



Band Notes - Week of August 11

2025-2026 School Year - Belton MS Band

Welcome!

General information that applies to all students and parents can be found towards the **top** of every newsletter, while information specific to your child's ensemble can be found in that particular section by **scrolling all the way down**.

Feel free to contact a director if you have any questions and our contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter. Thanks for reading!



General Information for All



Registration Checklist - DUE THIS WEDNESDAY

All parents will need to [complete this Registration Checklist](#) for their student in order to be ready for the start of school. You can complete all of the steps online on your own. Like all other band supplies and materials, these completed forms are due back to the directors no later than the second day of school, which is **this Wednesday, August 13**.

Most of these steps can be completed online by visiting the [Forms Page of our website](#) that is now active for the new year. Fill out all of the forms that have an asterisk (*) next to the title. You can pay online using the links found on this page. Feel free to [email us](#) if you have an questions.



Band Registration Checklist.pdf

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BISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct.pdf

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Band Handbook 2025-2026.pdf

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Band Supplies & Materials - DUE THIS WEDNESDAY

All supplies and materials are due by the second day of school, which is **this Wednesday, August 13**. Be sure to check the [Supplies & Materials Page of our website](#), which also includes instrument dealers that we recommend where you can purchase your band stuff.

***Band
Supplies***

Click PDF Below to Review Updated District Personal Electronic Devices Policy:



District Cell Phone Guidelines - HB 1481.pdf

Recently passed state law regarding personal electronic devices for Belton ISD

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List of Band Events



[Please click here to see all of the Band Events](#) for this new school year in order to plan your family's activities. Remember, performances are a required part of our curriculum, so please contact a director ASAP for any conflicts.

Private Lessons Are AWESOME!!!

Lessons are the **fastest** way students improve on their instrument because they have a quality teacher guiding them in their development of proper tone, rhythm, articulation, and musicality. Students enrolled in lessons usually earn first division superior ratings, make the All-Region Band, the have more fun learning their instrument because they sound **better**, faster.

[Please read this document](#) before deciding whether or not to sign up for lessons since it outlines the benefits of taking lessons **that occur during your child's band class!** If you have any questions about lessons, [please email Mr. Trahan here](#).

Check out our [list of quality lessons teachers by clicking here](#), AND [sign Up for Private Lessons here!](#)



Benefits of Private Lessons.pdf

Please read this document BEFORE deciding whether or not to sign up for private lessons.

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Our CutTime Program

CutTime is a program we use that allows you to **stay informed** without login hassles and **get reminded** without inbox clutter. Be on the lookout for a text message from CutTime from **844-385-8463**. The message will come to your mobile device phone number we have on file for you (and your student) via a "Magic Link", which is a uniquely personalized to you and secure.

Read the attachment below for instructions on how to add your Magic Link to your smartphone's home screen. Once you receive the message, you will gain access to your CutTime Portal Page where you can:

- View Announcements
- View and Subscribe to Events that involve you and your student
- View and Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities within these events

- Check Account Balances

If we don't have your contact information, [please fill out this Contact Information Update Form](#) ASAP. If you missed or can't find your CutTime Magic Link, [go to this link to resend it to your device](#) on file.

Feel free to take 3 minutes to [watch this introduction video](#) and see what's in store, and feel free to send us a message if you have any other questions or feedback.



Add MagicLink to Android or iPhone.pdf

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**CHAPERONES
NEEDED!**

Parent Chaperone Sign-Up

Click on this link to sign up to become a district volunteer and complete the background check. Even if you have done this before, this process must be repeated every school year: [Parent Chaperone Sign-Up](#). Please sign up for volunteer opportunities on your [CutTime MagicLink](#).

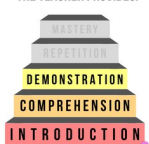
Check Out Our Socials!

We want to interact with you on social media, so be sure to **Like, Follow, and Subscribe** on all of the following platforms you use:

- [YouTube Channel](#)
- [Parent Square Group](#)
- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Instagram Account](#)
- [Band Website](#)
- [Google Photos Album](#)
- [SoundCloud Channel](#)
- [Smore Newsletters](#)



THE TEACHER PROVIDES:



THE STUDENT PRODUCES:



Teacher & Student Shared Responsibilities

In the Belton MS Band, we form a partnership between teacher and student where *both* share responsibility in their musical development. Our team of teachers include middle school directors, private lesson instructors, high school directors, and

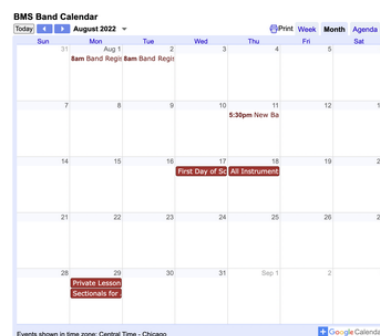
even hired clinicians, masterclass teachers, and adjudicators. We also strive to communicate and produce strong partnerships with parents since their support is vital in their student's growth.

To that end, we as the teaching team provide Introduction, Comprehension, and Demonstration to students for their instruction. However, each student has a responsibility as well to facilitate Repetition in the form of practicing daily for at least 25 minutes, 5 days per week.

This means that **instruments go home everyday** to practice the concepts, patterns, and music that we go over daily in class. This leads to student Mastery of their music and ultimately of their instrument. Students have homework everyday in Band as they practice their instrument in preparation for performances and to continue their musical growth. Reach out to a director if you would like more information on how to better help and support the musical growth of your student.

Band Calendar

[Click here to see the Calendar page of our website](#) to find **all** of the current events, including special rehearsals, contests, and performances for the whole school year. We provide this so you can plan your family's activities. Remember, performances are a required part of our curriculum, so please contact a director ASAP for any conflicts. Be sure to view the [List of Band Events](#) that can be found clicking on the link.



Beginner's Ensemble

Click Below to View the Slideshow from the New
Parent Meeting Last Week:



New Parent Meeting Slide Show

WELCOME PARENTS!

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Click Here to See the List of Supplies for Beginners

Symphonic Band

Take 2 Minutes Now to Fill Out the Fall Sectional Survey by This Friday

Fall Sectional Survey

Please use this form to fill out your student's availability after school Monday-Friday from 4:00-5:00pm starting the week of August 25 until November 7. We want to avoid athletic games, meets, tournaments, and matches. We have already worked out a plan with all coaches to share students when they participate in athletic practices.

All students in both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are required to attend one sectional per week from 4:00-5:00pm for a grade.

Students are expected to "Be Punctual" and arrive seated with all materials and ready to rehearse at 4pm sharp or their grade will be affected. Students 1-5 minutes late will have their sectional grade reduced to an 85. Students who are late 5-15 minutes will have their grade reduced to a 70. Students arriving more than 15 minutes late will receive a 50.



Thank you for helping us create the best schedule we can for band sectionals this Fall.

Region Bootcamp - THIS SATURDAY

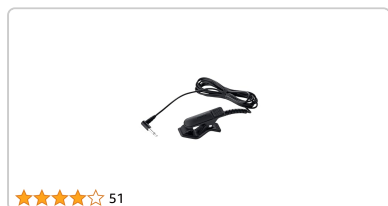
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Starting at 10am, we will work on getting back in shape for a couple of hours, followed by a free pizza lunch from 12-1pm. We will then



spend another couple of hours in the afternoon until we wrap up at 3pm.

Click Here for the List of Supplies for Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble



Korg CM-400 - Clip-on Tuner Microphone - Black

The CM-400 is a clip-type contact microphone using piezoelectric elements that transmits vibrations directly to the tuner by attaching the microphone to your instrument. The CM-400 enables even more accurate tuning than the microphone on the tuner itself, and allows the tuner to detect the instru...

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After School Sectionals Start August 25

Sectionals will start on Monday, August 25 until Friday, November 7 one day after school per week from 4:00-5:00pm. A survey of students' availability and scheduling will be sent out at a later date in order to create the best schedule for everyone.

Wind Ensemble

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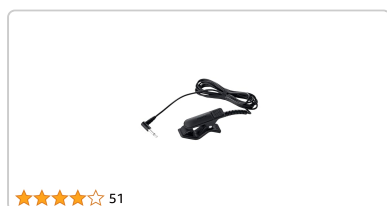
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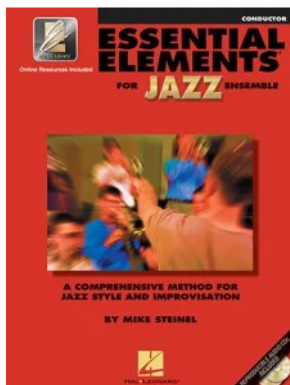
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Jazz Band

Jazz Book & Uniform Shirt Needed

All jazz students will need a copy of the red book: [Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble](#) by Mike Steinel that is specific to their instrument. Students will also need to [order and pay for a jazz uniform shirt](#) for \$30.



Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble

Instrument-specific and can be ordered at this [link](#)



Jazz Uniform Shirt

\$30 ordered at this [link](#)

Band Meme of the Week

About the Directors



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