

2018-19 Southmoore Band Finances Information Packet

Fee Payment Options

Option #1 Lump Sum Payment

Date	Amount	Fee	Details
August 6	\$TBD	Band Attire*	This fee only applies to incoming students or students needing to purchase replacement band attire. Payments are made out to Southmoore Band and turned in with the attire order form. See below for more details.
August 8	\$40	Band Shoes*	This fee applies to incoming students or students needing to purchase replacement band shoes. This payment is made out directly to the shoe dealer "M&M Associates and turned in with the shoe order form.
August 17	\$60/\$100	Car Wash Fees Due	Students sell at least 6 Car Wash Tickets @ \$10 apiece and wash cars on August 18. Students may opt out completely and pay \$100 and not sell tickets or wash cars. See next page for details.
September 5	\$475	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
September 5	\$50	School Owned Equipment Maintenance Fee [‡]	This fee only applies to students using any school owned instrument. See below for details.

- ❖ * denotes a fee not paid by all students
- ❖ The advantage to a lump sum payment is a \$50 reduction to the general band fee cost.
- ❖ Please note that guard students do not use this schedule, but refer to the guard payment schedule you received at the May guard parent meeting. The only exception is the Car Wash Fees and school owned instrument fee.
- ❖ The student's account must be paid in full on September 5 including any past year fees or other current fees to earn the \$50 discount.

Option #2 Installment Plan

Date	Amount	Fee	Details
August 6	\$TBD	Band Attire*	This fee only applies to incoming students or students needing to purchase replacement band attire. Payments are made out to Southmoore Band and turned in with the attire order form. See below for more details.
August 8	\$40	Band Shoes*	This fee applies to incoming students or students needing to purchase replacement band shoes. This payment is made out directly to the shoe dealer "M&M Associates and turned in with the shoe order form.
August 17	\$60/\$100	Car Wash Fees Due	Students sell at least 6 Car Wash Tickets @ \$10 apiece and wash cars on August 18. Students may opt out completely and pay \$100 and not sell tickets or wash cars. See next page for details.
September 5	\$225	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
October 2	\$150	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
November 2	\$150	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
December 3	\$50	School Owned Equipment Maintenance Fee [‡]	This fee only applies to students using any school owned instrument. See below for details.

- ❖ * denotes a fee not paid by all students
- ❖ The advantage to the installment plan is increased time to pay the fees.
- ❖ Please note that guard students do not use this schedule, but refer to the guard payment schedule you received at the May guard parent meeting. The only exception is the Car Wash Fees and school owned instrument fee.

Fee Explanations

Band Shoes

All woodwind/brass/percussion band students must wear the official band shoe with the band uniform. Band Shoes cost \$40. During the pre-season band camp, students will be measured for band shoe sizes. The size may be slightly different than your athletic shoe sizes but should run very close. Students may use their previous year's band shoe if they can comfortably march around a football field, therefore only incoming students and those needing replacement shoes must pay this \$40 fee.

Students will pay the shoe company directly by cash or a check made out to "M&M Associates." Payment should be placed in an envelope marked "Band Shoes" with the shoe order form. Monies are due by Wednesday, August 8. Please note that Guard shoes are different and ordered separately later. These fees and deadlines will be provided to guard students.

Band Attire

New students and returning students needing replacement attire may purchase it a-la-carte due using the attire form, Form and payment will be due on August 6.

- Band Polo: \$40
- Vegas Gold Shirt: \$20 (incoming/new students receive their first Vegas Gold shirt free)

“All-Call” Car Wash Fundraising Event

There are some expenses that are not covered using funds from the students and fees. To help over these costs, students will participate in a required band-wide car washing extravaganza.

All band students will be responsible for selling 6 tickets at \$10 apiece. Students will also be responsible for working a shift at the car wash on August 18. Funds generated from the car wash will be deposited in the Band Activity Fund and/or Band Account to be used for general expenses throughout the year.

The profit generated past 6 tickets will be deposited in the student's charms account. Therefore, if a student sold 20 tickets - \$60 will be deposited into the activity/band account and \$140 will be credited to the students Charms account to be used to pay band fees.

If you just really do not want to sell tickets and wash cars, simply pay \$100 payable to Southmoore Band. This covers ticket cost and labor.

School Owned Equipment Fee

Student's utilizing school owned equipment will pay \$50 to help offset the maintenance and upkeep. Please note, this is the cost per student and not the cost per instrument. School owned instruments include obviously instruments such as marching brass, french horns, bass clarinets, oboes, bassoons, etc., and include all percussion and jazz instruments such as amplifiers, drum set, and front ensemble/battery equipment.

Wind Ensemble Fees

Students qualifying for the Wind Ensemble are required to perform a memorized solo at OSSAA district contest (and state contest if they qualify). The fee for participation is \$50 which includes the \$10 entry fee and \$40 for a professional piano accompanist (percussion music usually does not call for an accompanist). If the student qualifies for state contest the band will cover fees associated with state contest.

Additional Ensembles Fees

Student who participate in other ensembles within the program (i.e. Jazz Band, Winterguard, Indoor Percussion, etc.) may have fees additional associated with these ensembles. Additionally, students participating in optional events honor band auditions, solo contest (required for Wind Ensemble students), and other outside activities may incur additional costs for participation

London Trip Payments

The costs and payment schedule for the 2019-20 London trip will be announced at an upcoming trip meeting. These payments are in addition to the band fees. All band fees must be paid for the student to sign-up for and attend the London trip,

Other Various Costs

Other expense may occur throughout the year. These fees are paid a-la-carte and occasionally outside of the Charms account (i.e. the \$6 for the summer band party). Check your periodic band bulletin for due dates and details. It is important to check your Charms account frequently as some costs may be added on your Charms account.

General Information

We recognize that participation in band directly involves two delicate and sometimes emotional issues, your children and your money. Unfortunately, there is no escaping the reality that a first-class band program such as Southmoore is expensive to operate. The SHS Band Program seeks to help families eliminate out of pocket costs associated with High School Band, therefore a multitude of fundraisers are offered. It is important to note that students are expected to either pay the fees or actively participate in fundraisers. Students may also participate in some fundraisers and pay the remaining balance.

Communication directly to Mr. Mewhorter concerning financial issues is imperative. Mr. Mewhorter will work with families concerning finances, however active student participation in fundraising is critical.

Individual Student Accounts/Charms Account

The Southmoore band utilizes "Charms Music Office Assistant." Charms is an online system used to manage all student and financial information. Each student is set-up with individual accounts that families may view through a distinct username and password. Charms also allows payments to be made via PayPal (fees apply). Simply contact our treasurer, Lori Denny (treasurer@sabercatband.com) to obtain your log-in information. Please note – Charms accounts may not be completely set-up for the new school year until the first weeks of August. Access to the Charms is a convenience we provide families. This access may be revoked by the Band Director if this access is abused for any reason.

No Refunds

Please note that due to bookkeeping and our status as a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, refunds from any band accounts are simply not available. Due to our tax-exempt status - fundraiser profit is earned tax free and the IRS certainly does not look kindly on the refunding of non-taxed earnings. Furthermore, the SHS Band parent organization incurs certain costs to maintain fundraising activities. For these reasons, profits from fundraisers can only be spent on band items and are not available to transfer to any other expense or organization. **In order to maintain clarity within the accounts – no funds are refunded regardless of how these funds were deposited into the account.**

The funds in individual student accounts rollover each academic year. However, please do not expect to simply "cash out" when your participation in band ends. It is for this reason that we do encourage you to be cautious when "over-paying" your account as these funds will not be available for future refund or transfer (however, you may transfer funds to another band student).

The London Trip will have payments that are refundable upon early cancellation of the trip. These details will be discussed at an upcoming London Trip Meeting.

Student Account Fundraisers

The band program provides several fundraisers in which monies earned are credited directly to the student's account. Please note that **100 percent** of all profit generated by these fundraisers is credited towards the student's account. These efforts are coordinated by our Parent Organization.

You may sign up for text messaging alerts concerning fundraising by texting @shsbandpa to 81010 (Standard text rates apply). If you have any questions, please contact our parent coordinator at fundraising@sabercatband.com. Current fundraisers are listed at <http://www.sabercatband.com/fundraising/fundraising/>

Diploma Hold

At the discretion of the band director, students still owing band fees upon graduation will have their diploma held until full payment.

Band Banquet Discount

Students who have a \$0 balance on their last payment date, via option 1 or 2, and further maintains a \$0 balance on the day banquet fees are due will earn a discounted plate to the band banquet (exact discount TBD). This plate may only be used by the band student. Please note that the student must have a \$0 balance for all band expenses including any optional costs (Winterguard, Indoor Percussion, honor bands, ensembles, London trip, etc.)

Southmoore Band Finance at a Glance

It is our goal for the band finances to be transparent and understandable by all who are affiliated with the band program. This chart is provided to give our patrons an idea of how the money is spent. Financial reports detailing all transactions are also made available each month at our parent meetings.

This chart is not all-inclusive and certainly is subject to change as charges may be financed through different accounts each year depending on the availability of funds each year. This chart simply serves to give an idea of the large number of items to be financed to maintain a first-class experience for our kids and further help to confirm the inescapable need to charge fees and fundraise.

Student/Band Activity Account	Band Account	School General Fund	Bond Funds
Funds appropriated through Student General Band Fee	Funds appropriated through Band Parent Fundraisers and requisite "all-call" band fundraiser	Portion of state appropriations that the district allocates to each school site to distribute.	Funds appropriated through property taxes as approved through community vote.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Auxiliary Staff Instruction➤ Invitational Contest Entry Fees➤ OSSAA Contest Entry Fees➤ Colorguard Expenses over \$15,000➤ Charter and Bus Transportation to events when school busses are unavailable➤ Sheet Music➤ Attire not paid a-la-carte➤ New Vegas Gold Shirts➤ Contest Entry Fees➤ Marching Band drill design, custom music arrangements, and custom percussion arrangements➤ Professional Clinician Fees➤ Copyright Compliance Fees➤ Band Web-Site Fees➤ Student Leadership Trainings➤ Miscellaneous Instructional Workshops➤ Miscellaneous Equipment & Supplies (lanyards, mouthpieces, instrument supplies, etc.)➤ Winterguard and Winter Percussion Costs not financed by participation fees➤ Required State Association professional development expenses for staff➤ Band Banquet Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ \$15,000 Color Guard expenses➤ Semi-Truck Rentals➤ Transportation of Equipment Trailers➤ Student/Staff food for all contests and other various events.➤ Props (marching band, winter guard/perc, etc.)➤ Plaques and Awards➤ Miscellaneous Equipment➤ Senior Cords and Stole➤ Senior Night Flowers & Gifts➤ Gifts for Supporters/Contributors➤ Fundraiser Maintenance Fees➤ Charms Software Fees➤ Storage Rentals➤ Select professional development expenses for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ School Bus Transportation to events where school busses are available➤ Approximately \$2500 in miscellaneous expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Facilities➤ Instruments➤ Classroom Furniture (chairs, stands, office equipment, storage, etc.)