

# Everything you need to know about the 2023-24 SHHS Band Program....and more!

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## Marching Band

### Financial obligations (2022 costs)

- Band Camp - \$125 (fee waiver students are exempt from fee). Pays for band camp – your spot in show, music, instruction, etc.
- Fair Share Obligation - \$325 (used to pay for marching show – drill, music, etc., travel, food, staff members). Fee waiver students receive a 50% discount. There is a 25% discount for each additional child that have multiple students in the band.
- Uniform - \$150-\$200 (\$65 for pants, \$135 for jacket for new). 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 Camp Dates:

- July 10-14 – Percussion, Rookie, Guard and Wind Camp
- July 17-21 – Band Camp week 1 – full band
- July 24-28 – Band Camp week 2 – full band

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

Band Camp Registration

- July 16, 2-5 pm– SHHS Grand Topper Hall  
This is where you will take care of all of the logistical items for the fall season (financial and administrative items)

### **Marching Band Season Dates:**

- August 2 (first day of school)
- Football Games – beginning August 18, we perform at all home and travel to selected away games and first three rounds of state playoffs – all games can be found on the band website.
- In season Band Camps –
  1. August 19 (all day)
  2. September 23 (all day)
- Competitions (Saturdays)
  1. October 7 – Hardin Valley - Knoxville
  2. October 21 – Westridge HS
  3. October 28 – MTSU – Murfreesboro (overnight)
- JC Christmas Parade – December 2

### **Fall Break**

There are no obligations over fall break. Enjoy your vacation.

### **Concert Band Concerts (dates not confirmed until this Spring)**

- Winter Concert – December (TBA)
- Concert Performance Assessment Concert – Early March (TBA)
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- Night of Percussion – Early April (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](http://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 9-10<sup>th</sup> grade bands. The top scoring students will qualify for the All-State 9-10<sup>th</sup> grade band that will be held in Nashville during the month of April.

### **Travel**

We travel to most 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. **After school rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 pm.** 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 (2019/22). There is no trip planned for the 22-23 school year. An announcement about the 23-24 trip will be announced in the Fall. All Students are encouraged to attend. Information about registering will be 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. 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!