



**Southmoore Instrument Art Program
Band Fees Supplemental Information
August 29, 2022**

The documents you need to know:

- ❖ Band Fee information: <http://southmooreband.com/forms/band-fee-information-sheet.pdf>
- ❖ How to Log into Charms: <http://southmooreband.com/student-accounts/how-to-log-onto-charms-22.pdf>

Your Charms account is now current:

- ❖ The amount currently posted in Charms is what your student owes by September 1.
- ❖ If the amount is negative, you owe that amount. Many of you have a credit amount, that will be shown as a positive number. If you have a credit or a \$0 listed, you are already paid up.
- ❖ Fan Pledge Fundraisers have been posted. Remember you earn 80% of the money we donated. Most often the donated amount is different than the pledged amount, so be sure to note the difference in amounts before any questions.
- ❖ Car Wash Fees/Credits and Student Owned Instrument fees are also posted. See below for details.
- ❖ If your account is not paid off on September 1, you will default to the "option 2" payoff structure and be charged an additional \$75 for band fees to account for the option 2 payment amounts.

To avoid the additional \$75 Option 2 band fee structure, it is vital you check your charms account before writing a "pay-off" check by September 1.

- ❖ To qualify for the Option 1 \$1000 band fee amount, you must pay all your fees past and current by September 1.
- ❖ Do not underpay - fees rollover each year. Often you may have miscellaneous fees due from past years that you are unaware because you did not check your account. Most often these fees are solo contest fees, Winterguard/Indoor percussion fees, or you simply did not pay the full band fees in the past.
- ❖ Do not overpay - you may have credits from fundraisers or overpayments in the past that you are unaware meaning you get to write a smaller check.

Blue and Gold Profits:

- ❖ Blue and Gold monies are also due September 1, and you may use the profit from this sale to help pay for fees and avoid the option 2 additional payments.
- ❖ To calculate your potential blue and gold profit to your account, simply calculate 20% of the total amount you will turn in on Thursday. (i.e., if you are turning in \$1000 dollars for blue and gold, the potential profit to your account would be \$200).
- ❖ When writing your payoff check, review your Charms account for the current amount due, and then deduct your potential blue and gold profits from your September 1 check.
- ❖ We anticipate you may make a bit more than 20%, but that will ensure you do not underpay and be charged the additional \$75.

Car Wash Fees

- ❖ All student accounts are charged \$60 for the car wash.
- ❖ If your student did not attend the Car Wash, they will also have a \$40 Car Wash opt out fee in addition to the \$60 Car Wash Fee.
- ❖ You should also see any payments you made on the Car wash as a Credit to your account. If you sold more than 6 tickets, your credit would appear due to your net gain (i.e., if you sold 200 tickets you will see a \$200 credit against a \$60 charge meaning you netted \$140 to your account)

Fees are non-refundable



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School Owned Instrument Fee

- ❖ Any student using an instrument that is school owned is charged a \$50 fee.
- ❖ Please note – this includes color guard equipment and percussion instruments.
- ❖ Also note, this includes concert instruments they will use when we go inside (bassoon, oboe, french horn, etc.)
- ❖ Finally, this will include any jazz instruments we hand out (large saxophones, bass amp, drum set, piano, etc.)
- ❖ You are only charged once regardless of how many school owned instruments you use.

Sibling Discount

- ❖ If you have graced the band with two students, you earn a \$150 discount
- ❖ The \$150 credit has been applied to the younger student.
- ❖ It is extremely possible that I missed a set of siblings or two when entering the credit in Charms. If I missed your discount, just shoot me an e-mail. Please note, I must be able to verify the student as siblings through Infinite campus.

Most common mistakes to check your account for:

- ❖ I may have missed your sibling discount (see above).
- ❖ Your student attended the car wash but failed to sign in. If we can verify their attendance, we will remove the car wash opt out fee.
- ❖ Please make sure you were not charged three times for “School Owned Instrument Fee 22-23.” I learned the hard way that it is best to use Safari when entering fees globally.
- ❖ If you were charged a “School Owned Instrument Fee 22-23” but recently bought an oboe, tenor sax or any other instrument that caused you to not use a school owned instrument, shoot me an e-mail and I will remove the charge.
- ❖ If you are missing a payment, this often is because we could not read the name on the envelope, or it was turned in without a name. Contact us and we will start the verification process.
- ❖ If you owe more than \$1000, it I probably correct. Often parents are confused when they see an amount due that is different than they expect. This is most often due to past years fees not being fully paid.

Fees are charged to create the best experience for your child, not to create an insurmountable hurdle. If you have any payment issues or other concerns shoot me an e-mail. I know that money can be a tough subject to discuss. I do not talk with anyone about your business, and I am here to help if I can. All I ask is committed participation in all fundraisers and communication with me.