



SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENT MEETING

1. Registration

- a. **Online Registration opens August 1st** at www.slhsband.org. Click Students > 2018-2019 Online Registration and enter password: DYEvergent2018. (We are looking for everyone to be onsite on August 4th for sizing, turn in forms, sign up to volunteer, etc.)
 - i. **Required fees** – Band Fee - \$225 and BOA Fee - \$232; Meal plan optional - \$200
 - ii. **Treasurer**
- b. **Required apparel items** to purchase if you are new (band shirt, shorts, water jug, duffle, garment, shoes, socks, gloves and show shirt). Compression short and shirts required but we do not sell them. (Amazon – through our fundraising link on the website bottom of the home page, Academy, Dicks, Target, etc) Good to have extra band shirt/shorts/compression wear for weekends when they have more than one event.
- c. **Onsite Registration** Date and Time (8/4 from 11a to 3p) in the Performing Arts Center
- d. Visit All 9 Stations
- e. Pair up each Freshman with a Band Leadership returning student
- f. **Student Packets** to go home this week
 - i. Required forms to return on August 4th at the Chaperone Station

2. GAME DAY

- a. How much **time** does my child need to allocate to band? UIL 8-hour rule but it doesn't include game/competition days.
- b. Students **bring** everything they need for game day to school and put in their band locker.
- c. Typical day looks like this:
 - i. School dismissed,
 - ii. 3:15 call time to practice field,
 - iii. Eat, Pack and Load (EPL) immediately following practice,
 - iv. Leave for game
 - v. Return to school (between 10p and 11p – depends on start time of game and if it is an away game at a non-district stadium
 - vi. Most band parents sit directly above the band (2nd level at Legacy, right behind the band at Rhodes). Visiting stadiums will differ but it's usually above or on the side)
 - vii. When picking up after a game or competition, please **DO NOT** Park in the loading zone (drive directly in front of band hall). For the safety of our students and loading crew who will use the entire drive to unload instruments off the trailer
- d. **NEW CLEAR BAG POLICY** for Legacy, Rhodes and Merrell



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3. COMPETITION DAY

- a. Arrival time TBD by band directors (This is typically an all-day affair starting at about 8am and a return to school around 11pm)
- b. Students bring everything they need for Competition day to school
- c. Typical day looks like this:
 - i. Arrival at school in the AM
 - ii. Call time for practice (TBD by directors)
 - iii. Eat, Pack and Load (EPL) immediately following practice,
 - iv. Leave for competition
 - v. Return to school (~11p – depends on local or away competition)
 - vi. **All Parents are welcome to join us for competitions. You can even get a free entrance into a competition at a certain booster membership level. We typically try to sit together so get to know everyone now because we are loud and proud!**

4. What is Bandtober?

- a. We refer to October as Bandtober because we have the bulk of our competitions in October. Please try to avoid scheduling any events in this month.

5. Booster Meetings

- a. Importance of attending
- b. Dates Sept 18, Nov 27, Feb 19, May 21

6. Fundraising

- a. How to get involved and volunteer opportunities

7. Chaperones

- a. Volunteering requirements (shirt, badge, training)
- b. How to sign up to volunteer
- c. Rules on taking pics of your kids at games and how they can request the photographer to get a pic for them

8. Communication - FOLLOW Spartan Band

- a. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram **@sevenlakesband**
- b. Remind APP to know when the band arrives and leaves – **text @dyev to 81010 or join dyev on the remind app**

9. Membership

- a. Booster levels



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- b. Corporate levels

10. Hospitality

- a. Popsicles
- b. Holiday Extravaganza
- c. Band banquet
- d. Tailgate BBQ
- e. 8th grade night

11. Uniforms

12. Sizing happening now

- a. Check in / check out for game/competition days
- b. Alterations / mending
- c. Shakko distribution how it works

GENERAL QnA

- 13. How do parents get involved? [Fundraising, hospitality, popsicles, etc](#)
- 14. Are there scholarships to assist students who may want to be in band but can't afford it? [Case by Case basis](#)
- 15. What events are required? [All games and competitions](#)
- 16. How are students chosen for marching competition vs spirit band? [Mays](#)
- 17. How many students are in each band? Is there a limit? [Mays](#)
- 18. If my child is not chosen to compete do they have to come to the events? [Mays](#)
- 19. How many hours of practicing is required? (marching, concert) [UIL 8-hr rule](#)
- 20. Are private lessons required? [Not required but highly recommended](#)
- 21. Can student play sports and participate in band? [Yes](#)
- 22. How will we know when the students are returning from a game or contest? [Mr. Mays will send out a remind when the band leaves the stadium.](#)
- 23. Are clear bags required for chaperones? [No, if the chaperone enters with the band the clear bag policy does not apply. Please check for clear bag policies for away games and contests on their websites.](#)
- 24. Is compression gear required for guard? [No](#)
- 25. What does chaperoning look like on a typical game day? [Chaperones arrive at around 4:00. They will ride the bus with the students and monitor the bus ride. Walk with the band to the stadium. Refill water jugs at half time and dismiss students to restroom as needed.](#)



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25. Are we using the same water jugs as last year? **No, a better product has replaced last year's jug, but it will not be required for students who wish to use theirs from previous years.**
26. Will students be excused for fish camp or other school related conflicts? **All freshman will be released for fish camp. For other conflicts, please have the student communicate with his/her section leader and the directors.**
27. Will juniors and seniors be excused to purchase parking passes on Wednesday and Friday? **Yes**
28. Physicals required? **physicals are required for all band members and should be turned in on Saturday at registration day.**
29. Is it ok for students to have long sleeves and long pants for compression gear? **This is not recommended due to the heat.**
30. Once school begins, how do students get their large instruments into the band hall? **Passes will be issued after school begins for those with large instruments. Those using passes need to arrive before 7:00 am.**
31. Will registration day be a tax-free day? **Purchases made from Aug. 1-8 will qualify as tax free.**