Purpose
The primary goal of the South Oldham Band is to provide young people an experience in music that is both enjoyable and educational.

Why Join?
• Great orientation to high school.
• New friendships.
• New experiences.
• Love of music.
• Takes care of required arts and humanities credit.
• To become a part of one of the most outstanding and successful group of students at SOHS!

CONCERT ENSEMBLES

Class Options
• Concert Band
• Advanced Wind Ensemble
• Percussion Ensemble
• Advanced Percussion Ensemble

Class Requirements
• Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble - successful completion of middle school band.
• Advanced Wind Ensemble and Advanced Percussion Ensemble - students are selected by audition in the spring of the previous year.

Class Information
• Performance of concert literature – perform approximately four school concerts per year.
• Also performs at KMEA Concert Band Assessment in the Spring
• Performs as pep band at basketball games (approximately 4 games required)
• Some after school rehearsals required (approximately 1-2 per concert)
• Fulfills high school arts and humanities requirement
• Advanced Wind Ensemble students are also required to audition for KMEA All-District and All-State Band and participate in KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival (Concert Band students are encouraged to these events as well)
Fees

- $60 fee
- Part of fees paid at registration at the start of the year
- This fee is used to cover band expenses such as music, instruments, sectional instruction, trip transportation, etc.
- The only additional expense of being in a band class will be for optional participation in honors band events

To Enroll

- Sign up for Concert Band or Percussion Ensemble when you turn in your course scheduling form later this month
- If you audition for Wind Ensemble or Advanced Percussion Ensemble we will change your schedule later

MARCHING BAND

Marching Band Commitment

- Extra-curricular activity.
- Rehearsals in the summer and fall.
- Perform at home football games and approximately 7 competition performances.
- Marching band students (except colorguard) are required to be in a band class
- All band students are strongly encouraged to participate in marching band.

Marching Band Summer Rehearsals

- 7/15-7/19 –
  - Pre Camp Rehearsals and New Member Rehearsals (9 a.m. – 12 a.m.)
  - Percussion Camp (times tba) - required for all percussionists
  - Guard Camp (times tba) - required for all colorguard members
- 7/22-8/2
  - Band Camp Week 1 – 7/22 – 7/26 - 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Band Camp Week 2 – 7/30 – 8/3, M-R 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., F 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 8/5, 8/6, 8/7, 8/12, 8/13 - 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Marching Band Fall Schedule (Tentative)

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 4:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. starting 8/15
- Friday rehearsals (Starting in September when there is no football game) - 4:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Marching Band Performances (dates tentative)

- Three regular season competitions on Saturdays in the Fall (dates tba from 9/7 – 10/19)
- SOHS Competition 10/12
- KMEA State quarterfinals (10/19 or 10/26 tba)
- KMEA State semi-final/final competitions (10/26 or 11/2 tba)
- Possibly Midstates Band Championships 11/9
- All home football games (approx. 5) on Friday nights
Marching Band Fees (Estimated based on last year)

- Season Fee - $600
- $100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due by May 15
- Remainder due by July 15
- Fee are used for transportation, music, equipment, instruments, uniforms, uniform cleaning, instruction (beyond band director), food for camp and competitions, t-shirts
- Shoes - $35

Trip

- Every two years the marching band takes a trip
- Participation is optional, but encouraged
- This past year we went to Orlando to perform at Disney World. We will be traveling this year in the spring of 2020! Trip location is still being determined.

Colorguard

- Colorguard is group that performs with the marching band
- SOHS has had a long tradition of having one of the best color guards in the state!
- All the information above is the same for color guard as it is for band.
- Spring Training rehearsals will be held April and May tba.

How to Join Marching Band

- We will be having a couple of spring training rehearsals in April and May tba.
- These rehearsals allow us to get organized before the summer and give students a chance to try out marching band before they commit.
- Orientation Meeting for all members and parents – May 7 – 7 p.m.- SOHS Cafeteria
- There will be $100 deposit due May 15. A commitment form will also be due at this time.

Questions?
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WE HOPE YOU WILL DECIDE TO BECOME A PART OF THE SOUTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND NEXT YEAR!