

Everything you need to know about the 2021-22 SHHS Band Program....and more!

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Marching Band

Financial obligations:

- Band Camp - \$125 - (fee waiver students are exempt from fee). Pays for band camp – your spot in show, music, instruction, etc.
- Fair Share Obligation – 9th grade wind players (Football Band) - \$250; Competitive Show members - \$300 (used to pay for marching show – drill, music, etc., travel, food, staff members (usually 5-7). Fee waiver students receive a 50% discount. There is a 25% discount for each additional child that have multiple students in the band.
- Uniform - \$200 (\$65 for pants, \$135 for jacket). This will be a new uniform design. In future years, parts will be able to be sold inside the band at a discount price to new and existing members.
- Guard Uniform - \$75 - (band pays balance)
- Shoes - \$35.00 (guard and band)
- Band Jacket - \$60 (optional – but highly recommended)
- Garment Bag - \$15.00 (required)
- Poncho - \$6.00 (required)
- Instrumental rental - \$50 year
- Flip folder/lyre – \$10-\$15
- Stick Fee \$75– (percussion only)

Required Attendance....everything....

Marching Band Pre-Season Date

Spring Training for 8th graders for winds

- April 12, 19, 26, 3, 10 - 3:00-4:30, SHHS practice field

Guard Camp Dates

- April – auditions, TBA
- June - TBA

Percussion Camp

- July 12-16, 9-5 pm

Rookie Wind Camp (pick one week)

- July 6-8, 10-12 or 1-3 pm
- July 13-15, 10-12 or 1-3 pm

Band Camp Registration

- July 18, 2-5 pm– SHHS Band Room
This is where you will take care of all of the logistical items for the fall season (financial and administrative items)

Full Band Camps

- Competitive Band - July 19-23 (all day)
- Football Show Band - July 26-30 (all day)

Full camp is where we begin to put the fall MB shows together...musically and visually.

Marching Band Season Dates:

- August 4 (first day of school) 1-4 pm rehearsal
- Preview Show, August 13 , 7 pm – Stadium (tentative)
- Football Games – beginning August 20st, we perform at all home and travel to all away games and first three rounds of state playoffs – all games can be found on the band website. Yes, we go to all away games!
- In season Band Camps – Comp Show only
 1. August 28 (all day)
 2. September 11 (all day)
 3. October 15 (Friday of Fall Break)
- Competitions (Saturdays) - Comp Show only
 - September 25 – TBA
 - October 2 – Tenn High
 - October 9 – TBA - (Fall Break)
 - October 16 – Hilltopper Invitational (our show)
 - October 23 - WCU
- JC Christmas Parade – December 4 (full band)

Fall Break

The Competitive Band will be having a rehearsal the Thursday night of fall break from 6-9 pm. Both bands will have a camp on Friday (times TBA) on Friday with a football game that evening. Therefore, vacations will need to be completed by Thursday at 6 pm.

Concert Band Concerts (dates not confirmed until this Spring)

- Fall 9th Grade Band Concert – October (TBA)
- Winter Concert – December (TBA)
- Concert Festival Concert – Early March (TBA)
- Night of Percussion – Early April (TBA)

- Concert Festival – Early March (TBA)
- Spring Concert – late May (TBA)

All other performances are determined at the beginning of the year and are available on the band booster website (www.shhsbandboosters.org).

Optional Participation

ETSBOA Junior/Senior Clinic auditions are in early January, the clinic is first weekend of February (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). Students will be auditioning for two 9-10th grade bands. The top scoring students will qualify for the All-State 9-10th grade band that will be held in Nashville during the month of April.

Travel

We travel to all away games and to 3 competitions each year. We also pay for travel to All-East Clinic, All-State, and Concert Festival in Knoxville. Each student is responsible for the fall fair share obligation where a portion of the funds are allotted to travel (other funds go toward instruction and other logistical/administrative).

Chaperones

Chaperone training includes bus training, which is done by Johnson City Transit, and is typically scheduled for late afternoon on the Friday of band camp. Bus training is required for any adult who will be riding on a Johnson City school bus. Only band students and bus-trained adults are allowed to ride school buses on band events. Additional information specific to band chaperoning is also provided by the chair of the chaperone committee at the same time. Bus training is not required for charter buses, but the same pool of chaperones is typically used. Chaperones for major trips are selected based upon their experience and proven chaperone abilities. Chaperones must be parents, grandparents, or guardians of current band students, or otherwise approved by the band booster board.

Uniforms

Marching uniforms are not supplied by the school and it is the responsibility of the band student to purchase the uniform. In April we have a uniform fitting for students that want to purchase a new uniform. We also have a spring uniform sale where students that are currently in the band will sell their used uniform at a discounted price. The idea is that once you purchase a uniform you will be able to sell it in years to come (as a lesser price) so that at the end of the four years of band you will have only spent around \$100 for the use of the uniforms. The band does have a small stash of uniforms that we loan to students that cannot afford a new or used uniform. This is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Colorguard uniforms are ordered once the colorguard has been selected (auditions are in April). Once a uniform is selected, students will be measured and uniforms will be purchased. A \$75 deposit (usually half of the total amount) is due before the end of the school year to secure the uniform (they are custom designed for us and take several weeks to make).

Rehearsal Schedule

Students will have an assigned period or band for both semesters. In the fall 9th grade wind players will be assigned to the 9th grade Concert Band class that meets 2nd period. The

Competition Band (all guard, all percussion, 10-12 wind players) meets 4th period. **After school rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 pm.** We will practice the **Football Band show** on Tuesday's from 2:45 - 4 pm. The **Comp Band** will continue practice until 5:30. These are not optional and are required – students receive PE credit for the time spent after school. **Please make all after school appointments (dentist, doctor, etc.) on Mondays and Wednesdays.** Once the fall marching season is over, we will have limited rehearsals after school (as needed).

In the spring the students will be assigned to a concert band class during the day. After school sectionals may be assigned on a weekly basis. Ample time to arrange schedule will be given for these sectionals.

Fundraising

We generally have 2 or 3 fundraisers per year. The majority of the money raised by each student will go into their individual account that can be used for financial obligations and to raise money for the next large trip. Usually the largest fundraiser is the fall fruit/cheese and sausage sale. We also provide a fundraiser in the fall to offset the fair share travel charge (TBA). Additionally there is a spring fundraiser that will be offered (TBA). Other fundraises include the Kroger Cares Card. This is an excellent way for all students to raise funds for the band. These are optional, but all students are encouraged to participate.

Student Accounts – Charms

Each student has their own account to keep track of the funds that come in/out of the band program. All monies are deposited into the gray box outside the director's office (directors do not handle money). The account is accessed on-line and is generally updated weekly. Barbara Holmes is our Charms administrator.

Band Trips

Historically the band takes a large trip every other year. Sites that have been visited recently include: Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, Tournament of Roses Parade (CA), New York City, Hollywood Christmas Parade, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the Honolulu Christmas Parade, and Orlando (2019). The upcoming trip for the 2020-21 school year is the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade. All Students are encouraged to attend. Information about registering is on the band website.

Scheduling

It is the expectation that the students sign up for both semesters of band (fall/spring). However, there are incidences where this may be a problem in upper class students (Jrs, Srs). These are considered on a case-by-case basis and worked out with the student, parent, and counselor. It is not the practice of the SHHS band to let students take one semester of band a year on a consistent basis.

The administration is aware of the conflicts that may arise between band and upper level classes (AP, dual enrollment, etc.) and are making changes to accommodate student's (and parent's) wishes to be in band and take these classes. On a side note, last year's senior band class graduated over 30 students; almost all of those are in four year schools this year (past graduates

are attending schools including: Julliard, VaTech, Kentucky, Florida State, Ohio State, Alabama, NC State, Tenn Tech, UTC, Tenn Martin, UNC Greensboro, Clemson, Furman, GaTech, Auburn, MTSU, ETSU and of course, UT). Band kids graduate and go to college!

Band Boosters

We have a very active and productive booster organization that is the largest at SHHS. It is a wonderful group of parents that love their kids and want them to succeed. We could not function as an organization without their help and support. We have many committees that need parent volunteers. The first official meeting will be held in August possibly in conjunction with the preview show (August 13). Here you will be able to receive info about needed help and sign up for committees. It is truly a family effort to make the SHHS band program run!

Marching Band Costs:

- Drill (show design) - \$10,000
- Wind Music - \$5,500
- Front Ensemble Music - \$4,000
- Drumline Music - \$2,000
- Visual Design - \$3,500
- Music License - \$1,500
- Contest Entries - \$1,000
- Color Guard Uniforms - \$2,000
- Props - \$3,000
- Flags – \$4,000
- Meals - \$4,500
- Contract Labor - \$16,000
- Travel - \$5,000

Band Camps

- Staff - \$10,000

Band Shirt

- \$500

Field Paint

- \$500

Total Marching Band

73,000

Concert Band

- Contract Labor - \$9,000
- Clinic/Honor Bands - \$2,250
- Transportation - \$1,500
- Equipment/Repair/Supplies - \$1,500

Total

\$14,250

Total Band Budget for year = \$130,000

FSO income - \$33,000

Band Camp Fee - \$19,000

Fundraising Income - \$78,000

Important Pay Dates:

- April 13-17 (week of) FSO Payment 1 - \$137.50. Will be due with the 2020 Band Contract. This will guarantee spot in halftime show and a member of the competition band. Can be paid in check or cash or online via Charms. This payment is to the SHHS Band Boosters.
- May 18-22 (week of) FSO Payment 2 – 137.50. Will be the balance of FSO payment. Can be paid in check or cash or online via Charms. This payment is to the SHHS Band Boosters.

These two payments help us begin to make payments for the 2020 fall season (many items we are already starting to pay for as we speak).

- July 13-17 (week of) Band Camp Fee - \$125. Must be paid through the SHHS fee website (online). This payment is to SHHS Band (not the band boosters). This pays for the two weeks of band camp.

All fees that are still owed for the season must be paid in full by July 19 (band camp registration). Payments can be made at registration for FSO and band camp fee.