



Smyrna High School Band

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8th Grade Band Students and Parents,

We are looking forward to hosting our annual Future Bulldog Band Night on Friday, October 16 for the TSSAA football game between the Bulldogs of Smyrna High School and Blackman High School! With this letter we formally invite all 8th grade band students in Smyrna (plus those zoned for SHS) to join the high school band for an evening of food, friendship, and to be a part of a mega pep band that will be over 200 Smyrna band students!!!

All students will be provided free pizza before the game and will be given their own purple SHS Band t-shirt to wear and take home. After eating, they will participate in a rehearsal of pep band music sitting side-by-side with the high school band students. They also receive free admission to the football game. During the game they will play pep band music with the high school band members. And during halftime, the students will be able to watch the marching band halftime show.

Please read all the information below for more info. And if you have any additional questions, feel free to ask either your child's band director or the high school directors.

How much does it cost for students to attend this event?

Free! All current 8th grade band students get a pizza meal, a t-shirt, and admission to the football game for \$0. This event is sponsored by the SHS Band Boosters organization.

What time should the students arrive at Smyrna High School?

8th grade students can arrive any time after 4:00 pm. Also, an activity bus from SHS will be sent to pick up students at SMS and RFMS.

Where should students be dropped off?

If they are not riding the Smyrna High Activity Bus, students can be dropped off at the high school band room located on the east side of the school near the gym. Look for the double doors at the end of a covered walkway. There will be signs posted, and high school band members and parents will be welcoming students.

What should the students bring?

Students will need to bring their instrument and any accessories needed for performing. (Percussionists should bring sticks and a snare drum if possible.) It is recommended that students also bring a flip folder and lyre if they have one. Music will be provided.

Future Bulldog Band Night

Friday, October 16th, 2026

Smyrna vs Blackman

Schedule of Events:

As students arrive,
drop off instruments in
the auditorium

Pick-up t-shirt in the
auditorium

4:00- Pizza, drinks, and desserts
in the cafeteria

5:00- Pep band rehearsal in the
auditorium

6:15- Walk up to the stadium

7:00- Football game starts

8:00- Watch halftime show

8:20- 8th graders are dismissed

all times are approximate

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How should the students be dressed?

Students should come dressed in jeans or shorts and comfortable shoes. Special SHS Band T-Shirts will be given to students to wear for the evening (and are theirs to take home with them afterwards!) Students may want to bring a jacket and any other apparel needed for being outside during a fall evening.

What do parents do?

Parents are welcome to come and watch the pre-game activities. You may watch the pep band rehearsal, meet the directors, and meet the band boosters. Any parent that wants to attend the game will have to purchase a ticket. If you choose to attend the game, our stadium is first-come open seating, but parents usually sit in the section next to the band. Kick-off is at 7:00pm. Halftime happens around 8:00pm. High school games usually end around 9:30pm.

Will there be adult supervision?

Absolutely YES. In addition to the high school band directors, many of the local middle school directors will be there, too. Plus there will be numerous band booster parents assisting throughout the evening.

What do the students do about eating supper?

8th grade band students will be served pizza around 4:00pm. If students wish to get a snack at the concession stand after the show, they will need to bring cash or a debit card.

Will 8th grade students be marching and performing during halftime?

No. Instead this will be an opportunity for them to enjoy the entertaining and exciting performance of the award-winning Smyrna High School Marching Bulldog Band.

When and where will the students be dismissed?

8th grade students will be dismissed after the SHS Marching Band's halftime show performance, which usually concludes between 8:15-8:30. Please follow directions from their middle school band directors about dismissal and getting picked up.

(*NOTE* - Bus transportation will NOT be provided at the end of the game. Students will need to be picked up at Smyrna HIGH School by a parent.)

If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us.
We look forward to meeting our future Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

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