

SOUTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCHING BAND



2020 Marching Band Season  
Parent and Student Information

## WELCOME

We are excited to begin the 2020 Marching Band season! The SOHS Marching Band has a long tradition of excellence and we are excited to continue that success this year!

## COMMUNICATION

### Remind

The main method of communication will be through the Remind App. There are two Remind groups – Marching Band Communications (for parents) and Marching Band Students (for students). All students need to join the Remind group and all parents are strongly encouraged to join.

### Website - [www.sohsband.com](http://www.sohsband.com)

Important information, forms, calendar, etc. can be found here. Please use this as a reference for information throughout the season.

Member Only Section – this section of the website is password protected. The password is 2020dragonband. Music, drill, and other materials for students will be posted here.

### Google Calendar

The SOHS Band Google Calendar can be found here - <https://www.sohsband.com/schedule/>. If you download the Google Calendar App you can sync this calendar with yours and always have the most up to date schedule available. To sync just click the plus button on the lower right-hand side of the calendar.

### Facebook

Parents are encouraged to join the SOHS Marching Band Boosters Facebook group as an additional source of information.

## ATTENDANCE

- Students need to be at all rehearsals and performances! Good attendance at rehearsals and performances is crucial to the success of our band.
- Please look over the season schedule and discuss any major conflicts with Mr. McAllister in advance.
- Parents please do not use attendance at marching band as a punishment. Your student's attendance affects the entire group and is important to our success.
- If you must miss a rehearsal for illness or other emergency reasons, please fill out the rehearsal absence form on the band website.

## **BAND CAMP INFORMATION**

### Pre-Camp –

Monday, July 13	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	New Wind Members and Leadership Team
	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guard and Percussion Camp
Tuesday, July 14	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	New Wind Members and Leadership Team
	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guard and Percussion Camp
Wednesday, July 15	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	All Winds
	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guard and Percussion Camp
Thursday, July 16	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	All Winds
	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guard and Percussion Camp
Friday, July 17	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	All Winds
	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guard and Percussion Camp

Guard and Percussion Camp Lunch Time – 12 pm – 1pm (not provided)

Saturday, July 18      8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Oldham County Day Parade

### Week 1 -

Monday, July 20	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
Tuesday, July 21	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
Wednesday, July 22	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
Thursday, July 23	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
Friday, July 24	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

### Week 2 -

Monday, July 27	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (lunch provided, dinner on own)
Tuesday, July 28	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (lunch provided, dinner on own)
Wednesday, July 29	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (lunch provided, dinner on own)
Thursday, July 30	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (lunch provided, dinner on own)
Friday, July 31	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Week 1 and 2 meal times will be as follows:

- Lunch - 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Dinner - 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **Supervision**

Supervision during the camp will be the responsibility of the director, camp instructors, and parent volunteers. Students must follow the directions of these people at all times.

We will need a parent volunteer to be at each practice (morning, afternoon, evening) to help with water and any other needs that might arise. We also need help feeding lunch to the students. We will be sending out a link on Sign Up Genius to volunteer for these positions.

## Meals

Lunch will be provided everyday as outlined on the schedule. On days that we rehearse from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. you will need to be responsible for dinner on your own. Guard and Percussion students will also be on their own for meals during guard and percussion camps. Options for this include packing a dinner and eating it in the band room, walking to nearby fast food restaurants, having a parent pick you up, or driving yourself somewhere (for those of you old enough to drive).

Please note that we do not encourage students to drive with other students during meal breaks. However, it is impossible to police this. Parents please discuss with your student whether this is allowable or not. If you would like to require that your student stay at SOHS during the dinner break, please let Mr. McAllister know and he will check to make sure that they do not leave during the break.

All students must stay on campus during lunch breaks unless a parent signs you out with Mr. McAllister.

## Clothing

- Wear loose comfortable clothing (clothing must be appropriate and modest)
- Athletic Shoes are required for all marching rehearsals. Sandals, flip-flops, boots, and other non-athletic shoes are not permitted during marching rehearsals.

## Other Items to Bring

- **Sunscreen!** Please bring and wear an appropriate sunscreen! We will be out in the sun a lot for two weeks. It is important that you protect yourself from the sun. A bad sunburn should not be an excuse for missing practice. This can be prevented. Be smart!
- **Personal Water Cooler with your name clearly marked on it.** Recommend ½ gallon size with handle. We will have water available at every practice, but students should bring their own water with them as well.
- **3 ring binder with clear page protectors** to keep your music in (guard does not need this).
- **Small (approximately 3" x 5") spiral bound notebook** to use as dot book for learning drill (pit percussion does not need this).

## Attendance

- Attendance is crucially important to the success of our camp. We expect to have 100% attendance every day. **Please do not schedule doctor, orthodontist, or other non-emergency appointments during band camp.**
- If an emergency situation arises and you must miss a rehearsal, please notify Mr. McAllister by calling 445-4731.
- Please be on time in the morning! The band room will open by 8:30 a.m. every day. Feel free to arrive early.

### **Emergency Contact During Camp**

- Mr. McAllister's Cell Phone Number - 445-4731 (use this number first)
- Band Room Phone – 241-6681, ext. 128

### **OLDHAM COUNTY DAY PARADE INFORMATION**

- Saturday, July 18 – 10:00 am – Downtown in LaGrange
- All students should report to SOHS at 8:00 a.m.
- We will take a school bus to LaGrange
- We will return to SOHS sometime before 12:00 p.m.
- Dress – SOHS Marching Band T-Shirt (new members this will be given to you – returning members can purchase a new ones if needed for \$6), black shorts, black socks, tennis shoes.

### **FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

- 8/3, 8/4, 8/6, 8/10, 8/11 - 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 4:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. starting 8/13, ending 11/12
- Colorguard will rehearsal from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm on Tuesdays
- Friday rehearsals (Starting in September when there is no football game) - 4:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday 9/12 – Fall Camp Rehearsal Day 9 am – 5pm
- Monday 11/2 and Tuesday 11/3 - Rehearsal 1 pm – 4 pm

**No rehearsal 10/19-10/23 for Fall Break. We will have a rehearsal and football game on 10/16 and a competition on 10/17 (first two days of Fall Break). Attendance is required on both of these days!**

### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

- 8/21 Home football game vs. CAL
- 8/28 Home football game vs. Eastern
- 8/29 CAL Preview Show
- 9/11 Home football game vs. North Oldham
- 9/12 Camp Rehearsal Day at SOHS
- 9/19 Eastern Midstates Competition
- 9/26 BOA Regional Competition – Dayton, Oh
- 10/2 Home football game vs. Atherton
- 10/10 SOHS Midstates Competition
- 10/16 Home football game vs. Seneca
- 10/17 Midstates or KMEA Competition TBA
- 11/7 Midstates Championships – West Clermont, Oh
- 11/13-11/14 BOA Grand Nationals – Indianapolis, In

## FEES

The fee for the marching band season is \$600. This fee is used to help cover the costs of band camp, trips, instruction, music, equipment, uniforms, meals, etc. This fee only covers a portion of marching band expenses – the rest is covered through fund raising.

Normally we ask for a deposit in May but because of the extenuating circumstances this year we are going to hold off and ask for the entire \$600 fee to be paid by the first day of camp – July 13.

**Make checks payable to SOHS and turn in to Mr. McAllister.**

Families are encouraged to pay as soon as their situation allows. Whether that is paying in full or making a smaller monthly payment over an extended time. We obviously cannot operate without student fees, but we also want to accommodate your needs during this difficult time. Please contact Mr. McAllister about any fee concerns – we don't want fees to keep anyone from participating!

## FORMS

The forms packet must be turned in by first day of camp - July 13. Forms can be found at [www.sohsband.com](http://www.sohsband.com).

**NOTE:** According to OCBE policy any student participating in an extra-curricular activity must have health insurance. Inexpensive insurance that covers a student only while at school or while participating in school activities is available through the school. Contact Mr. McAllister or the school office if you are in need of this.

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is important and necessary for the operation of our program. Participation in these fundraisers is expected from students and parents. Some of our fundraising efforts include:

- SOHS Festival of Band Competition
- Donations Campaign
- Business Sponsorships
- Annual Mattress Sale
- Kroger Community Rewards
- Amazon Smile

**Please sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile today!** It is an easy way to support our band – all you do is shop and we receive a portion of your purchase proceeds. Directions on how to sign-up can be found on our website under fundraising - <https://www.sohsband.com/parents/fundrasing/>

**Also please help our sponsorship campaign by distributing our sponsorship form to any potential sponsors.** This form can be found on our website under Donate - <https://www.sohsband.com/donate/>

### **BAND BOOSTERS/VOLUNTEERING**

The SOHS Band Boosters meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the SOHS Band Room. There are many needs for parent help in order to successfully run our band program. Please consider attending these meetings and helping out!

We will need a lot of help from parent volunteers throughout the season. Some of the jobs we need help with are fundraising, helping to build props, helping to transport pit and prop equipment to the competitions, helping to get pit and prop equipment on and off the field at performances, uniforms, feeding students, chaperoning, and many others! We cannot achieve our goals without support from our parents.

Our competition performances are on Saturdays, but please note for this year we are performing at BOA Grand Nationals in Indianapolis on the afternoon of Friday, November 13. We will need a lot of parent help for this competition!

### **QUESTIONS**

Please contact Mr. McAllister with any questions or concern – [ryan.mcallister@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:ryan.mcallister@oldham.kyschools.us).

We are looking forward to your participation as a member of the 2020 SOHS Marching Dragons and an outstanding 2020 season!



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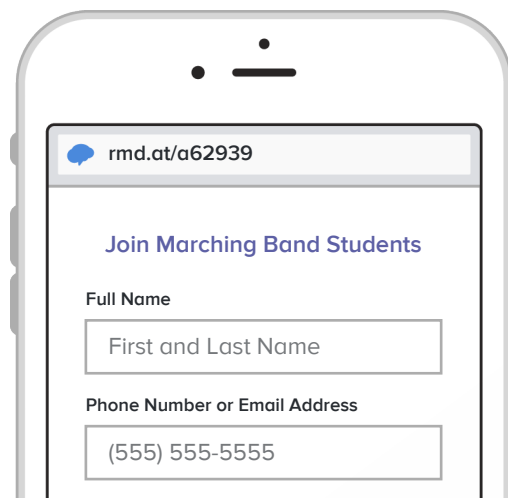
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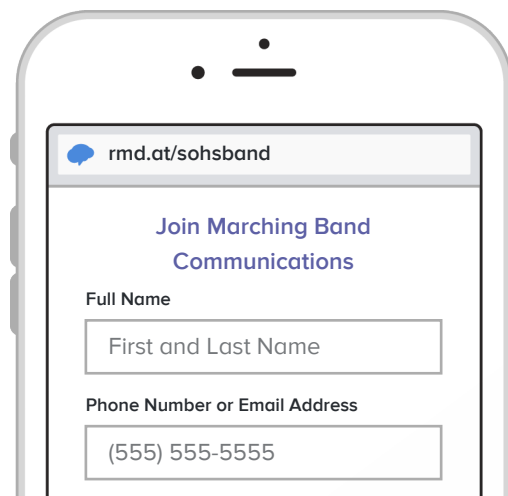
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