

Parent Orientation 2024

- Introductions were made for the 2024-2025 Band Booster Executive Board
 - Angel Rousse – President of Band Boosters
 - Karen McCuiston – Band Booster Secretary
 - Jen Tindell – 1st Vice President – Fundraisers
 - Jody Whitmire – 2nd Vice President - Equipment
 - Darlene Blevins – 3rd Vice President – Concessions
 - Laura Wolff – Treasurer
 - Tim Woodward – Vice Treasurer
 - Mandy Suttles – Parliamentarian
- SDHS is the largest band program in Hamilton County
- ALL information needed is on the band webpage www.sdhsband.org
- Most information is on the home page
 - Important dates are on the home page
 - You can subscribe to the band calendar through google
- July 14th Mandatory Drop-In date 1p.m. – 3 p.m.
- If you are unable to attend, please get with Mr. Light and let him know.
- Practices are Monday 3-5 (sectionals – student led) Tuesday and Thursdays 3-6 full band.
- If band runs over a few minutes, Mr. Light will always give that time back to the students.
- Football schedules, along with the marching contests dates are all listed on the band webpage.
- Mr. Daniels from Loftis and Mr. Bloodsworth from SDMS are on staff for the high school band as well paid for by the band boosters.
- Minutes from previous meeting are posted on the band webpage.
- Go to INFO and click on BAND HANDBOOK for all the information you need. Most any question can be answered in the handbook.
- Summer Band Camp
 - First week – Monday/Wednesday (Long days) Tuesday/Thursday (Short days)
 - Monday/Tuesday 9:00-9:00 – 2 hour break between 4-6 Students go outside from 9-12. Eat lunch then have sectionals indoors so students are not in the heat of the day.
- On mandatory drop-in day, there are many forms to fill out. You are able to fill out some forms before that day. Some forms require notarizing. These can be notarized at your bank, city hall, or we will have notaries at the mandatory drop in day. Health form is very important. The health forms will stay with the medical person that travels with the band to all events. Bring your insurance card on mandatory drop-in day. School contract will need to be filled out as well. It is 7 pages long but only the signature page needs to be turned in. The financial commitment form. The volunteer form is important for us knowing what resources/talents you have that could benefit the band program.

- The band program takes about \$150,000 a year to run. We do a lot of fundraising to help with the costs for the year. The band fee is \$500 per student this year. If you pay before July 31st, the cost is \$450. After July 31st, the cost goes to \$500. If you have multiple students in the band, you get a \$25 cut for each student. All fees must be paid before December 31st. You are able to pay online through school pay but there are several fees attached to the school account. The band can take payments through cash, check and card. If you pay by check, write the check to Soddy Daisy High School.
- Band shoes will be \$40 and that is above the cost of the band fees.
- Marching Band uniforms are provided by the band program.
- Concert dress will need to be purchased by the female members. Orders will be taken in October so those will be back for the December concert.
- Tuxedos will need to be purchased or rented by families. There are too many measurements required for tuxedo fittings so it is easier for families to rent them or purchase them.
- Chaperone are always welcomed. Anyone wanting to chaperone MUST be background checked. DO NOT get a background check before July 1 because the background checks are good for 3 years. If you get one before July 1 you will only have 2 years remaining. Information on the webpage for the locations available for background checks will be updated soon. Some locations have changed from last year.
- If you are a Hamilton County School Employee, you do not have to have an additional background check. You STILL must fill out the Waiver and the Volunteer form.
- There are three forms for chaperones to fill out. You must be approved by Hamilton County School System before you are able to chaperone.
- Concession Stand Schedule will be update din the next couple of weeks. We ask that every family volunteer AT LEAST one time during the season.
- If you would like to receive alerts through text, you will sign up for the REMIND app. The freshmen are not added by the school yet, but as soon as they are added, the REMIND code will be sent out for the Freshman Class.
- Charms is no longer the program we will use for band balances. A new company will be used this year.
- Student needs to purchase: Any repairs to instruments. Keep your instrument in working order. If your student plays tuba, baritone or french horn, the band has those instruments for checking out. Percussionist will be given one set of sticks for the show. If they need another set, they will need to purchase them on their own. Students will need long black socks (mid-calf). Hornline will need a lyre (specific to the instrument they play – TUBAS do not need a lyre) and flip folder. You can find these at Giant Steps. Colorguard will purchase their own makeup and hair products. If they want practice equipment, they will need to purchase those things. The colorguard will be given their flags/rifles for the show. FOR

BAND CAMP...everyone needs a LARGE water bottle. Do not bring small bottles.

- HIGHLY recommend hats and sunglasses for camp. Moisture wicking material is great. SUNSCREEN and BUG SPRAY are highly recommended. Sunscreen needs to be applied before camp and will be reapplied throughout the day.
- Students need a GOOD PAIR of tennis shoes. NO CROCS. They need a shoe with a good arch support.
- After school practices start at 3:00. That gives students time to change clothes, have after school tutoring/meetings with teachers, and make it up to the top to the practice field by 3:00.