

Science Hill High School Band

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Dear Topper Band Members,

Welcome to the 2025 edition of the 'Topper Marching Band. We have an exciting show in store for our fans this fall. Our show, ***An Appalachian Tapestry***, depicts the sights and sounds of the Appalachian Highlands region. The music includes **Joy** by Joseph Curiale, **Quilting Theme** by Thomas Newman and **Appalachian Morning** by The Paul Winter Consort. All three parts are “sewn” together with music from Aaron Copland’s **Appalachian Spring**.

This letter contains most of the information you will need for band camp. Other information will be placed on the band website – www.shhsbandboosers.org – including forms and a calendar for the fall. Please read over the following items:

- Band Camp Schedule
- Expectations for camp
- Band Camp Survival Guide
- Fall Marching Band schedule: All rehearsals / performances

The band office will be closed the week of July 4, and will reopen July 7th. If you have any conflicts with camp that may jeopardize your participation please contact us ASAP.

Here's to a great fall,

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Band Camp Dates:

July 13 – Band Camp Registration, 2-5 pm (see below)

July 14 – 18 - Full Band Camp, 9-5 daily (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

July 21 - 25 – Full Band Camps, 9-8:30 daily (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus, dinner provided**)
(detailed schedule below)

August 4 – First day of school (full day) - After school rehearsals begin (1:30-4:30 pm)

Band Camp Registration

July 13 (Sunday), 2 - 5 pm - Grand Topper Hall

Students and parents will drop-in for registration in Grand Topper Hall. **Music Doctors** will be on hand for accessories including flip folders, lyres, reeds, valve oil, or any additional needs that can be ordered from the **Music Doctors Equipment Order Form** from the band website. All items ordered will be available for payment and pick-up on Sunday. Additionally, students will take care of any administrative needs including:

Rookies pick up band t-shirt (free)
turn in completed field trip release form
pay any band fees that were not paid online
be fitted for SH uniform (if needed)
take Senior Banner pictures

receive band locker
be fitted for band shorts for new members
be fitted for competition show costume
pick up any Music Doctor orders

Fair Share Obligation (FSO)

This year's FSO will be helped out by a full band fundraiser that we will kick off the Wednesday of the first week of band camp. Using the MoneyDolly fundraiser that was discussed this spring at our general meetings, it is the hope to have the FSO as low as possible for all of our families.

Summer Band Uniform

For the first few games, our uniform will be the band shirt (rookies receive one free at registration) and black athletic shorts (both have band logo on them). Band shorts need to be purchased through the online store. If students need a new band shirt, that must be purchased through the online store as well. Colorguard members will have a separate uniform consisting of shorts and tank top shirt that will be ordered separately for them. Do Not order the band shorts or shirt on the online store. More specific info will be provided to the members at later time.

Band Camp Fee - \$125

This is to be paid online through the school's fees page. A link can be found on the band website – www.shhsbandboosters.org. This fee should be paid before July 1. Fee waiver students are exempt from this fee.

Instrumental Rental Fee - \$50

Any student that uses a school owned instrument (bass clarinet, bari sax, mellophone, baritone, tuba) needs to pay the rental fee. It can be paid through the school fee website (same as above). Fee waiver students are exempt from this fee.

Topper Band Gear Store (visit www.shhsbandboosters.com) will open on July 13 and close on July 27. All orders will be delivered prior to the August 18 preview show. Summer band uniform (band shirt and shorts) must be ordered through the online store. Other items are available for purchase include: show t-shirt, band jackets, hats, garment bags, band shorts, guard duffel bag, and various other band swag items.

Please see the Topper Band Gear Online Store for Prices

Camp Schedule

Week 1 Full Band Camp, 9 am – 5 pm days

Schedules may be altered slightly the week before camp begins – sections will have varying schedules according to needs of the day (TBA). **Students must provide their own lunch; they cannot leave campus.**

On Wednesday of the first week of camp, we will kick off our first fundraiser, **MoneyDolley**. This is the easiest way to generate funds quickly by friends and family members from across the country making donations or purchasing our discount card (...Aunt Sue from Iowa won't buy a discount card, but she can give a \$25 donation to her favorite nephew in Johnson City...)

Students that need to order band shoes (winds and percussion only) will be fitted for shoes one afternoon by MusicDoctors. The cost is \$45 and will need to be paid to them. Returning members need to try on their shoes to determine if they still fit or will need to purchase a new pair. More info will be shared the first week of camp.

Week 2 Full Band Camp, 9 am – 8:30 pm days (MTTHF)

Typical daily Schedule:

9 am – 12 pm – visual block at practice field/stadium

12 – 1 pm – lunch (you must provide your own lunch; ***you cannot leave campus***)

1 – 5:00 pm – music rehearsals/guard sectional – various locations

5 pm – Dinner in cafeteria, provided by SHHS Band Boosters - ***you cannot leave campus***

6 pm - 8:30 pm - Evening marching rehearsals at practice field/stadium

We will end practice at 5 pm on Wednesday – dinner will not be provided by the boosters, there will not be an evening block.

Monday, August 18 – Show Preview Night, 7:00 pm. The Boosters will hold our first meeting of the fall followed by the first performance of show. More info to follow.

Camp Expectations:

All students are required to attend camp the entire day. Please do not schedule appointments during band camp or on regular after school rehearsal days (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays) during the school year. There are no after school rehearsals on Wednesdays; they are open each week for appointments.

Things you need for camp:

- hat
- sunscreen (you will get sunburned without)
- flip folder and lyre, reeds
- fanny pack
- pencil
- phone
- running shoes with socks (no flip flops, crocks, boots, Chuck Taylors, etc.)
- 1 gallon Coleman or Igloo (**any color**) water jug **We do not supply water during practice**
- eat a good breakfast
- lunch (please no carbonated drinks)

Guidelines for camp:

- Be on time each morning – arrive 15 minutes early
- No visitors during the day
- You cannot leave campus or hang out in the parking lot during food breaks
- Respect others including the staff and your fellow students
- Have your instrument in good playing condition
- Follow directions **the first time**
- The SHHS student handbook will be followed for all band activities.

If you have any questions regarding camp, or the expectations for students, please feel free to email us during the summer. While we do not always check our emails regularly, we do try to check them periodically and

answer any questions we receive. We are excited to have you join our band family, and we can't wait to see you in July!

2025 SHHS Marching Band Dates

June 30 – July 1 – Breakdown Camp – Student Leadership Team – @DB

July 13 – Band Camp Registration, 2-5 pm (GTH)

July 14-18 – Band Camp Week 1, 9-5 pm daily

July 21-25 – Band Camp Week 2, 9-8:30 pm daily

July 27 – DCI Nightbeat @ WFU

July 29 - Evening Practice, 6-8:30 pm

July 31 - Evening Practice, 6-8:30 pm

August 18 – Preview Show (7 pm), Booster Meeting (6 pm)

August 22 – Football vs. EHS

August 23 – Band Camp, 9-8:30 pm

August 29 – Football @ Mo West

September 5 – Football @ Tenn HS

September 12 – Football @ home (TBA)

September 13 – Band Camp, 9-8:30 pm

September 19 – Football vs. Cocke Co. (HC)

September 26 - Football @ Jeff County

October 3 – Football @ Mo East

October 4 – Marching Contest, Tenn HS

October 10 – Band Camp, 9:8:30

October 11 – Marching Contest - TBA

October 17 – Football @ Maryville

October 18 – BOA Regional, ETSU

October 24 – Football vs. WRHS

October 25 – Marching Contest, Alcoa HS

October 30 – Football vs. DB (Thursday/Senior Night)

October 31 - November 2 – BOA Regional, Atlanta (overnight)

November 7 – Football 1st round state playoffs

November 14 – Football 2nd round state playoffs

November 21 – Football 3rd round state playoffs

December 6 – Johnson City Christmas Parade (TBA)

December 16 – Winter Concert, 7 pm

Marching Band Practice Schedule:

Mondays, 1:30-4:30 pm

Tuesdays, 1:30-4:30 pm

Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 pm (week of contest, 1:30-5:30 pm)

