



# SOUTHMOORE BAND BULLETIN

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## Try, Fail, Fix

Becoming a great band or anything else in life is a simple process of "try, fail, fix" repeated. The best programs are not afraid of any of these steps while the more faltering organizations find themselves either afraid or unwilling to do all three. I hope you share my excitement in both looking forward to the time we are going to spend together while recognizing that creating wonderful art takes time and great effort. I have been so fortunate to spend an entire career with students willing to work hard to be great. In a few days we have an opportunity to create more excellence, let's not take this chance for granted.

## Required Band Attire

All band students must own the official band attire. For woodwind, brass, and percussion students, this includes the band shoes, band polo, and the Vegas Gold Shirt.

- ❖ All Items may be order online here: <http://southmoore-band-parents-patrons-alumni-association.square.site/>. The square site will close on Monday at 10pm. You may pay with cash or check after the parent meeting on Tuesday.
- ❖ Items cost:
  - Band Shoes - \$45 (worn at all marching performances and may be used as a formal black shoe in concert season)
  - Band Polo - \$40 (used on hot marching performances and other indoor events throughout the year)
  - Vegas Gold Shirt - \$20 (dry fit shirt worn under the band uniform at special rehearsals). Many seasoned band parents recommend you own two pairs to facilitate Friday/Saturday events.
- ❖ On Tuesday, July 23, parents may pick up Vegas Gold Shirts and the Band polo after the parent meeting. You may pay online by Monday, July 22 or pay with cash or check onsite.
- ❖ Band Shoes will not be available for pick up until around the first day of school.
- ❖ Uniform performance tops (to be worn at contest performances) were fitted during the spring. There is no cost to participants this year.
- ❖ If you already own the attire from previous years – you do not have to buy a new set unless you wanna or have grown a few feet.
- ❖ Guard students own all different attire, and it has already been purchased and ordered.

## Two a Day Rehearsals

### Begins July 22 – NEW TIMES

8:00am – 11:30am & 6:00 – 9:00pm

- ❖ We are confirmed to not have use of the stadium during two-a-day rehearsals; therefore, we have adjusted times since we will not have use of the stadium lights that would facilitate a rehearsal ending at 10pm.
- ❖ Please see the calendar on page 2 (or the calendar on Square Parent™) for rehearsal dates. Please note – times may even still adjust slightly depending on how rehearsals are going and weather considerations. These would be posted on Square Parent™.
- ❖ All rehearsals will be at Southmoore
- ❖ BE PREPARED! Remember to properly eat and hydrate before all rehearsals. If you are not prepared the entire ensemble suffers.

## 2024-25 All-Call Parent Meeting

Tuesday, July 23 – 7:00pm – SHS Lecture Center

- ❖ This meeting is for all parents grades 9-12. Please attend!
- ❖ We will be discussing the details of marching season, band in general and 2024-25 band fees.
- ❖ We will also discuss the Orlando Trip and use this time as a quick trip meeting ad on so you can make your choice concerning trip attendance.

## Optional FanPledge Fundraiser

July 30 – 6:30pm

We have had great success the past two years doing a FanPledge fundraiser. The event is essentially a telethon where your student calls a list of relatives and friends of your choice to ask for band fee donations. We have raised over \$100,000 the past two years.

- ❖ **Your student will earn 85% of the total amount donated in their behalf.** The remaining 15% is paid to the fundraising company.
  - This event provides an excuse to call your random Uncle and ask for funds. If you are like me – you would not have called Uncle Anceal otherwise. You earn money you would not have received for free.
  - The company provides for donations to be instantly paid via a text link. They help make sure you get the funds. Obviously, the company must be paid for the service. (checks are accepted as donations).
- ❖ I will send a link where you will enter your contacts. If you participated last year, your contacts from a year ago will remain for you to edit, keep, or delete. The key is having at least 10 contacts!
- ❖ The telethon will happen during the evening rehearsal on July 30. Your student is the caller. Honestly, it works better when the kid asks, and it makes them part of the process of raising funds for their experience.
- ❖ This fundraiser is optional – just trying to help your band finances.

## Closing Tidbits

- ❖ You must download your physical to Rank One by July 22. Instructions can be found under the resource tab at southmooreband.com
- ❖ The Parent Preview Performance on August 2 has been cancelled due to our new stadium not yet being available. We will reschedule this event, but I am waiting for our stadium to be officially available to make sure we do not go through the process of multiple reschedules.
- ❖ The band app is no more. Have you subscribed to Square Parent™ (the new band app) yet? Instructions can be found under the resource tab at southmooreband.com
- ❖ Students will sign up for a uniform fitting via a future Square Parent™ posting. Please note the first date (July 27) will be for seniors and special fitting circumstances (defined as a student who is less than 5'2" or more than 6'2" and/or a history of a challenging fit)
- ❖ Our first student fundraiser will be Cloud 9 bedsheets. I will be sending out links this upcoming week. This fundraiser will run from July 18th through August 1st. Students earn 50% profit to be used for band expenses. There also is an option for out of state purchases to order and direct ship for \$10.
- ❖ Don't miss the waterhole social on August 5. This year the event will be held at Westwood pool in Norman due to the station not having availability for private parties after August 1. Southmoore Band students and family are invited to attend. The cost will be \$10 and include pizza and a private swim party. The event will be from 8:30 – 10:30pm (the pizza will be available at the same time as the swimming)
- ❖ The required Band Car Wash takes place on August 10. All students will participate. You must sell six tickets at \$10 a piece, any additional sold are credited to your account. Students will wash cars that morning for about 2-3 hours. Tickets will be available at the Tuesday all call parent meeting.
- ❖ The Disney Trip information can soon be found at southmooreband.com under the Orlando 2025 tab. A \$200 is non refundable deposit is due August 1.

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." ~ Thomas A. Edison



# SOUTHMOORE BAND CALENDAR

**July 14 through August 31, 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 7:00 PM Regular Parent Meeting	16	17	18 6:00 – 9:00pm Percussion Rehearsal	19	20
21	22 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	23 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  7:00pm 2024-25 All-Call Parent Meeting for all grades	24 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	25 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	26 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	27 8:00am – 6:00pm Senior and Special Fitting Circumstances Uniform Fittings (you will sign up for a time)
29	29 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	30 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:30pm Fan Pledge Fundraiser	31 8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	August 1 Disney Trip Non Refundable Deposit Due - \$200  8:00am – 11:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal  6:00 – 9:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	2 8:00 AM-noon SHS Freshmen School Wide Orientation  <del>6:00 – 10:00pm</del> Preview Performance (no stadium yet – I will reschedule once the stadium is confirmed as usable)	3 8:00am – 6:00pm Uniform Fittings (you will sign up for a time)
4	5 8:30-10:30 PM Band Pool Party and Dinner @ Westwood Pool, Norman	6	7	8 First Day of School	9 7:00am 7 AM Full Ensemble Rehearsals Begin	10 8:00am – 12:00pm Band Car Wash Required All Band Fundraiser  6:00pm DCI Finals Watch Party at SHS (tentative, depending on facility availability)
11	12 4:30 – 7:30pm Guard Sectionals	13 3:45 – 5:00pm WW/Brass Sectional  5:00-8:00pm Percussion Sectionals	14 <i>(7<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Rental @ Southmoore)</i>	15 5:00 – 8:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	16 <i>(7<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Rental @ Southmoore)</i>	17 8:00am – 6:00pm Uniform Fittings (you will sign up for a time)  TBA SaverCat Celebration Performance (smaller group – probably drumline and leadership)
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