



## A Journey of Moments

Amid our marching band journey, we often stumble into important moments. These almost fleeting occurrences can include a breathtaking rehearsal rep or perhaps a touching human interaction. Whatever your defining moment may be, these often-brief occurrences make the entire season worth the great effort.

On Saturday, I had one such moment. During a seemingly passing conversation with a colleague, she told me how she was overcome with emotion due to the simple beauty of your performance. Mere seconds of conversation literally made thousands of hours of planning and teaching worthwhile. Certainly, a championship trophy was fun, and your reaction was priceless, but the fact that your performance moved an audience is what feeds my soul this time of year.

We have a busy six weeks ahead. Be sure to be celebrate those often-brief moments that makes this journey well worth the trip. I am very honored to be along for the ride.

## Homecoming Football Game v. Broken Arrow Thursday – Moore Stadium – 3:30 PM Call Time at SHS

- ❖ The entire band attends this game.
- ❖ We perform the Star-Spangled Banner from the stands before kickoff.
- ❖ We march our show at halftime (Approx. 8:15ish PM).
- ❖ We will wear our traditional full uniform. You will need long black socks, your Vegas Gold Shirt, and your band shoes. (At press time it is supposed to be a bit cooler on Thursday...I reserve the right to change to polos/khakis if need be)
- ❖ All students need to bring their pre-filled water jug.

### Thursday Timeline

- 3:05pm** – school is dismissed. The bandroom will be open.
- 3:30pm** – Pep Music Run-through @ lecture center. Guard and Pit set up on the asphalt.
- 4:00pm** – Full Ensemble rehearsal on the asphalt
- 4:30pm** – Rehearsal Concludes – change, eat and load equipment
  - ❖ Make sure you change into the correct performance outfit
  - ❖ Eat something during this time, no eating is permitted at the game.
  - ❖ Do not forget to fill your water jug prior to leaving – there will be water at the game for refills but help us out and bring it full.
  - ❖ You may purchase the optional pre-game meal by paying online at <https://southmoore-band-parents-patrons-alumni-association.square.site> by noon on Wednesday (see the band app posting for more details).
- 5:45pm** – Board Busses and depart for Moore Stadium
- 6:00ishpm** – Arrive at the stadium and efficiently unload equipment
- 6:40ishpm** – Star Spangled Banner Performance in the stands
- 7:00pm** – Kickoff - Perform in the stands
- 8:15ishpm** – Southmoore Band Halftime Marching Performance
- 10:00ishpm** – Game Concludes - pick up trash out of our area in the stands & load equipment
- 10:30ishpm** – Load busses and depart for Southmoore
- 10:45ishpm** – Arrive at Southmoore - unload & tidy up
- 10:55ishpm** – Students dismissed
  - ❖ Please arrange for transportation to arrive timely so the staff may go home. Mr. Baldwin's cross stitch club must finish all the new blankets in time for winter.

## St. Louis Trip Preliminary Information October 13-16

What follows is many pertinent details pertaining to the upcoming St. Louis. A full itinerary will be published about a week or so prior to the trip with all the details you need to know need (and some you do not, but I thought it would be fun to tell you):

- ❖ The band will likely depart between 4am and 5am on Thursday, October 13.
- ❖ We will rehearse on Thursday morning at Republic High School near Springfield, MO on the way to St. Louis (hence the early departure).
- ❖ The band will stay for two nights in St. Louis (Thursday and Friday) at the Drury Inn in Downtown St. Louis. The downtown hotel is a bit more expensive but conveniently located immediately across the street from the performance stadium which will help trip logistics (in addition to serving both breakfast and dinner).
- ❖ The band will perform on Friday at a time to be announced between 3:45 and 6:00pm.
- ❖ This is a two-day contest. Prelims occurs all day Friday and most of the day on Saturday. The top 14 bands will perform in finals on Saturday evening. We will watch or perform (OMG...that would be some kind of huge) in finals that evening.
- ❖ The band will depart after finals on Saturday evening driving overnight back to Moore.
- ❖ The band will arrive at Southmoore anywhere from 9:00 to 11:00am on Sunday, October 16.
- ❖ Most meals are covered by your band fee. The last details we are awaiting from BOA is our exact performance time, then the rest of the itinerary will fall in place including meal information.
- ❖ The band will be supervised by the directors and numerous bus and room chaperones. These roles have been assigned through the band booster organization and will be made up of individuals who have been background checked and worked with our students throughout the season. The full trip itinerary will detail our supervision procedures and include items such as medical and prescription drug handling.
- ❖ Student room sign-ups will finally begin this week. Students must be current with their band fees to sign up for a room.

## Closing Tidbits

- ❖ The Wind Ensemble will rehearse on Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm. We will decide on our regular rehearsal time after I get your input (either Mondays 3:30 – 4:30 or Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00).
- ❖ Do not forget to vote for our band candidates for Homecoming King and Queen. Sydney Borchardt and Marek Polanski represent us in the court this year!
- ❖ There will be a pep assembly on Thursday afternoon.
- ❖ There will be no 7am rehearsal on Friday after the Thursday night game. The Wind Ensemble will rehearse that morning starting at 8:15am, all others will retreat to the Lecture Center to complete any homework.
- ❖ NEXT WEEK: We will not attend the football game at Bixby on Friday. On Saturday, we will compete in the Broken Arrow Invitational. We likely will arrive to SHS around 7:00am for a brief rehearsal before departure. Our preliminary performance time in Broken Arrow is 2:45pm. We will arrive back at SHS that evening around 1:30am (ouch).



# SOUTHMOORE BAND CALENDAR

**September 18 through November 5, 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	Teacher In-Service Day – No School  5:00-8:00 PM Guard Sectionals	3:30 – 4:45 PM WW/Brass Sectional  5:00 – 6:00 PM Wind Ensemble Rehearsal  5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	21	3:45 PM Homecoming Football v. Broken Arrow	<i>(No 7am rehearsal due to the Thursday night football game)</i>  8:15am Wind Ensemble Rehearsal	8 AM – 4 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal
25	5:00-8:00 PM Guard Sectionals	3:30 – 4:45 PM WW/Brass Sectional  5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	28	<i>(8:15am Sophomores take Pre-Act)</i>  5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	30 <i>(Football @ Bixby)</i>	October 1 Broken Arrow Invitational Marching Contest @ BA HS
2	5:00-8:00 PM Guard Sectionals	3:30 – 4:45 PM WW/Brass Sectional  5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	5	5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	7 4:00 PM Football @ Moore	8 AM – 9 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal & Performance @ Moore Stadium
9	5:00-8:00 PM Guard Sectionals	3:30 – 4:45 PM WW/Brass Sectional  5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals  7:00pm Wind Ensemble & 6 <sup>th</sup> Hour Jazz Concert	12	13	14	15
16 ??am Return from St. Louis	5:00-8:00 PM Guard Sectionals  7:00 PM Regular Parent Meeting	3:30 – 4:45 PM WW/Brass Sectional  5:00-8:00 PM Percussion Sectionals	19	Fall Break – No School  8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal  3:30pm Football @ Jenks	21 Fall Break – No School	22
23	5:00-8:00 PM Guard Sectionals	25 OSSAA Regional Marching Contest @ Yukon HS	26	5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Full Ensemble Rehearsal	28 <i>(Football @ Enid)</i>	29 6A OBA State Marching Championships @ Broken Arrow HS
30	31 7 AM Rehearsals End	November 1	2	3	4 3:45 PM Senior Night Football v. Westmoore	5 8 AM – 5 PM CODA All-District & OMEA All-State First Round Auditions

BOA St. Louis Super Regional