

# 2017~18 Southmoore Band Finances Information Packet

## Option #1 Payment Schedule (No Orlando Trip)

Please note: 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.

Date	Amount	Fee	Details
August 24	\$60/\$100	Car Wash Fees Due	Students sell at least 6 Car Wash Tickets @ \$10 apiece and wash cars on August 26. Students may opt out completely and pay \$100 and not sell tickets or wash cars. See next page for details.
September 5	\$250	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
October 1	\$250	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
November 1	\$50	School Owned Instrument Maintenance Fee	<b>ONLY STUDENTS USING A SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENT.</b> See below for details

## Option #2 Payment Schedule (With Orlando Trip)

Please note: guard students would make all Orlando Trip payments along with Car Wash Fees and school owned instrument fee.

Date	Amount	Fee	Details
August 24	\$60/\$100	Car Wash Fees Due	Students sell at least 6 Car Wash Tickets @ \$10 apiece and wash cars on August 26. Students may opt out completely and pay \$100 and not sell tickets or wash cars. See next page for details.
September 5	\$250	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
September 18	\$250	General Band Fee	Monies to cover operational costs.
October 1	\$100	Orlando Trip Down Payment	Monies to cover trip
November 17	\$190	Orlando Trip Payment	Monies to cover trip
December 17	\$190	Orlando Trip Payment	Monies to cover trip
January 16	\$190	Orlando Trip Payment	Monies to cover trip
February 15	\$190	Orlando Trip Payment	Monies to cover trip
March 17	\$190	Orlando Trip Payment	Monies to cover trip
April 1	\$50	School Owned Instrument Maintenance Fee	<b>ONLY STUDENTS USING A SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENT.</b> See below for details

Orlando Trip Payments will be made directly to the tour company using their payment system. More info at the upcoming Orlando trip meeting. **All current and past band fees must be paid in full to enroll and attend the Orlando trip.**

## Band Attire

New students and returning students needing replacement attire may purchase it a-la-carte due at times announced in the bulletins at the following costs (again guard is excluded as their a-la-cart purchases are detailed in your guard info packet):

- Band Polo: \$40
- Band Shoes: \$40

## School Owned Equipment Fee

Student's utilizing a school owned equipment will pay \$50 to help offset the maintenance and upkeep of that instrument. 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., but also include all percussion and jazz instruments such as amplifiers, drum set, and keyboards.

## 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

## Other Various Costs

Other small costs 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, Karen Munroe (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.

## **Auto Debit**

Band Fees may be paid using an auto debit option. Forms will be made available online. Fees may apply.

## **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 Orlando Trip payments DOES have payments that are refundable. The \$100 down-payment is non-refundable, but the remaining payments are subject to some refunds depending on the timing of potential dropping out from the trip. These will be discussed at the Orlando 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](mailto:fundraising@sabercatband.com). Current fundraisers are listed at <http://www.sabercatband.com/fundraising/fundraising/>

## **"All-Call" Car Wash Transportation Costs Fundraising Event**

Due to our state budget crisis, the band is now responsible for financing the cost of school bus transportation to the clear majority of our events. In the hopes of fundraising this expense in one day, the band will hold a car wash on August 26. We will utilize 3-4 locations throughout Moore to scrub cars.

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 26. Funds generated from the car wash will be deposited in the Band Activity Fund to be used for school bus transportation 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 account for transportation 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.

## **Multiple Students Discounts**

Discounts are applied to the General Band fee for families supporting multiple children in band. Families with multiple students will receive a \$100 discount on the second and third child. The students must be listed as sibling through the Infinite Campus system on Moore Public Schools to qualify for the discount.

## **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 November 1 and maintain a \$0 balance on the day banquet fees are due will earn a plate to the band banquet free of charge. 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, Orlando 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.

<b>Student Account</b>	<b>Band Account</b>	<b>School General Fund</b>	<b>Bond Funds</b>
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"> <li>➤ Auxiliary Staff Instruction</li> <li>➤ Invitational Contest Entry Fees</li> <li>➤ OSSAA Contest Entry Fees</li> <li>➤ Colorguard Expenses over \$15,000</li> <li>➤ Charter and School Bus Transportation</li> <li>➤ Sheet Music</li> <li>➤ Attire not paid a-la-carte</li> <li>➤ New Vegas Gold Shirts</li> <li>➤ Contest Entry Fees</li> <li>➤ Marching Band drill design, custom music arrangements, and custom percussion arrangements</li> <li>➤ Professional Clinician Fees</li> <li>➤ "Smart Music" Software Subscription</li> <li>➤ Copyright Compliance Fees</li> <li>➤ Band Web-Site Fees</li> <li>➤ Student Leadership Trainings</li> <li>➤ Miscellaneous Instructional Workshops</li> <li>➤ Miscellaneous Equipment &amp; Supplies (lanyards, mouthpieces, instrument supplies, etc.)</li> <li>➤ Winterguard and Winter Percussion Costs not financed by participation fees</li> <li>➤ Band Banquet Costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$15,000 Color Guard expenses</li> <li>➤ Semi-Truck Rentals</li> <li>➤ Transportation of Equipment Trailers</li> <li>➤ Student/Staff food for all contests and other various events.</li> <li>➤ Props (marching band, winter guard/perc, etc.)</li> <li>➤ Plaques and Awards</li> <li>➤ Miscellaneous Equipment</li> <li>➤ Senior Cords and Stole</li> <li>➤ Senior Night Flowers &amp; Gifts</li> <li>➤ Gifts for Supporters/Contributors</li> <li>➤ Fundraiser Maintenance Fees</li> <li>➤ Charms Software Fees</li> <li>➤ Storage Rentals</li> <li>➤ Select professional development expenses for staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <del>OSSAA Contest Entry Fees</del></li> <li>➤ <del>Sheet Music</del></li> <li>➤ <del>School Bus Transportation</del></li> <li>➤ <del>Other costs as funds are available.</del></li> <li>➤ Transportation to the six games at Moore Stadium and OSSAA and OBA events if busses are available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Facilities</li> <li>➤ Instruments</li> <li>➤ Classroom Furniture (chairs, stands, office equipment, storage, etc.)</li> </ul>

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### Southmoore Band Fees Acknowledgement Form

I have reviewed and accepted the band fees information form. I acknowledge fees are associated with the participation in the Southmoore Band program and agree to pay and fundraise as listed on this form.

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Student's Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date