



SOUTHMOORE BAND BULLETIN

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Year 17

Year 17 of the SHS band kicks off a bit earlier with a day of fun at Frontier City and an earlier than usual start of two a days due to an earlier than ever first day of school! I can't wait to get 'er going!

Frontier City Performance

July 6 – Noon O'clock Report Time

I know this trip is in the dead middle of summer, but I did not want to say "no" to a fun day for our students with free park admission!

- ❖ Students will wear band polos and khaki shorts. Guard students will be told what to wear during their current rehearsals. You can wear shoes and socks are of your choice except that they gotta be sneakers of some sort so you can march.
- ❖ Students need to eat lunch before arriving to the bandroom. You will need to bring \$\$\$ to eat dinner at Frontier City (unfortunately overpriced, it is an amusement park after all).
- ❖ Band Polos will be available for pick up at the Saturday rehearsal before we depart. Cost is \$40. You will have the option to pay online prior to July 4 via a link we will send out via Square Parent™, or you can pay on July 6 with cash, or a check made out to "Southmoore Band." You will wear this same polo multiple times throughout your band life. Keep in mind, students must have the polo to get on the bus.
- ❖ Students - if you do not want to wear the band polo all day – I recommend wearing a t-shirt with your khakis and then just go to the bus a grab your polo before we meet at 6:15.
- ❖ Students - we will perform the Fight Song in the parade and do a standstill of pep tunes including Hey Baby, The Hey Song and Gimmie Some Lovin. T-Top will be the parade drum cadence. Please practice those a bit before July 6. The music can be found on Canvas (except for the Hey Song – you played that in JH).

Saturday Timeline

- 12:00pm** – Arrive at the bandroom for rehearsal.
- 2:00pm** – Rehearsal Ends, load equipment and depart for Frontier City.
- 3:00pm** – Arrive at Frontier City, go ride stuff.
- 6:30pm** – Meet at a designated spot (probably the Wildcat) and get ready to perform.
- 7:00ish** – Parade performance marching around the park.
- 7:32ishpm** – Performance ends, load stuff.
- 8:00ishpm** – Go back into the park and ride more stuff.
- 9:30pm** – Firework show by the log ride.
- 10:03ishpm** – Fireworks end, meet at the bus for departure.
- 11:00ishpm** – Arrive back at SHS, unload, go home

Physicals

Available at SHS on July 10 at 10:00am Due July 22

- ❖ You must use the OSSAA physical form. You can simply hand this form to your health care provider to complete. Here is a link: https://ossaillustrated.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/MF_2023-24_PhysicalForm.pdf
- ❖ OSSAA physicals are available at Access Medical for \$25
- ❖ On July 10, the Cleveland County Health Department will offer FREE walk-up physicals from 10am-2pm (lunch 12-12:30pm) at the SHS bandroom.
- ❖ Physicals will need to be uploaded to Rank One. If you have already turned in a physical to me, I will get it to Rank One, however all remaining physicals will need to be uploaded there (to keep me from having to upload 200 physicals myself). Be looking for a Square Parent™ post concerning how to upload your physical.
- ❖ All band students must have a physical complete and on file by July 22.

Friends, I am respectfully begging you to review all the band app posts concerning the July 1 end of the Band App. To stay in the loop, we need all students, parents, and patrons (if we find a way to add you) to make the jump now to Square Parent™ (actually named Parent Square and Student Square, making fun of the name has helped calm me). Details are posted on the band app of how to move over. We anticipate issues in this process as we are the first large group. Please be patient as we troubleshoot issues.

OSDA All-District Honor Band Workshop

July 10 – 8:00am

- ❖ Historically the SHS band program has not internally made a big push towards all-district band participation, admittedly because our 7th grade band start puts our students behind from the start.
- ❖ However, a monumental change occurred in our all-district band set up this spring. The CODA band organization which was the largest district in the state by far has split into two entities – CODA and OSCDA (Oklahoma South Central Directors Association). As a result, all-district band entry has been made more accessible to our students due to a more realistic amount of schools auditioning.
- ❖ We will begin to play a bigger role in highly encouraging our students to audition and earn an all-district band experience. The first step a free clinic on July 10. We will have instrument specialists for all instruments. We HIGHLY encourage all students, and especially our hope to be leadership students to be a part of this opportunity.
- ❖ 8-10am: Sessions for 9th grade: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion and 10-12 grade Bass Clarinet
- ❖ 10am-12pm: Sessions for 10-12th grade: Flute, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion
- ❖ 9-12th Oboes, 9th Bassoons and 9th Bass Clarinets will be scheduled soon – check Square Parent™

Two A Day Rehearsals

Begins July 22

To be great, you must thoroughly work to improve your craft.

- ❖ Please see the calendar on page 2 for rehearsal days and times. Please note – times may adjust slightly depending on facility availability and weather considerations. These would be posted on Square Parent™.
- ❖ All rehearsals will be at Southmoore.
- ❖ Uniform fittings will take place on a Saturday during two-a-days (see the page 2 calendar). Check Square Parent™ for sign-ups.
- ❖ BE PREPARED! Remember to properly eat and hydrate before all rehearsals. Go outside. Parents, please check up and make sure your child takes care of their body!

Closing Tidbits

- ❖ We have Woodwind/Brass Camp coming up on July 8 and 9 from 8am to noon. Make sure you are there.
- ❖ Please take the time to review the page 2 calendar. There are more events upcoming that I will detail in later communications.
- ❖ Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion students must own the required band attire. These items include the Band Polo (\$40), the Vegas Gold Shirt (\$20), and band shoes (\$45). The Band Polo is sold before Frontier City Day while the remainder will be sold and paid for during two a days. We will post details in future communications.

“It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome.” ~ William James



SOUTHMOORE BAND CALENDAR

June 30 through August 17, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 30 1	July 1 2	3	4	5 Boom	6	7 12:00 – 11:00ishpm Frontier City Trip & Performance
8	9 8:00am – 12:00pm July Brass & WW Camp 8:30 – 11:30am Guard Rehearsal	10 8:00am – 12:00pm July Brass & WW Camp 6:00 – 9:00pm Percussion Rehearsal	11 8:00am – 12:00pm Wind Ensemble & Grade 8-12 All-District/State Audition Masterclasses 10:00am – 2:00pm Free Physicals @ SHS	12 8:30 – 11:30am Guard Rehearsal	13	14
15	16 7:00 PM Regular Band Parent Meeting	17 6:00 – 9:00pm Percussion Rehearsal	18	19	20	21
22	23 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	24 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30pm 2022-23 Information Parent Meeting for all grades 9-12	25 8:30am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	26 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	27 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	28 8:00am – 5:00pm Uniform Fittings (you will sign up for a time)
29	30 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	31 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30pm Fan Pledge Fundraiser	August 1 9:00am – 12:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 – 10:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	2 8:00 AM-noon SHS Freshmen School Wide Orientation 6:00 – 10:00pm PreView Performance (subject to facility availability)	3 8:00am – 5:00pm Uniform Fittings (you will sign up for a time)	4
5	6 7:00-10:30 PM Band Pool Party and Dinner @ Westwood Pool, Norman	7	8	9 First Day of School	10 7:00am 7 AM Full Ensemble Rehearsals Begin	11 8:00am – 12:00pm Band Car Wash Required All Band Fundraiser 6:00pm DCI Finals Watch Party at SHS (tentative, depending on facility availability)
12	13 4:30 – 7:30pm Guard Sectionals	14 3:45 – 5:00pm WW/Brass Sectional 5:00-8:00pm Percussion Sectionals	15 <i>(7th Grade Instrument Rental @ Southmoore)</i>	16 5:00 – 8:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	17 <i>(7th Grade Instrument Rental @ Southmoore)</i>	18 8:00am – 5:00pm Uniform Fittings (you will sign up for a time) TBA SaverCat Celebration Performance (smaller group – probably drumline and leadership)