



# SOUTHMOORE BAND BULLETIN

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## Sprint to the End

At some point in your life, you may have reconnected with a person from your past. Maybe a long-lost friend with whom you shared great memories. Reading a band bulletin is very similar, it's a reconnect with that friend that got you through marching season and beyond. Welcome back old friend, welcome back!

A lot has happened since we last talked. Our young musicians performed very well at district solo/ensemble contest with over 98% of all entries earning a superior or excellent rating. The musical orchestra performed fabulously for our SHS Fine Arts production of "The Wizard of Oz" and both our indoor percussion and winterguards have made great showings at all their performances! The Late-Winter Concerts were musically successful and the third nine weeks has been quite productive.

The final eight weeks is an all-out sprint towards graduation with a multitude of performances and contests and three out of state trips (percussion to Dallas, TX, Guard to Dayton, OH, Band to Orlando, FL)! There is lots to do before marching season fires up in late April again. Please review this bulletin so you are all in the loop.

## The Inaugural SHS Band Chili Cookoff! Thursday, March 27 – 5:30pm – SHS Commons

We are excited to announce this awesome event that will happen prior to the Indoor Showcase Concert. Please consider supporting the band and your appetite that evening by eating at SHS!

- ❖ We need people to cook their favorite chili for the event. Your chili will both be served for a good cause and be judged by our participants and a celebrity panel of judges. If chili is not your thing, we could use cookies as well. Please sign up for chili and/or cookies [here](#).
- ❖ Tickets are \$10 and will include five sample sized bowls and one big boy bowl of your favorite chili. You also get a drink, desert, and one vote towards the chili winner.
- ❖ This fundraiser will help to replenish the band account that supports all our band students. Please consider participation in a fun event!

## Bands of America Grand Nationals 2025

This is the "save your fat cash" section:

- ❖ The 2025 Marching Band will attend the Bands of America Grand Nationals Contest in Indianapolis, IN. This is the top event in our activity, and we have been working hard over the past three years to attend this event with a legitimate chance to qualify for more than one performance (though obviously, nothing is guaranteed, and luck plays a part!)
- ❖ The band will perform in prelims on Friday, November 14 around 8:00am.
- ❖ We will likely depart around 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 12 and return around 2:00pm on Sunday, November 16.
- ❖ 2025-26 Band fees will include the trip and be around \$1000 (+ or – about \$200). This is a fantastic price for a Grand Nationals year, and I guarantee we will be among the cheapest of the bands who do not reside around Indy (though, cheaper than most of them too).

## Fourth Nine Weeks Calendar Highlights

Please make sure you review the calendar on the back of this bulletin. There were a few changes and additions since we put out the calendar in the winter. Here is a brief explanation on some of the upcoming dates:

### Remaining Concerts:

- ❖ March 27 @ 7:00pm – The Indoor Perc Ensemble and the three Winterguards will perform. Eat that night at 5:30 in the commons at our Chili cookoff!
- ❖ April 15 @ 7:00pm – The four Southmoore Jazz Bands along with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band will perform.
- ❖ April 25 @ 7:00pm – All Jazz Bands and a joint HS Concert Band performs along with a joint 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and a 2024 Marching Band reprise.
- ❖ May 8 @ 7:00pm – Our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will perform in the SHS gym after rehearsing here during the day.
- ❖ May 13 @ 7:00pm – Our percussionists will perform chamber music and solos.

**Begins April 7 – Leadership Training:** These dates will be required for any student wishing to serve as a section leader or drum major next year. Training is open to all students and will serve as a complimentary curriculum.

**OSSAA State Band Contests:** Most of winter/spring indoor concert groups conclude their performance season at an OSSAA State Band contest. Contest day itineraries will be posted on Square Parent™.

- ❖ April 14 – The Freshmen Band performs at Edmond Santa Fe HS
- ❖ April 16 – The Symphonic Band performs at Choctaw HS
- ❖ April 17 – The Wind Ensemble performs at OU, Norman
- ❖ April 23 – All solos that earned a superior rating at the February 8 OSSAA District Solo/Ensemble Contest will perform at OSU, Stillwater
- ❖ April 30 – Our four Jazz Bands will perform at UCO (Edmond)

**April 11 – Grade 7-9 Solo/Ensemble Contest:** SHS will host an in-house solo/ensemble contest for grades 7-9. Details have been announced in freshmen band class and the schedule will be posted on Square Parent™.

**Activities Begins April 22 – Marching Band Rehearsals & Auditions:** Marching Band Season begins with our incoming freshmen on April 22. Please check the calendar to make sure you attend dates specific to your section.

**May 9 – Band Banquet:** We will celebrate our students at the annual Band Banquet. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites in Norman. Ticket details will be posted on Square Parent™.

## Closing Tidbits

- We are starting our Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser. Orders will be due April 4 with cake pick up on April 17. Order Forms posted on Square Parent™ and will be available at southmooreband.com
- Be on the lookout for piano accompanist rehearsal schedule for our state solo qualifiers.
- Band Banquet tickets will be made available soon. Student cost is \$10 a person if your fees are paid up to date, \$45 if not.
- Our leadership group will again be seeking donations for a basket fundraiser like we did last year at the spring concert. Some preliminary details will be announced in class with full organization of this event occurring at the first leadership meeting on April 7.

“What people remember is the beginning and the end...how we start, and how we finish...therefore start fast and FINISH STRONG.” ~ Gary Ryan Blair



# SOUTHMOORE BAND CALENDAR

**March 23 through May 17, 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Return from WGI Dallas Regional (Percussion)	24 7:00am Open Winterguard 3:30 – 4:30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band Winterguard Rehearsals JH: 4:30 – 7:00pm JV: 6:30 – 9:00pm 6:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Perc. Rehearsal	25 5:30 – 9:00pm Open Winterguard	26 7:00am Open Winterguard 4:30 – 6:00pm JH Winterguard	27 5:30pm Chili Cookoff 7:00pm Indoor Percussion & Winterguard Showcase	28 7:00am Open Winterguard	29 WGPO Contest @ Yukon HS (JH Guard & Percussion)
30	31 3:30 – 4:30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band Winterguard Rehearsals JH: 4:30 – 7:00pm JV: 6:30 – 9:00pm 6:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Perc. Rehearsal	1 Virtual Day – ACT Test  5:30 – 9:00pm Open Winterguard	2	3 5:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Percussion	4 Nothing Bundt Cake Orders Due	5 WGPO Championships @ Broken Arrow HS (Percussion)
<b>WGI World Championships – Dayton, OH (Open Guard)</b>						
6 Return from WGI Dayton	7 3:15 – 4:00pm Leadership Training 3:30 – 4:30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band	8 3:30 – 6:30pm Orlando Rehearsal	9	10 3:30 – 5:00 Percussion Chamber Rehearsal Winterguard Rehearsals JV: 5:15 – 7:00pm Open: 7:00 – 9:00pm	11 7-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Solo Contest @ SHS	12 WGPO Championships @ Union HS (JV/Open Guards)
13	14 OSSAA State Band Contest @ Edmond Santa Fe (Freshmen Band) 3:15 – 4:00pm Leadership Training 3:30 – 4:30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band	15 SHS Jazz Festival During the School Day  7:00pm Jazz Concert	16 OSSAA State Band Contest @ Choctaw (Symphonic Band)	17 Nothing Bundt Cake Order Pick Up  OSSAA State Band Contest @ OU (Wind Ensemble) 3:30 – 5:00 Percussion Chamber Rehearsal	18 VIRTUAL DAY	19
20	21 7:00 PM Regular Parent Meeting  3:15 – 4:00pm Leadership Training	22 3:30 – 5:30pm Incoming Freshmen Rehearsal 6:00pm Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting	23 OSSAA State Solo/Ensemble Contest @ OSU, Stillwater	24 3:30 – 6:30pm Orlando Rehearsal 3:30 – 5:00pm Percussion Chamber Rehearsal	25 7:00pm Spring Concert	26
27	28 4:00pm Scott Lang Leadership Workshop	29 3:30 – 5:30pm Incoming Freshmen Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00pm Orlando Rehearsal	30 OSSAA State Jazz Bands Contest @ UCO	1	2	3
<b>Orlando Trip</b>						
4	5	6 3:30 – 6:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 5:00 – 8:00pm Percussion Audition Camp	7 3:30 – 5:30pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal	8 7th Grade Bands Clinic/Concert 3:30 – 5:00 Percussion Chamber Rehearsal	9 7:00pm Band Banquet	10 9:00am – 4:00pm Percussion Audition Camp
<b>Orlando Trip</b>						
<b>Fall 2025 Guard Auditions</b>						
11	12 3:30 – 6:00pm Full Ensemble Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00pm Percussion Chamber Dress Rehearsal	13 3:30 – 6:00pm 2025 Marching Band Movement Auditions  7:00pm Percussion Chamber Concert	14 3:30pm 2024 Marching Band Playing Audition Due (via Canvas)	15	16 Last Day of School	17