:30- Rehearsal ends Everyone- DCI Show at Nissan Stadium: 5:30pm – 11:30pm *Medical Forms Required

Mon. July 28	Tues. July 29	Wed. July 30	Thur. July 31	
EVERYONE 7:30a- Meet in Band Room, marching practice outside 11:30- lunch (on your own, bring a lunch) 12:30- Meet in Auditorium 1:00- Sectionals 2:30- Full Band, start inside, transition to outside 6:00- Dismissal			EVERYONE 7:30a- Band Room 11:30- lunch 12:30- Auditorium 1:00- Sectionals 2:30- Full Band 5:15- Parent Preview Performance	

Mon. Aug 4			Thur. Aug 8	
EVERYONE 5:30p-8:00p			EVERYONE 5:30p-8:00p	

-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. You need: sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, proper clothing, tennis shoes with sock. Proper nutrition and lots of WATER are essential.

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