



**Southmoore Instrument Arts Program**  
**Online and App Based Notification and Information Services**  
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The State of Oklahoma passed a new law concerning educator/student communications. You can read the law here:  
[http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2023-24%20ENR/hB/HB3958%20ENR.PDF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2023-24%20ENR/hB/HB3958%20ENR.PDF)

As a result of this law, Moore Public Schools has mandated that Parent Square to be the only app-based communication method to be used by MPS. It is MPS's position that parents only want one app for all classes, and it is one of the reasons that apps such as Remind, Class Dojo, Band App, etc. are not allowed.

Keep in mind that this document was created by a band director asking questions and not the IT department. This document will therefore be edited or even corrected if/when additional information becomes available.

**Step One – Download and Login to Parent/Student Square**

From MPS: "...parents will need the Parent Square app and students will need the Student Square app. Students will use the sign-in with Microsoft option along with their school email. If they've already forgotten their password, they can either go to the password reset page on the Technology website or they can call IT help desk at 735-4023 and use option 2. Parents will have to use the same email that is listed in IC in order to be synced with their student...if asked to merge their account they should say yes—even if they've never had a PSQ account."







**Adults = Keep in mind, per MPS, you must be listed as a legal guardian to gain full access to Parent Square.**

From MPS: "If an adult isn't associated with a student, they won't get the invite to join. They can join via the link you provide from your PSQ group options, but parents cannot simply join PSQ and sync up to any school without an actual SIS sync (where they will be associated with all student communication) or a join QR/link (where they will be able to receive group communication)."

**Step Two – Join the appropriate SHS Group(s)**

Downloading the app and logging in will not get you access to the band group; you must join the group using the links below.

Both adults on Parent Square and students on Student Square will use the links below to access in the group. Keep in mind – *all adults and students need to join the "Southmoore Band" group, guard and percussion will also join their appropriate group.*

Group	App	Description	QR To Enroll	Link to Enroll
Southmoore Band		Mr. Mewhorter's notification service for all ALL band students and parents/guardians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to band bulletins</li> <li>• Event Reminders</li> <li>• Real time updates (arrival times on event days, etc.)</li> <li>• Schedule adjustments, delays, cancellations</li> </ul>		<a href="https://www.parentsquare.com/groups/join/gucatcdidm">https://www.parentsquare.com/groups/join/gucatcdidm</a>
Southmoore Colorguard		The Guard Staff's communication group for colorguard members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorguard rehearsal adjustments</li> <li>• Guard Specific Event Reminders</li> <li>• Uniform and Equipment Stuff</li> </ul>		<a href="https://www.parentsquare.com/groups/join/grpnauttqu">https://www.parentsquare.com/groups/join/grpnauttqu</a>
Southmoore Percussion		The Percussion Staff's communication service for percussionists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percussion specific rehearsal announcements and updates</li> <li>• Music Distribution</li> <li>• Percussion student to student communications</li> <li>• Assignment Recordings and Feedback</li> </ul>		<a href="https://www.parentsquare.com/groups/join/wpsnaoopu5">https://www.parentsquare.com/groups/join/wpsnaoopu5</a>

**Please note, this app is administered by the technology department of Moore Public Schools. Although I have been an IT employee in practice, I am actually not all that wise and do not have administrator access to solve many issues**

**if you cannot gain access to the app or the group, please contact Brandon Wilmarth at 405-735-4268 and/or [brandonwilmarth@mooreschools.com](mailto:brandonwilmarth@mooreschools.com).**



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**Trouble Shooting**

*I will update this section as I learn more issues*

**Issue #1 - I cannot login using the email listed for me in Infinite Campus**

You will have to contact Mr. Wilmarth to resolve this issue. Here is a bit of the why:

*If an adult isn't associated with a student they won't get the invite to join. They can join via the link you provide from your PSQ group options, but parents cannot simply join PSQ and sync up to any school without an actual SIS sync (where they will be associated with all student communication) or a join QR/link (where they will be able to receive group communication).*

**Issue #2 - student cell phones were combining with parent cell phones in PSQ/StudentSquare, preventing the parent from being able to use the app/login verifying their info (or vice versa).** If this happened to you, as it happened in my home, MPS will attempt to send this message with what to do:


*This is an official email from Moore Public Schools notifying you that your cell phone associated with your StudentSquare (ParentSquare) account will be removed this evening when we update our data sync with ParentSquare. Unfortunately we've had many students' contact information merge with their parent/guardian accounts, so we are wiping all cell phone contact information from student accounts - even your successfully verified cell phone. We apologize for the inconvenience. What this means for you: starting tomorrow, June 29th, you won't receive text messages (if you opted to be notified via SMS/text). To add your cell phone number back, you will download the StudentSquare app (if you haven't already), log in via the Microsoft option with your @moorestudents.com email, and add your cell phone within your contact information. It will prompt you to verify your cell phone, just as it did when you did this previously. As always, you can adjust your notification preferences by navigating to Account/Notifications and toggling on or off email, text, and App notifications as well as if you'd prefer to receive them instantly or "Digest" all your non-time-sensitive posts. If you have any questions, please email edtech@mooreschools.com.*





**Issue #3 – Mr. Mewhorter keeps referring to Parent Square as Square Parent™**

This is not a technical issue but a coping mechanism. It has been scientifically documented that Mr. Mewhorter uses humor to make it much easier for him to Live, Laugh, Love. Honestly, the developers should have named it Square Parent™/Square Student™ and he us helping them out. Thank you for your concern, but there is nothing else to see here.



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 <h2 align="center">Southmoore Band on the web</h2>		
Group	URL	Description
Band	<a href="http://southmooreband.com">southmooreband.com</a>	<p>The home for all things about the Southmoore band. Find current information, forms, and information about the program:</p> <p>Be sure to check out the resource Tab at <a href="http://southmooreband.com">southmooreband.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band Handbook</li> <li>• Absence Form/E-mail</li> <li>• New Member Handbook</li> <li>• Band Letter Application</li> <li>• Honor Band Entry</li> <li>• Show Shirt Purchase Link (coming soon)</li> <li>• Solo/Ensemble Sign Up (in the late fall)</li> <li>• Winterguard/Indoor Percussion Enrollment (in the late fall)</li> <li>• Merchandise (coming soon)</li> </ul>
Parents Group	<a href="http://sabercatband.com">sabercatband.com</a>	This page is maintained by parent group. And contains information about parent organization and fundraiser updates (among cool pictures and stuff).

 <h2 align="center">Southmoore Band on Social Media</h2>		
App	Group Name	Description
	Southmoore Band	This public group is maintained by Mr. Mewhorter and serves as another home for major updates and announcements.
	Southmoore Band Boosters, Parents, and Alumni	This public group is maintained by the band parent's organization and serves as another home for updates and announcements.
	Southmoore Guard Members	This is a closed group for Colorguard students and parents. This group serves as a primary announcement and update page for both the fall and Winterguards.
	<a href="https://twitter.com/southmooreband">@southmooreband</a>	This page is maintained by Mr. Mewhorter and is geared toward reaching students while trying to maintain relevance in the social media twitter world.
	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/southmoore_band">southmoore_band</a>	Pictures and stuff. Mr. Mewhorter tries to put pictures and announcements here.