



Band Notes - Week of December 1

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

Kettle Corn at Salado Stroll

The Belton Band Boosters is excited to have our Kettle Corn trailer hosted at the **Shoppes on Main** for this year's Salado Stroll. As one of our biggest fundraisers, it will require the help of the M100 family. The signup genius has been created for both weekends, *December 5-7* and *December 12-14*. Students and families are encouraged to sign up for at least one slot: [>>>SIGN UP HERE<<<](#)

This is a wonderful time to give back, meet new people, and be with friends. If you have not experienced the joy of the Salado Stroll, it really is a unique and a fun time together.



Mark Your Calendar:

- December Booster Meeting - Monday, December 1, 6:30-7:30pm at Belton HS Band Hall
- AJ Howard 5K Kick-Off Meeting - Monday, December 8, 6:00pm at Belton HS Band Hall

If you would like more information, please email Kandyce Phelps at kphelps6523@gmail.com



Band Booster Merch Shop Open!

It's here! Our shop is open and ready for your support!

Grab one of our limited collector's tins with M100, SBMS, & BMS band logos, and don't forget your insulated tumbler, too:

<https://shop.beltonmarching100.com/shop>

One of our M100 families is donating their time making all of our 3D print merch on demand, complete with hype chains (& custom ones!), magnets, and earrings!

We also have another [Spirit Store open this week only through H&H T-Shirt Printing so click here to access this store.](#)

Thank you all for supporting the band! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @BeltonBandBoosters



****Holiday Concert Date Change****

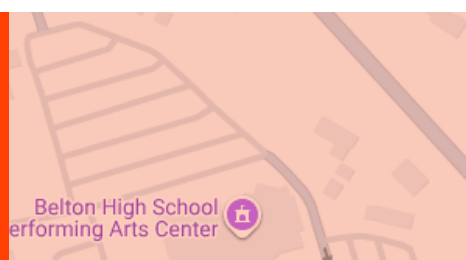
Due to a scheduling conflict, the Belton MS Band Holiday Concert will now take place on **Wednesday, December 17** still at the Belton HS PAC starting at 6:30pm. This event is required for all students and we wanted to let you know about this change in order to mark your calendars at home.

Event Information

Holiday Concert

When?

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025, 06:30 PM



Where?

**Belton High School Performing Arts Center, Lake Road,
Belton, TX, USA**

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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.



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](#)
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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

THE TEACHER PROVIDES:



THE STUDENT PRODUCES:



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

Event Information

After School Rehearsals

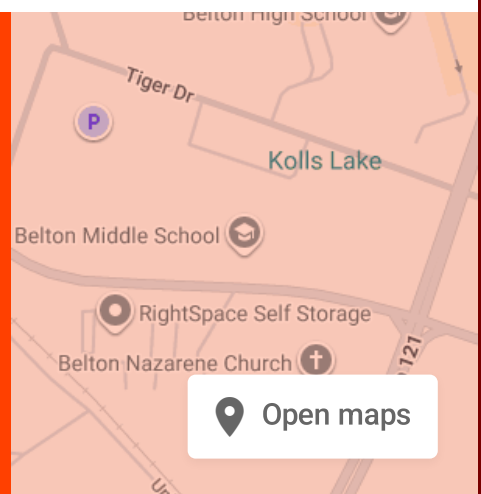
Monday & Tuesday, December 15 & 16 from 4:00-5:00pm in the BMS Band Hall

When?

Monday, Dec 15, 2025, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



Instruments Come Home Daily!

Weekly XP Chart

	DAYS PRACTICED	DAYS NOT PRACTICED	EXPERIENCE POINTS (XP)
PER	7	0	+7 (XP)
BEST	6	1	+5 (XP)
BETTER	5	2	+3 (XP)
GOOD	4	3	+1 (XP)
	3	4	-1 (XP)
	2	5	-3 (XP)
	1	6	-5 (XP)
	0	7	-7 (XP)

Students should take their instruments home daily and we expect them to practice 5 days a week for at least 25 minutes. Students may also practice before school in the Band Hall starting at 7:30am every school day.

Parents, we implore you to help set up a consistent practice routine at home for your student. **Students will not improve their musical skills on their instrument without practice outside of regular class time.** The directors, we will teach your student *what* and *how* to practice, but we need your help in establishing *when* and *how much* they practice. The more they practice, the better they will get faster. Please review the How To Practice and Weekly XP Chart attachment below:



How to Practice & Weekly XP Chart.pdf

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Symphonic Band

Percussion Sectional This Wednesday, 4:00-5:00pm

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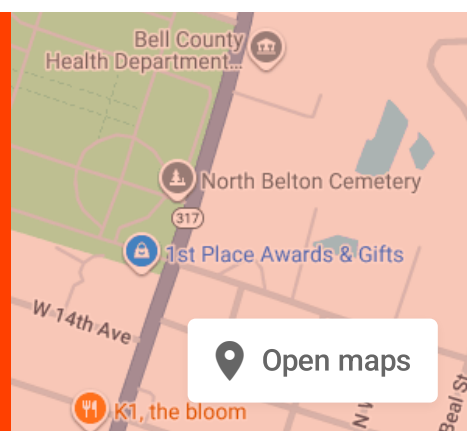
Elementary Holiday Performance

When?

Thursday, Dec 11, 2025, 12:30 PM

Where?

Leon Heights Elementary School, North Main Street,
Belton, TX, USA



Event Information

Tuba Christmas - Euphoniums & Tubas Only

This event is for 7th & 8th grade Euphonium & Tuba students only to celebrate the holiday spirit! Rehearsal will be on Tuesday, December 16 from 5:15-6:30pm in the Lake



Belton HS Band Hall. Fill out this form to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/Jk3j8a8d1jCDrJea9>

When?

Thursday, Dec 18, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

Lake Belton High School, Farm To Market 2483, Temple, TX, USA

Lake Belton High School



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BETTER	5	-	2	=	+3 (XP)	🙂
GOOD	4	-	3	=	+1 (XP)	🙂
	3	-	4	=	-1 (XP)	
	2	-	5	=	-3 (XP)	
	1	-	6	=	-5 (XP)	
	0	-	7	=	-7 (XP)	

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Wind Ensemble

Percussion Sectional This Wednesday, 4:00-5:00pm

Event Information

Elementary Holiday Tour

Also performing at Sparta Elementary with lunch provided afterwards

When?

Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025, 07:30 AM

Where?

Hubbard Branch Elementary School, Belton, TX, USA

Hubbard Branch Elementary School



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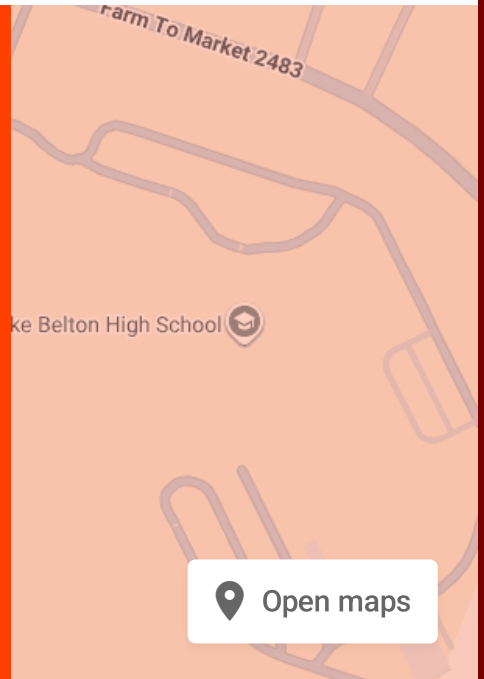
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When?

Thursday, Dec 18, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

Lake Belton High School, Farm To Market 2483, Temple, TX, USA



Jazz Band

Rehearsal at Belton HS - This Monday, December 1 at 9am



Jazz Holiday Concert 2025.pdf

This Thursday, December 4 at Belton HS PAC

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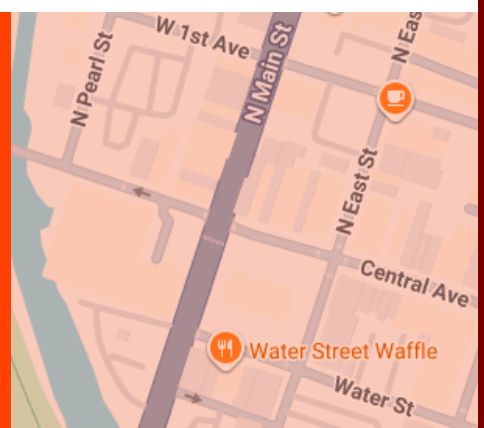
Event Information

Christmas On the Chisholm Trail Performance

When?

Saturday, Dec 6, 2025, 01:00 PM

Where?





Band Meme of the Week

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