

SOUTHMOORE BAND BULLETIN

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THE MESSY MIDDLE

Marching season truly is a season of “thirds.” The first third is always very exciting as we look forward to a new season, get excited about our new marching show, and welcome our new band members to the family. The last third also is also exciting as we anticipate our final performances and look back on a season of hard work and good memories. The second third, our current time, can be likened to what many business professionals refer to “the messy middle” when completing major projects.

The messy middle happens when the excitement of “new” is gone and the upcoming excitement of the final performances seems far in the future. It is often characterized by adversity such as fatigue, stress over juggling your grades with band commitments, and even eventual adversity such as a bad performance, a harsh adjudicator critique, or even a score lower than you anticipated.

Our character will be revealed in the messy middle. Adversity tends to bring down any walls or pretense thus revealing our true character. We must expect the “mess” that is in our future, plan for it, and make an authentic decision to persevere when the time comes. There are a lot of fun times ahead, but be ready and prepare for the mess as well.

FOOTBALL GAME @ STILLWATER

FRIDAY – PIONEER STADIUM – 4:00 PM CALL TIME

- ❖ This is an away game. Check the bulletin board to see if you are a member of the Navy Blue Pep Band assigned to attend.
- ❖ Students not assigned to the game may attend if they sign up (See the bulletin board). You must sign-up by Wednesday.
- ❖ We will perform in band polos with khaki shorts. You may wear any shoes you like.
- ❖ Students may be checked out to their parents in Stillwater after the game. Please turn in an “Early Release Form” by Thursday.

Friday Timeline:

3:20 PM: Place any equipment needed to load on the curb

4:15 PM - Pre-Game Meal is served

- ❖ The \$7 optional pre-game meal money is due by Wednesday at 9:20 AM.

5:00 PM - Board Busses and depart for Stillwater HS

6:45ish PM - Arrive at the Stadium and unload equipment (if the busses are late again, we will be late...think happy thoughts)

7:00 PM - Kickoff - Perform in the stands

10:00ish PM - Game Concludes

10:20ish PM - Load busses and depart for Southmoore

12:00ish AM - Arrive at Southmoore, unload equipment, clean

- ❖ Please arrange for transportation to arrive timely so the staff may go home. Mr. Church has earned a spot in the finals of the worst beard contest and we are all going to cheer him on.

9:00 AM (Saturday) - Mock Contest Begins

4:00 PM (Saturday) - Mock Contest Ends

MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL & MOCK CONTEST

SATURDAY – SOUTHMOORE – 9:00 AM TO 4:00ISH PM

- ❖ We will rehearse from 9 AM to around 1:00 PM and then break for lunch. Wear typical rehearsal attire.
- ❖ Lunch will be provided on campus.
- ❖ At 2:30 you will be dressed in FULL UNIFORM. Bring all items needed including your Vegas Gold Shirt, band shoes and tall black socks. We will do a complete contest warm-up beginning at 2:45.
- ❖ The band will do a “prelims” run at 3:30 PM in our stadium. Parents and patrons - you are invited to attend. We will simulate a typical marching contest “run” (performance).
- ❖ The day will conclude around 4:00 PM.

BAND FEES

OPTION 1 CLARIFICATION

- ❖ Please check your Charms account to verify your status. We have applied the \$50 credit to those accounts owing \$50 or less. **Please double check your account... but please note:**
- ❖ To qualify for Option 1 and earn the option 1 pricing, your account must now be completely paid off (potential \$50 credit notwithstanding). This includes equipment maintenance fees, attire fees, and any fees from previous years.
- ❖ If your account was not up to date from previous years, all payments will first be applied to the previous year’s debt. Therefore, many may THINK they have earned the \$50 discount, but have not due to your account not being completely up to date. Check your account.
- ❖ We will give a few days grace period to allow parents to check their account and make any payments to bring your account within \$50 of current so you may earn the option 1 price and allow us to credit any payments received late last week.

BUS TRAVEL POLICY

- Any event where we take our student by school transportation is considered a band trip whether it is across the pond or across town.
- ❖ All students are to travel to and from band events on school provided transportation. This is the safest and most efficient method for our staff and volunteers to keep track of our students.
 - ❖ There are some events where parents can check out their student:
 - We VERY rarely allow parents to check out students at home football games or graduation (never without previous notification). We have too many experiences with parents taking their student without notifying anyone causing much stress and long delays while we locate them.
 - Some of our marching contests or away games we allow check out. The band bulletin will note if a trip is eligible for early check out. In order to check out you must turn in the “Early Release Form” found under the resources tab at southmooreband.com at least 48 hours prior to the event

CLOSING TIDBITS

- ❖ **Next Saturday we will be competing at the Moore Outdoor Music Festival @ Moore HS. Our prelims performance time is 3:00 PM. Plan for a morning arrival to facilitate rehearsal time before the contest (likely 8:30 AM) and a late arrival back at SHS (around 11:30ish PM).**
- ❖ **Please note the date added on October 27: Red Ribbon Parade**

“Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end.” ~ Robin Sharma

SOUTHMOORE BAND CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 SHOW SHIRT ORDERS DUE (optional - online orders only)	10 5:30-8:30 PM Guard Sectionals	11 3:45 - 5:00 PM Wind Band Rehearsal or WW/Brass Sectional 5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	12	13 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	14 3:45 PM Football @ Stillwater ("Navy Blue" Pep Band attends)	15 9 AM - 4 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal & Mock Contest Performance
16	17 Teacher In-Service Day - No School 5:30-8:30 PM Guard Sectionals 7:00 PM Regular Parent Meeting	18 3:45 - 5:00 PM Wind Band Rehearsal or WW/Brass Sectional 5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	19	20 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	21 3:45 PM Homecoming & 8 th Grade Night Football v. Moore	22 Marching Contest @ Moore High School
23	24 5:30-8:30 PM Guard Sectionals	25 3:45 - 5:00 PM Wind Band Rehearsal or WW/Brass Sectional 5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals 7:00 PM Jazz Band Concert with UCO @ Jazz Lab	26	27 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	28 4:00 PM Football @ PC North ("Vegas Gold" Pep Band attends)	29 Marching Contest @ Owasso HS
October 1	1 5:30-8:30 PM Guard Sectionals 7:00 PM London Trip Meeting	2 3:45 - 5:00 PM Wind Band Rehearsal or WW/Brass Sectional 5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	3	4 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	5 4:00 PM Football v. Mustang	6 Marching Contest @ Broken Arrow
7	8 5:30-8:30 PM Guard Sectionals	9 3:45 - 5:00 PM Wind Band Rehearsal or WW/Brass Sectional 5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	10	11 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	12 4:00 PM Football @ Owasso	13 8 AM - 7 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal & Performance @ Moore Stadium
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21	22 5:30-8:30 PM Guard Sectionals	23 OSSAA Regional Marching Contest @ Yukon HS	24 7 AM Rehearsals End	25	26 4:00 PM Football @ Tulsa Union	27 8:00 AM - Noon Red Ribbon Parade

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