



# SOUTHMOORE BAND BULLETIN

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## Sprint to the End

I have no doubt that reading the band bulletin is like catching up with a long-lost friend. So much has happened since we last spoke!

Our students performed fabulously in London and were a fantastic ambassador for our community. Since our London trip, we have been inside improving their skills. In fact, our young musicians performed very well at district solo/ensemble contest with over 90% of all entries earning a superior or excellent rating. The musical orchestra performed fabulously for our SHS Fine Arts production of "The Little Mermaid" and both our indoor percussion and winterguards have made great showings at all their performances! The Late-Winter Concert was musically successful and the third nine weeks has been quite productive.

The final nine weeks is a practical sprint towards graduation with a multitude of performances and contests. Before you know it, we will be outside marching again. Please review this bulletin so you are all in the loop.

## Fall 2024 Calendar will be available soon! Two a Days Start July 22

I have spent the past few weeks getting the fall calendar ready to be sent out soon. Here are some fast facts to know:

- ❖ **Two a Day Rehearsals start July 22.** This might feel very early – but keep in mind that school starts August 8. The date is not different than last year (we started July 24 last year).
- ❖ Guard and Percussion will have a similar summer schedule as years past (meeting most weeks, guard with a week-long training intensive). Brass and Woodwinds will have a 2-to-3-day long July Camp (in addition to the May camp).
- ❖ Marching Season ends November 2 with OBA.
- ❖ We are not going to a BOA contest next year – but plan to return to BOA (probably Grand Nationals) in 2025.
- ❖ Word on the street is that our home games will be actual home games, as in, we will be in the stadium at Southmoore. This will be a life changing experience if it comes to fruition as planned (be on the lookout for a contest to guess the actual date its available).

## Spring Band Trip 2025

This is the "save your fat cash" section:

- ❖ The Southmoore Band has taken two spring domestic trips over the past 16 years, so we are due. We are planning to take a trip in early May next year.
- ❖ The exact location will be announced within the next few weeks (think Chicago, Disney, Nashville, places like that).
- ❖ This will be an optional trip and priced in the \$1500-\$1800 per person range (at least that is the goal, don't quote me just yet).
- ❖ Overall band fees will be like last year but hopefully a bit less since they will not include a BOA trip.

## Fourth Nine Week; 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 28 @ 7:30pm** – The Indoor Perc Ensemble and the three Winterguards will perform.
- ❖ **April 2 @ 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 2023 Marching Band reprise.
- ❖ **May 17 @ 7:00pm** – Our percussionists will perform chamber music and solos.

**Began March 26 – 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. Performance information times will be posted on the band app.

- ❖ **April 8** – The Freshmen Band performs at Edmond Santa Fe HS
- ❖ **April 10** – The Symphonic Band performs at Choctaw HS
- ❖ **April 11** – The Wind Ensemble performs at Putnam City North HS
- ❖ **April 17** – All solos that earned a superior rating at the February 10 OSSAA District Solo/Ensemble Contest will perform at OSU, Stillwater
- ❖ **April 24** – Our three Jazz Bands will perform at Oklahoma Christian University (Edmond)

**April 12 – 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 to the band app.

**Begins April 18 – Guard Training:** We will hold voluntary guard trainings prior to auditions to help encourage new spinners to audition for guard. This is low stress, low pressure training – come check it out.

**Begins April 30 – Marching Band Rehearsals & Auditions:** Marching Band Season begins with our incoming freshmen on April 30. Please check the calendar to make sure you attend dates specific to your section.

**May 3 – 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 announced via the Band app.

**May 17 – May WW/Brass Camp:** Instead of our woodwind and brass students rehearsing in June, we will again hold a camp right after school ends. This will allow these students to return to rehearsals after the July 4 week. The full fall calendar will be available soon.

## Closing Tidbits

- We emailed band fee statements to all and mailed home statements to winterguard and indoor percussionist still owing fees. All fees are past due. Please pay.
- 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 \$35 a person if your fees are paid, \$50 if not.
- Please read the post made on Thursday regarding our Basket Fundraiser to help purchase and repair our band trailer, we could use assistance to make the project successful.



# SOUTHMOORE BAND CALENDAR

March 31 through May 25, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31	April 1 3:30 – 4:30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band 4:30 – 7:30 JV Winterguard	2 3:30pm Leadership Meeting 5:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Perc. Rehearsal 5:30 – 9:00pm Open Winterguard 7:00pm Jazz Concert	3	4 6:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Percussion Winterguard Rehearsals JV: 5:15 – 7:00pm Open: 7:00 – 9:00pm	5	6 WGPO Championships @ Jenks HS (JV/Open Guards) 9:00am – 8:00pm Indoor Perc. Rehearsal
7	8 OSSAA State Band Contest (Freshmen Band) 7:00 PM Regular Parent Meeting	9 Junior ACT Test Day Grades 9, 10, 12 Virtual Day 5:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Perc. Rehearsal	10 OSSAA State Band Contest (Symphonic Band)	11 OSSAA State Band Contest (Wind Ensemble) 6:00 – 8:00pm Indoor Percussion	12 7-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Solo Contest @ SHS	13 WGPO Championships @ Broken Arrow HS (Percussion)
14	15	16 3:30pm Leadership Meeting	17 OSSAA State Solo/Ensemble Contest @ OSU, Stillwater	18 5:00 – 8:00pm Voluntary Guard Training	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22	23 3:30pm Leadership Meeting 5:00 – 8:00pm Voluntary Guard Training 7:00 – 8:30pm HWJH/SJH 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rehearsal @ SHS 7:00pm Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting	24 OSSAA State Jazz Bands Contest @ OK Christian	25 7:00pm Spring Concert	26 5:00 – 8:00pm Voluntary Guard Training	27
28	29 4:00pm Scott Lang Leadership Workshop 5:00 – 8:00pm Voluntary Guard Training	30 3:30 – 5:30pm Incoming Freshmen Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:30pm Color Guard Auditions	May 1 3:30 – 5:30pm Incoming Freshmen Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:30pm Color Guard Auditions	2 3:30 – 5:30pm Woodwinds & Brass Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:30pm Color Guard Auditions	3 7:00pm Band Banquet	4
5	6 3:30 – 5:30pm Woodwind/Brass/Guard Rehearsal	7 3:30 – 5:30pm Woodwind/Brass/Guard Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm Percussion Auditions 6:00 – 8:30pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Expo	8 3:30 – 5:30pm Woodwind/Brass/Guard Rehearsal	9 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bands Clinic/Concert 6:00-9:00pm Percussion Auditions	10	11
12	13 3:30 – 5:30pm Woodwind/Brass/Guard Rehearsal 7:00 PM Regular Parent Meeting	14 3:30 – 6:00pm Woodwind & Brass Movement Auditions 6:00-9:00pm Percussion Auditions	15 3:30pm Woodwind & Brass Playing Audition Due (via Canvas)	16 6:00-9:00pm Percussion Auditions	17 Athletic/Band Physicals @ SHS 7:00pm Percussion Chamber Concert	18
19	20 3:30 – 5:00pm Woodwind/Brass/Guard Rehearsal	21 Last Day of School	22 8:00 – 12:00pm May Camp Woodwind & Brass Rehearsal 6:30pm Southmoore Graduation	23 8:00 – 12:00pm May Camp Woodwind & Brass Rehearsal	24 8:00 – 12:00pm May Camp Woodwind & Brass Rehearsal	25