



Band Notes - Week of September 2

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

Event Information

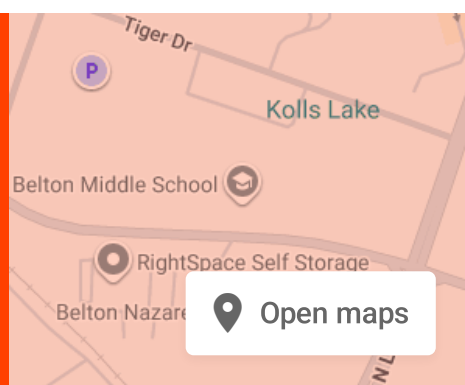
Instaraise Fundraiser Starts

When?

Monday, Sep 8, 2025, 08:00 AM

Where?

Belton Middle School, Sparta Road, Belton, TX, USA



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.



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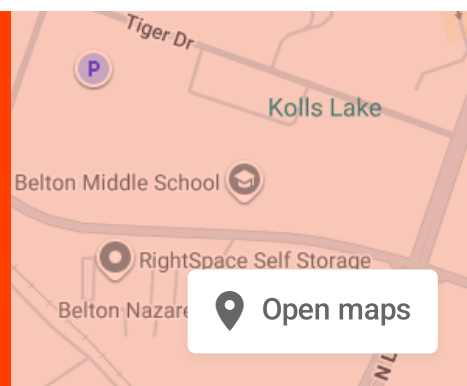
All Payments Due (for shirts, instruments, & decals)

When?

Friday, Sep 12, 2025, 04:00 PM

Where?

Belton Middle School, Sparta Road, Belton, TX, USA



Developing Healthy Practice Habits



**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](#)
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THE TEACHER PROVIDES:



THE STUDENT PRODUCES:



Teacher & Student Shared Responsibilities

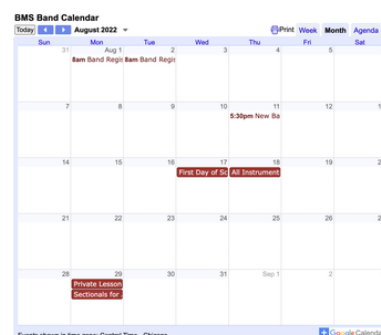
In the Belton MS Band, we form a partnership between teacher and student where *both* share responsibility in their musical development. Our team of teachers include middle school directors, private lesson instructors, high school directors, and even hired clinicians, masterclass teachers, and adjudicators.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

Parts of the Instrument Quiz This Week!

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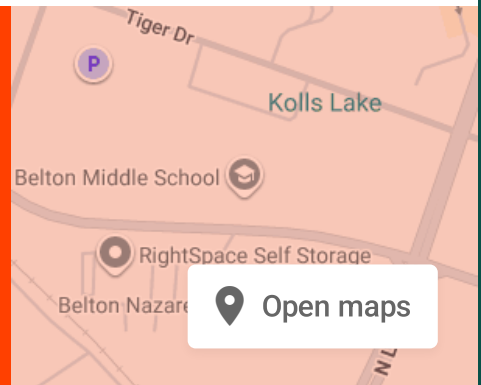
First Beginner Sit-In Concert

When?

Thursday, Oct 16, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

Belton Middle School, Sparta Road, Belton, TX, USA



Symphonic Band

Region Pass-Offs Start This Week!

Students will receive their Region Pass-Off sheets this week as they prepare and practice for the upcoming TMEA All-Region Auditions on Saturday, November 8 in College Station. This is our most individually-competitive event we do all year long so we expect students to work diligently in getting their music passed off on a consistent basis.

Each pass-off counts as a major grade and can be done a little at a time. Students may pass their music off with a director, lessons teacher, or (new this year) submit a video via Schoology to the assignment. Here is the list of pass-offs and their respective due dates with the goal of Correct Rhythm, Correct Notes/Fingerings, & Correct Articulation/Stickings:



1. Pass-Off 1 Due September 5: Winds - Memorized Concert Bb, Eb, & F Scales and Percussion - Mallet Etude m. 1-8

2. Pass-Off 2 Due September 12: Winds - Etude 1A (first half of Etude 1) and Percussion - Snare Etude m. 1-20
 3. Pass-Off 3 Due September 19: Winds - Memorized Concert Ab & C Scales and Percussion - Timpani Etude m. 1-8
 4. Pass-Off 4 Due September 26: Winds - Etude 2A (first half of Etude 2) and Percussion - Mallet Etude m. 9-14
 5. Pass-Off 5 Due October 3: Winds - Memorized Chromatic Scale and Percussion - Snare Etude m. 21-35
 6. Pass-Off 6 Due October 17: Winds - Etude 1B (second half of Etude 1) and Percussion - Timpani Etude m. 9-18
 7. Pass-Off 7 Due October 24: Winds - Etude 2B (second half of Etude 2) and Percussion - Mallet Etude m. 15-20
 8. Pass-Off 8 Due November 7: Percussion Only - Snare Etude m. 36-54
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Rehearsal for MS Band Night

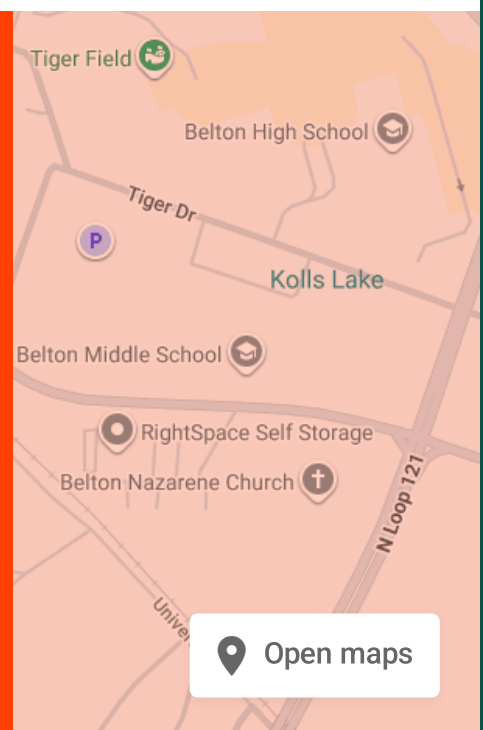
This required rehearsal is in preparation for MS Band Night and will be held at the M100 Practice Field adjacent to the BMS Staff Parking Lot. Students will need to wear summer athletic apparel and bring their instrument and flip folder/lyre. The rehearsal will end at 6pm and students can be picked up at the parent pick up area by the BMS Cafeteria.

When?

Wednesday, Sep 17, 2025, 05:00 PM

Where?

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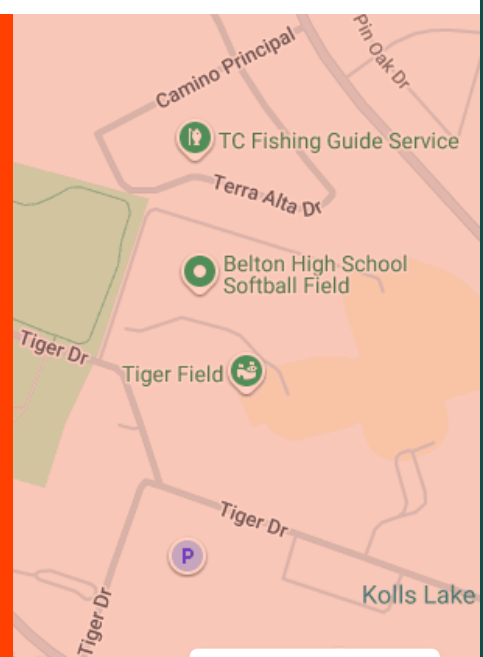
MS Band Night Performance

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When?

Friday, Sep 19, 2025, 06:00 PM

Where?



After School Sectionals

Sectionals will start on Monday, August 25 until Friday, November 7 one day after school per week from 4:00-5:00pm. All students in both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are required to attend one sectional per week from 4:00-5:00pm for a weekly grade.



Mondays

- **Flutes** in Ensemble Room with Trahan

Tuesdays

- **Clarinets** in Ensemble Room with Trahan
- **Tubas** in Band Hall with Pulley

Wednesdays

- **All Saxophones** in Ensemble Room with Trahan
- **Percussion** in the Band Hall with Smith
- **Horns** in the Orchestra Room with Pulley

Thursdays

- **Trumpets, Trombones, & Euphoniums** in Band Hall with Pulley

Oboe, Bassoon, & Bass Clarinet: During regular class with a director - nothing after school required

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.

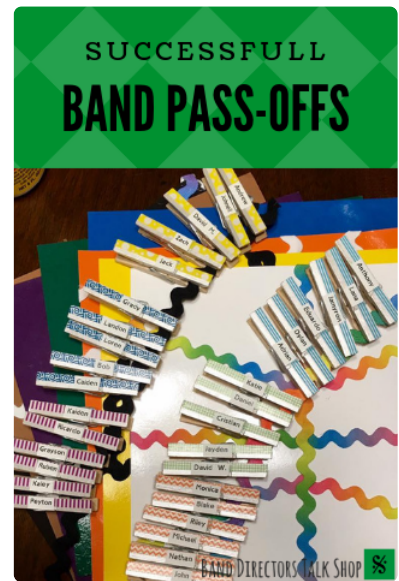
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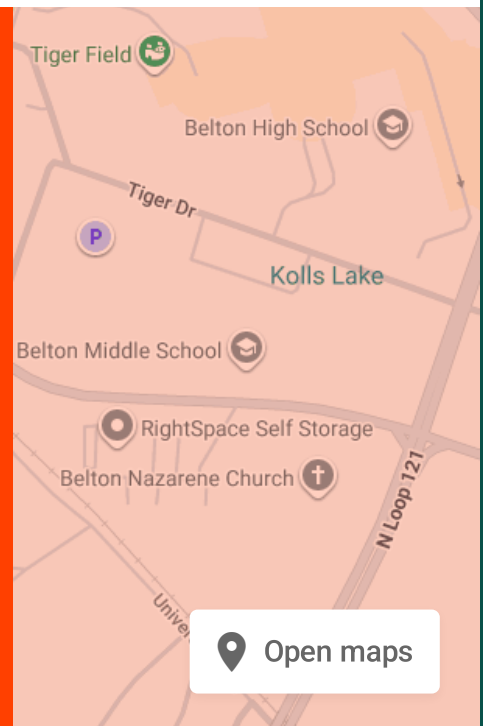
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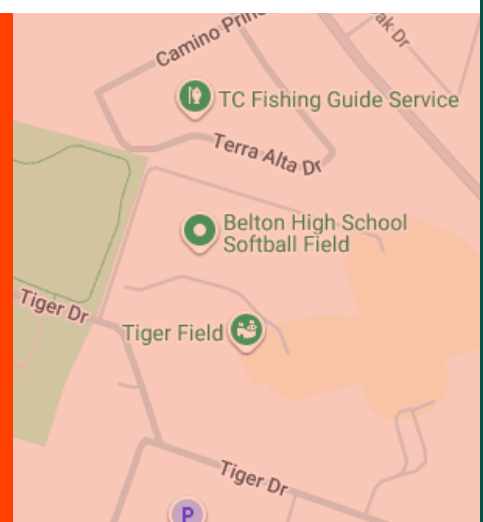
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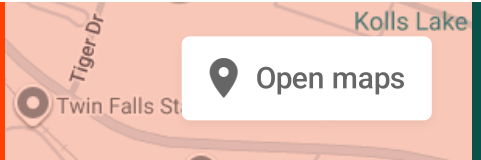
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Jazz Band

Practice Rhythm Warm-Ups & Red Book Lines Daily to Establish Swing Articulation!

Band Meme of the Week

About the Directors



Mr. Pulley

- Director of Bands
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Band
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Mr. Trahan

- Assistant Band Director
- Symphonic Band
- Woodwind Specialist (flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, & saxophone)
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Mr. Smith

- Assistant Band Director
- Percussion Specialist (keyboards, drums, & accessories)
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