



Sherando High School Band

2025-2026 Orientation

Welcome! Please complete the Band Registration form on the computers in the back of the auditorium!



Tonight's Agenda



- Welcome & Overview
- Student Expectations
- Marching Season
- Concert/Indoor Season
- Student Action Steps
- Show Announcement
- Parent Information



Class Schedule Reminder

Attending this meeting is not what adds the appropriate band class to your school schedule. Please see your school counselor to officially register for one of the following classes as applicable:

- Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion – Band I, Band II, or Band III
- Color Guard is primarily extra curricular. If you play an instrument in concert season, sign up for Band I, Band II, or Band III.
 - There is also a class credit option if you would like to earn the elective credit



Programs

- Fall Marching Band (July-November)
- Fall Color Guard (July-November)
- Jazz Ensemble
 - Audition only (After school year begins, meets before school)
- Concert Band (November-May)
- Symphonic Band (November-May)
- Winter Guard (Extracurricular)
- Indoor Percussion (Extracurricular)





Successes!

Some of our many accomplishments include:

- Unanimous Superior rating in Marching Assessment for eight consecutive years
- Symphonic Band – 11 straight Superior ratings in Concert Assessment
- Concert Band – Earned Superior rating in Concert Assessment in 2025
- 23 years of holding a “Virginia Honor Band” title, 7 Straight Virginia Honor Band titles since 2016
- 2025 Indoor Percussion & Winter Guard
 - Both groups placed in the top 3 at all regular-season contests
 - Percussion promoted to Open Class in 2025
 - Guard promoted to A2 Class in 2025
- Hosted the “Sherando Showcase” indoor contest 3 years in a row
- Hosted All-District Jazz festival for 3 years in a row



Communication

How to keep informed on everything band:

- Band Booster Newsletter (weekly – typically emailed out on Tuesdays)
- Google Classroom for students
- Remind App
 - Students: TEXT – @sherando25 TO – 81010
 - Parents: TEXT – @shsbba25 TO – 81010
- Band Website – www.SherandoBand.org
 - Calendar, Registration, Music, Handbook, etc. are all located here



Student Expectations



Commitment

Being committed to the band program is about being part of something bigger than yourself. Every note you play and every rehearsal you attend contributes to the success of the group.

This program is written with **YOU** in mind—your part matters, and your presence is essential to bringing the music and show to life. When you're consistent and dedicated, it shows your bandmates and staff that they can count on you.

Unity is what transforms a group of individuals into a true ensemble. Your sound, your energy, and your unique role all shape the band's identity. If you are not willing to be fully committed to the program, then band probably is not for you.



Behavior Policy

Students must abide by the FCPS Student Code of Conduct. Some examples are not doing the following:

- Swearing
- Making lewd comments
- Acting provocatively
- PDA
- Violating bus safety rules
- Bullying
- Vandalizing school-owned or other's personal property

These behaviors will not be tolerated and will be immediately presented to school administration. Poor behavior could lead to the student being assigned ISA, being suspended, and not being allowed to participate in band activities.

We must be a good representation of our program, school, and community!



Attendance Policy

Attendance for the following is required:

- **Band Camp**
- **Rehearsals outside of the school day**
- **Competitions**
- **Performances**
- **Tag Day Fundraiser**

Absence forms are available on the band website or from the band assistant. Color Guard fill out the Google Absence form.

- **PERFORMANCES:** Must submit 4 weeks in advance
- **REHEARSALS:** (outside of the school day): Must submit 2 weeks in advance
- Work is not an excused absence. We provide calendars months in advance in order to plan.

If a student has an unexcused absence the last school day before the weekend, or is absent multiple days—excused or unexcused—within the same week, they will not be allowed to perform in the weekend's performance(s). This includes an unexcused absence from a Wednesday rehearsal.



Grading

How are band grades earned?

- **Attendance for rehearsals & performances**
 - Absence forms are available
 - Alternative assignments are available on a case-by-case basis if a performance/competition/event is missed
- **Participation**
 - Talking, playing out of turn, or causing general disruptions during class or rehearsal will affect weekly participation grade
- **Recording assignment**
- **More information on grades is available in the band handbook.**

Grading begins with band camp attendance!



Shadow System

The shadow system is in place to fill in for students who are absent and/or continuing to develop their music and visual skills. The purpose of this system is to hold each individual student accountable as well as give students time to enhance their individual performance skills. **Any student** is eligible to **be or become** a shadow.

Shadow Performance Opportunities:

- Home Football Games
- Parades/Exhibition performances (as long as eligible to travel)
- In an absent position or stand-still performance at a competition/rehearsal

Timeline

Prior to Band Camp

- Placements pre-determined by staff prior to band camp
 - Band registration completed by 5/30/25
 - Considerations include: recommendations from middle school band directors & marching band show needs

Post Band Camp

- Discussions with students after band camp about shadow status
 - Band Fees or accommodations for a payment plan are due by Friday, August 8th, 2025.
 - Attendance to all rehearsals/camps



Band Fee

Students are responsible to pay the \$150 band fee to the Boosters, \$30 class fee to SHS, and \$50 for shoes (if needed) on a *yearly basis*. **They must be paid in full or up to date per the agreed payment plan in order for a student to be fully eligible for ANY travel or extra-curricular activities with the band** such as parades, competitions, band trips, indoor percussion, winter guard, or any District Band opportunities, per SHS administration. Non-payment could also result in limited/no use of school owned instruments and equipment.

*****Guard retainer fee of \$50 (for uniform, shoes, and props) is due by May 28th, 2025. This does go towards the overall Band Fee*****

Band Fees or accommodations for a payment plan are due by Friday, August 8th, 2025.

Payment plans and scholarships are available if needed.

All students/families have opportunities to fundraise the Booster band fee by using the following:

- Calendar Fundraiser (NOW through band camp!)
- RaiseRight (NOW and year-round)
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (fall 2025)



Calendar Fundraiser

Our yearly marching season fundraiser!

First \$150 raised will go directly towards band fee. Additional funds will go to the program as a whole. Full calendar will earn \$496 + bonus option! Cash or check only – no Venmo (fees are too costly)

SPONSOR MY MARCHING SEASON!

Help me fill my July calendar to pay my 2025-2026 band fee. Select a date and pay that amount. Example: July 12th = \$12

First \$150 raised will go towards the student's individual band fee. Funds raised beyond that go directly to the Sherando Band program! Bonus spaces can be a donation of any amount.

Payments accepted: cash or check made out to "SHSBBA" with student name in memo

JULY 2025

BONUS	BONUS	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	BONUS	BONUS

Student Name: _____



Payments due by Friday,
August 8



Marching Season



Student Preparation

- Wind & Percussion students—learn and review music warm-ups and show music throughout the summer prior to band camp
 - If you would like to borrow a *school instrument*, please reach out to the Director or Band Assistant
- Guard students – continue to work on basics from May training
- Percussion students – there will be highly encouraged training rehearsals in June and July. Battery Drumline members, there will likely be video assignments to turn in as well



Physicality & Health

Take care of your body NOW to prepare for Camp & Marching Season

- Drink water, eat healthier, exercise (walk/run/bike/Zumba), stretch daily
- Take care of any current injuries now & come prepared to rehearsals (brace, comfortable shoes, etc.)
- Athletic workout clothes (no jeans) & abides by FCPS dress code
- Athletic, supportive closed-toe shoes and socks for marching
NO CROCS, Vans, Converse during camps/rehearsals!
- Hat/sunglasses (you will be in the sun much of the time)
- Water bottle
- Fully charged phone (to access UDB and music)
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Enthusiasm!!!!!!





Fall Marching Season



- **Winds Only** –Primer Rehearsals Monday, 7/14 & Wednesday, 7/16 6–8pm
- **Percussion, Guard, Leadership, & New Wind Band Members** – camps/training during week of July 21st
- **Band Camp** – ****EVERYONE****: July 28–August 8, 7am–5pm
 - Lunch provided for the first week
 - Block Party: Friday, August 1st
 - Potluck/Parent Preview: Friday, August 8th
- **5 Home Football Games**
 - Tailgate to feed students
- **5–6 Saturday Competitions**
- **Day camp rehearsals** as scheduled (Saturdays, on calendar)
- **Wednesday rehearsals** 3–4:30pm during competition season begin 8/20

Ending time is **DISMISSAL TIME** from practice. Parents – please allow time for return from field and clean up/storage of instruments & equipment as needed.



Other Important Dates



- **Tag Day Fundraiser:** Saturday, Sept 6th
- **Area Band Preview Night:** Monday, Sept 8th
- **Parades:**
 - Homecoming, Thursday, Sept 25th
 - Winchester Holiday Parade (Late Nov/early Dec)
 - Middletown Holiday Parade (early Dec)
 - Apple Blossom Parades (early May)- Firefighter's & Grand Feature
 - Newtown Heritage Festival (May -Memorial Day weekend)

Tentative marching schedule is updated on the band calendar on the website! *Guard and percussion weekly rehearsals TBD.*



Concert/Indoor Season



Concert Band Season

- Concert Band/Symphonic Band
 - Auditions are at the beginning of November
 - Concert schedule begins early November
 - Concert Band is 5th Period
 - Symphonic Band is 6th period
 - 3 Concerts + Assessment from December to May
 - See Calendar for more information!
- **www.sherandoband.org**



Indoor Percussion/Winter Guard

- Opportunity to continue to grow performance, music, and equipment skills throughout winter season
- Auditions/callout meetings mid/late October
- Rehearsals begin mid November with championships in late March/early April
- Extra-curricular activity with a separate \$300 fee (fundraising opportunities available)





Student Action Steps



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- Please remember to fill out a the digital registration and physical medical form!
 - Stations set up at the back of the auditorium or forms available at <https://www.sherandoband.org/band-registration/>
- Start fundraising/completing calendars NOW!
- Get measured for uniforms (sign up for a summer fitting)
- Browse through season calendar and complete absence forms
- Connect with section leaders



Our 2025 Marching Show Is...



TRANSCEND THE STONE



Wind/Percussion Students – Band Room
Guard Students–Guard Room
Parents – Stay in auditorium