

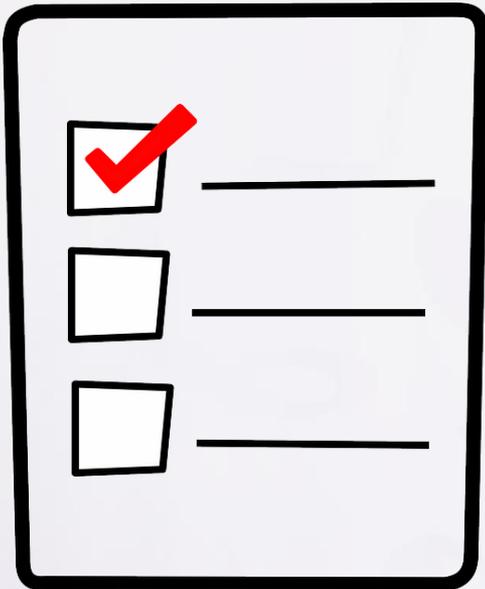
SMYRNA BAND



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Topics to be Covered



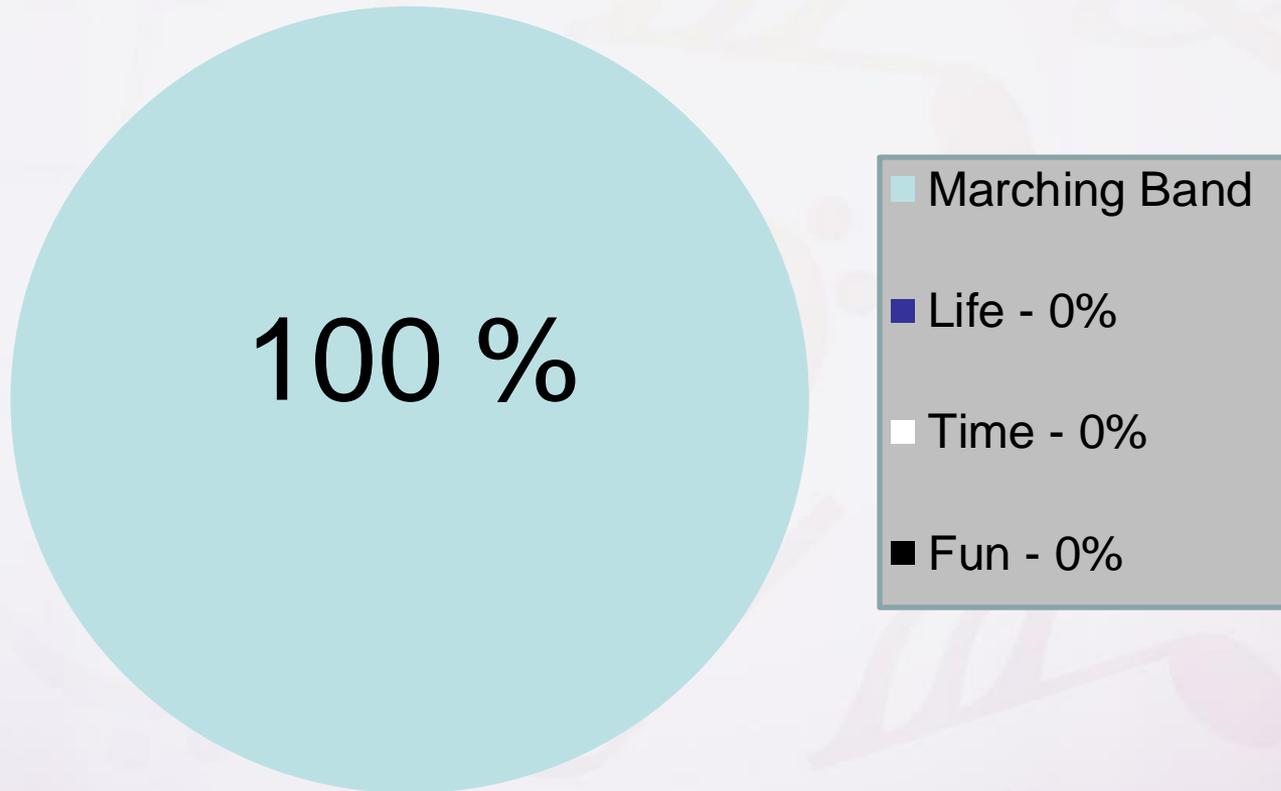
- Myths and Misconceptions
- What is High School Band like?
- Benefits of Being in Band
- How to Schedule Band/Graduation
- Time Involved
- The Cost
- Paperwork/Forms

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**What is Band Like
In
High School?**

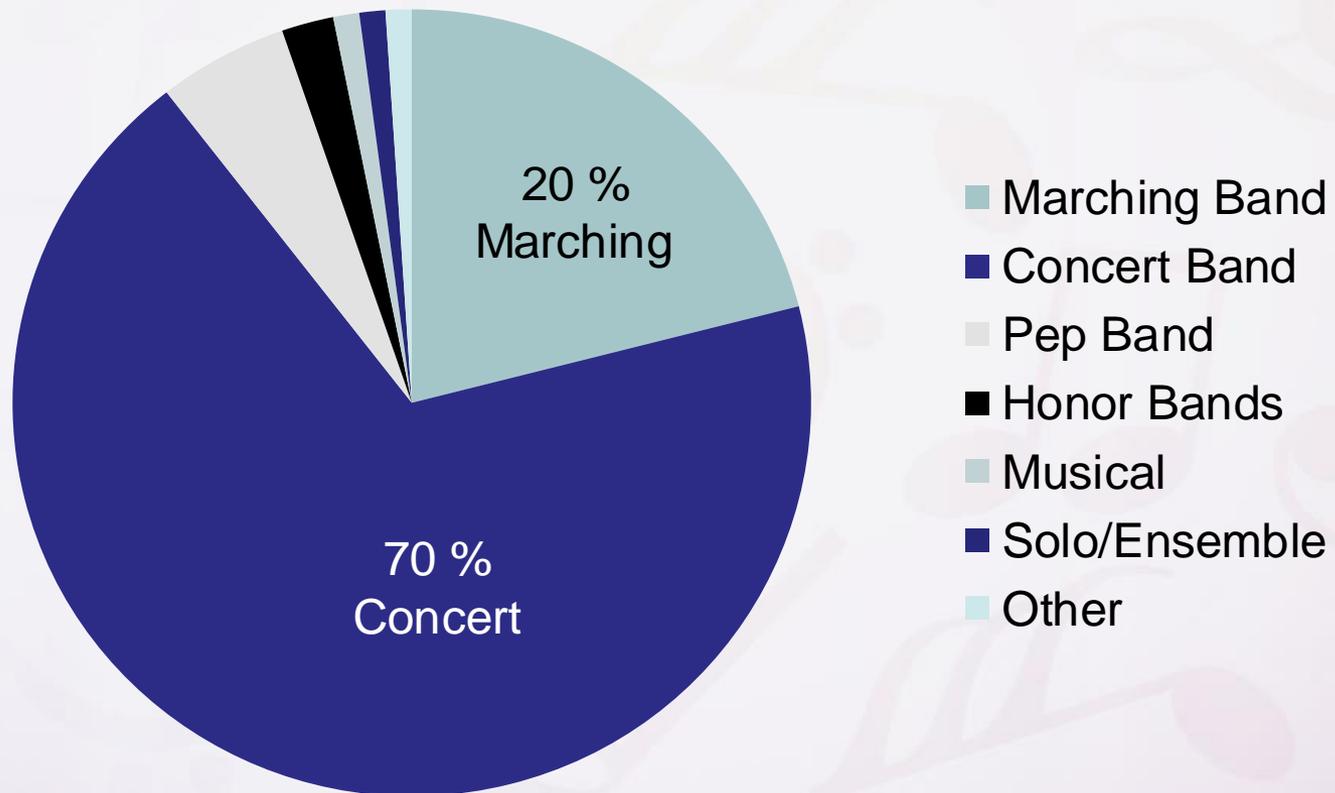
MYTH #1

High School Band is:



FACT

High School Band really is:



At SHS, Band involves:

- Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Pep Band
- Optional
 - Jazz Band
 - Honor Bands
 - Solo/Ensemble Festival
 - Private Lessons
 - The Musical
 - Cambridge Music AS

MYTH #2

- Marching Band Rehearsal is:



FACT

- Marching Band Rehearsal really is:



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The Benefits of Being in a High School Band Program

Benefits of Band

- **Musical Enjoyment**



Benefits of Band

- Musical Enjoyment
- **Mental Development**



Benefits of Band

- Musical Enjoyment
- Mental Development
- **Life Skills**
 - **Self-discipline**
 - **Teamwork**
 - **Goal setting**



Benefits of Band

- Musical Enjoyment
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- **Opportunities**



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- Musical Enjoyment
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- Life Skills
- Opportunities
- **Friendships**











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Scheduling & Graduation Requirements

MYTH #3

- There is no room to fit band in my school class schedule.
- I won't be able to graduate if I take band.
- I can't be in clubs or play school sports if I am in band.

FACT

- Thousands of students each year take band and all the other classes they need.
- Taking band (all 4 years) actually **helps** you graduate.
- Students can do band at SHS and any sport they choose. (including cheer & football)

Graduation Requirements

- At SHS you take:
 - 8 classes/year x 4 years = 32 classes
- Only 23 credits required for graduation
 - English (4)
 - Math (4)
 - Science (3)
 - Social Studies (3)
 - Fine Arts (1)
 - Foreign Language (2)
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32 - 23 = 9 extra slots for anything else!

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4 years of band = 4.5 of the 23 graduation credits.

Still leaving 9.5 extra slots for anything else!

Example Schedule

	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
1st	English I	English II	English III	English IV
2nd	Math I	Math II	Math III	Math IV
3rd	Science I	Science II	Science III	
4th	History I	History II	History III	
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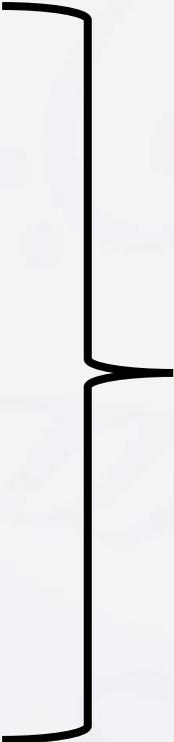
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**How Much
Time
is
Involved?**



MYTH #4

- Marching Band takes up all this time:
 - Sunday
 - Monday
 - Tuesday
 - Wednesday
 - Thursday
 - Friday
 - Saturday
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FACT

- **Marching Band SEASON is:**
 - Last week of July through October
 - 3 practices/week (2 hours each)
 - ~10 Friday nights
 - 2-4 Saturdays
- **Concert Band is:**
 - November to May
 - 2 concerts (December, April)
 - Graduation (May)

Time Commitment

- ~~Pre Camp~~
 - ~~Not for 2021~~
- Band Camp
 - July 26-30 (8am-8pm)
 - August 2-3 (3:45-5:45)
- After-School Rehearsals
 - Mon, Tues, Thur (3:45-5:45)
 - Except Labor Day and the PLC ½ days

Time Commitment

- Football Games

- Friday nights from mid-Aug to mid-Nov
- Dismissal is around 10:30pm (home) & 11:30pm (away)



- Marching Competitions

- Some Saturdays in September and October
- Usually all-day events



- Smyrna Christmas Parade

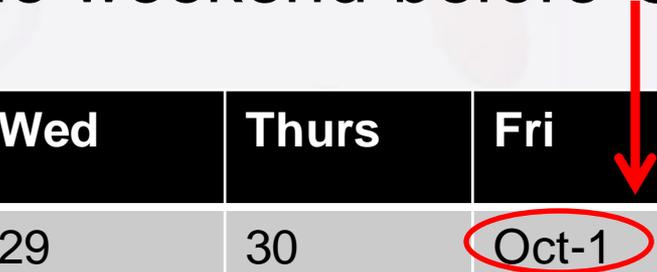
- 1st Sunday afternoon in December



Time Commitment

- Fall Break

- No practices, games, or contests Oct 2-10
- There is a **game** the weekend before Oct 1



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Sep-26	27 Reh.	28 Reh.	29	30 Reh.	Oct-1 Game	2
3	4 Fall-----	5 -----	6 -----	7 -----	8 -----Break	9
10	11 Reh.	12 Reh.	13	14 Reh.	15 Game	16 Contest

Time Commitment

- Yes, there is extra time involved.
 - Any activity requires extra time.
- Marching band season is a busier time, but it is not all year.
- Give yourself credit- if thousands of students every year, for decades, in every town in every state across the country participate in band and make good grades, then **you can too!**

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**What is the cost?
(a.k.a. Investment!)**



Cost / Investment

- Band Fees \$600
 - Can be made in incremental payments
 - options for early payments can save you \$50!
 - **Helps cover:** music, drill, specialized instruction, transportation, equipment, meals, etc.
 - **Includes:** band shirt, band shorts, band hat
 - **Includes:** all parts of the uniform + fitting, cleaning...
- Actual cost per student is much more.
 - This is where Boosters steps in to help.
- *Breaks down to average just \$50/month

Uniform Fitting Day

- Thursday, May 27
- Anytime from 8am-3pm
- SHS Band Room
- Bring first payment $\$150 - 25 = \125
- Fitting/sizing
 - pants, shoes, gloves, shorts, t-shirts, hat
- Paperwork
 - Notarized Medical Form & Contract
 - *Included in the paper packet

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Who are Band Boosters?

VOLUNTEER



What do they do?

What is Band Boosters?

- Parent Organization
- Membership: if you have a child in the band, then you are a Band Booster.
- Designed to support the band program
 - Financially
 - Volunteering
- Enhance your child's educational experience
- Monthly meetings
 - 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm

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Communication



Communication

- Parent ↔ Child (ask them, tell them)
- Parent ↔ Director (e-mail, conferences)
- Meetings (boosters, parent meetings)
- Band Website (www.smyrnahighband.com)

Communication

- Websites: www.smyrnahighband.com
www.shs.rcschools.net
- E-mail: sent from Skyward
- Facebook: search “**Smyrna High School Band Students and Parents**”
 - must ask permission to join group
- Remind.com: (texting service)



Conclusion

- Our mission for students is to:
 - Teach them to be better musicians
 - Provide an activity and environment that will enhance their high school experience
 - Help them develop quality characteristics
 - Guide them into their transition into adulthood



Upcoming Dates

- Sizing, Instrument Check-out, Music Handout, Early payment, Forms turn in, etc.
 - Thursday, May 27
- Band Booster Meetings
 - Tuesdays: June 8, July 13, August 10 (Band Bash)
- Golf Scramble
 - Sunday, June 27
- Band Camp
 - July 26-30

Questions

- This presentation and all the info can be found at www.smyrnahighband.com
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