



Band Notes - Week of November 10

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

Instrument Usage Payments for Plans 3 & 4 Due This Friday, November 14



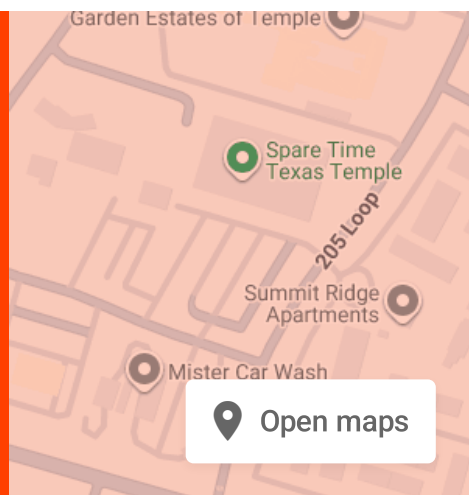
Any and all band members are invited to attend! We will pay for 2 slices of pizza and unlimited drinks, while you pay for games and fun! We will eat in the party room at 6pm and all students should be picked up by 7pm. We have 3 slots left to sign up as a parent chaperone in CutTime.

When?

Tuesday, Nov 18, 2025, 05:00 PM

Where?

Spare Time Texas Temple, 205 Loop, Temple, TX, USA



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!

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

BMS Jazz Band Hoodie Order

The cold weather has arrived and so has our hoodies! Any and all band students and parents may order a hoodie that features our Jazz Band logo, even if they are not a part of Jazz Band. The cost is \$30 each and both the form and money are due no later than Friday, November 21 at 4pm.

There are 2 steps to order a hoodie:

1. [Fill out this form](#) for each hoodie you would like to order. Resubmit for multiple hoodie orders.
2. [Click here to pay online](#) or send cash or check made out to BMS and hand it to a director.



Both of the above steps are due by Friday, November 21 at 4pm if you would like to order a hoodie. Current Jazz Band members who order a hoodie will feature our current Jazz Band roster on the back.

All-Region Results

All students who auditioned worked very hard and went up against some pretty stiff competition for this most individually-competitive event we have all year long. The results are in and **14 students made the TMEA All-Region Band with 3 students serving as first alternates** as honorable mention!



The following students will work with a notable music educator this Saturday at Belton HS for the Clinic & Concert and perform with the honor group. Please join me in congratulating the following superior musicians:

- **Ally Miller** placed 7th out of 41 flutes, 1st Chair Concert Band AND is a 2-Year All-Region Member
- **Michelle Machado** placed 12th out of 41 clarinets, 2nd Chair Concert Band
- **Averi Lozano** placed 19th out of 41 clarinets, 8th Chair Concert Band
- **Graeham Moffett** placed 3rd out of 5 tenor saxophones, 2nd Chair Concert Band
- **Cash Smith** placed 2nd out of 5 baritone saxophones, 1st Chair Concert Band
- **Ethan Velez** placed 13th out of 40 trumpets, 5th Chair Concert Band AND is a 2-Year All-Region Member
- **Liam Henderson** placed 3rd out of 34 trombones, 3rd Chair Symphonic Band
- **Carter Stroker** placed 6th out of 34 trombones, 6th Chair Symphonic Band AND is a 2-Year All-Region Member
- **Jaxson Ross** placed 10th out of 34 trombones, 4th Chair Concert Band
- **Simon Burns** placed 12th out of 34 trombones, 6th Chair Concert Band
- **Carlo Carattini** placed 6th out of 19 euphoniums, 2nd Chair Concert Band
- **Jadyn Jones** placed 6th out of 50 percussionists, 6th Chair Symphonic Band
- **William Phipps** placed 8th out of 50 percussionists, 8th Chair Symphonic Band
- **Davis Spradley** placed 11th out of 50 percussionists, 3rd Chair Concert Band
- *Ava Smith* placed 19th out of 40 trumpets and serves as the 1st Alternate
- *Will Green* placed 15th out of 35 horns and serves as the 1st Alternate
- *Andy Covington* placed 10th out of 21 tubas and serves as the 1st Alternate



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Pep Wear flyer for shirts, plaques, and patches at the All-Region Concert

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****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

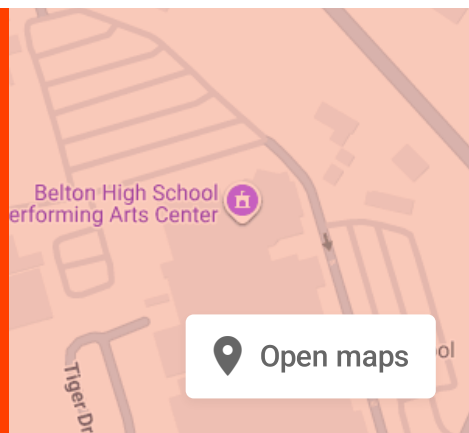
Holiday Concert

When?

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

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



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:

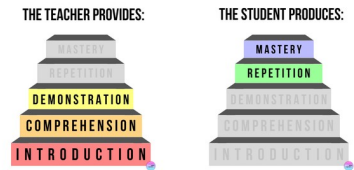
- [YouTube Channel](#)
- [Parent Square Group](#)
- [Facebook Page](#)



- [Instagram Account](#)
- [Band Website](#)
- [Google Photos Album](#)
- [SoundCloud Channel](#)
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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 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

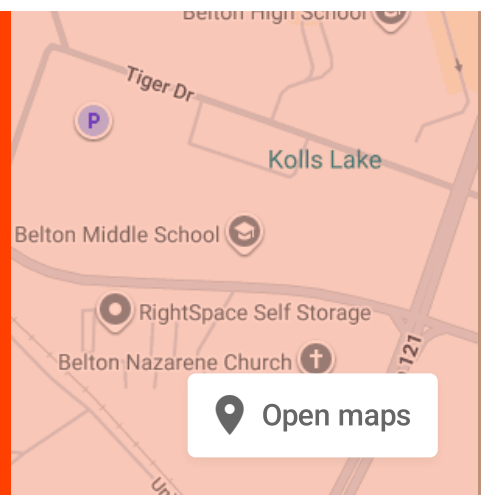
Monday & Tuesday, December 15 & 16 from 4:00-5:00pm in the BMS Band Hall

When?

Monday, Dec 15, 2025, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



Weekly XP Chart

	DAYS PRACTICED	+	DAYS NOT PRACTICED	=	EXPERIENCE POINTS (XP)	
PRO	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)	

Instruments Come Home Daily!

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

Upcoming Percussion Sectionals

All Percussion students will participate in after school sectionals from 4-5pm on the following Wednesdays in order to prepare for the upcoming Holiday Concert:

- Wednesday, November 19
- Wednesday, November 26
- Wednesday, December 3

Additionally, these students will need to arrive at the Belton HS PAC by 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 17 to prepare for the Holiday Concert.



Event Information

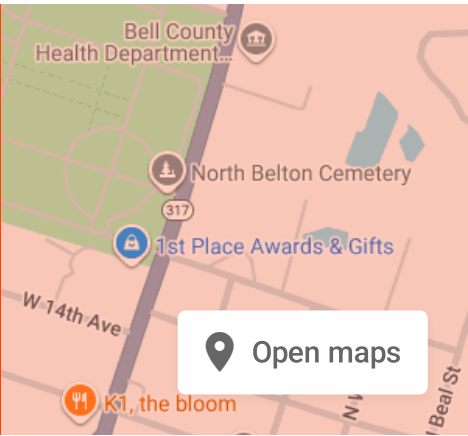
Elementary Holiday Performance

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:

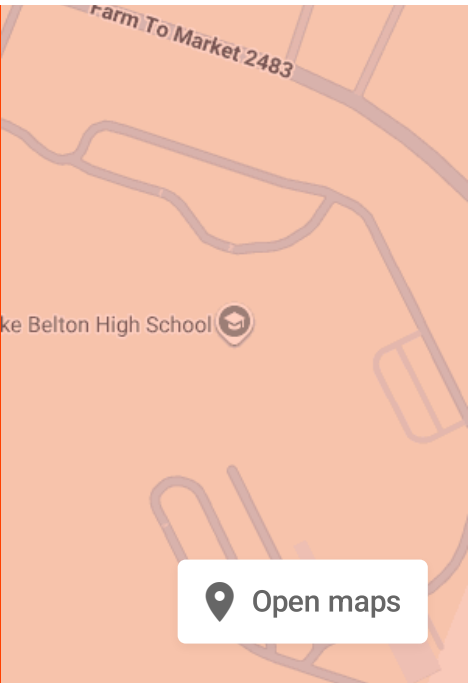
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When?

Thursday, Dec 18, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

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



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GOOD	4	3	+1 (XP)	👍
	3	4	-1 (XP)	
	2	5	-3 (XP)	
	1	6	-5 (XP)	
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Wind Ensemble

Upcoming Percussion Sectionals

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- Wednesday, November 19
- Wednesday, November 26
- Wednesday, December 3



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Event Information

Elementary Holiday Tour

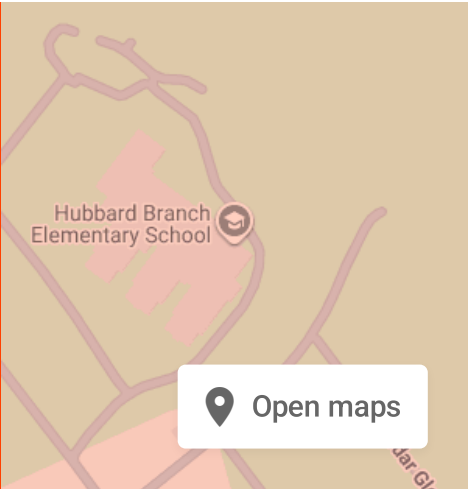
Also performing at Sparta Elementary with lunch provided afterwards

When?

Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025, 07:30 AM

Where?

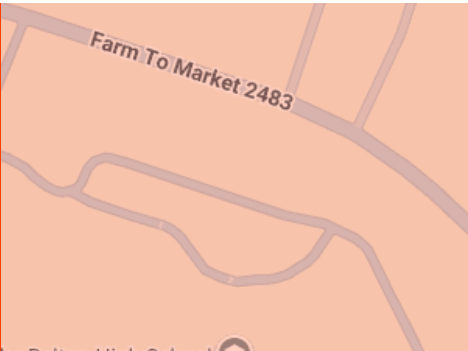
Hubbard Branch Elementary School, Belton, TX, USA



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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**

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Jazz Band

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

Event Information

Jazz Holiday Concert

When?

Thursday, Dec 4, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

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

Belton High School
Performing Arts Center

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Event Information

Christmas On the Chisholm Trail Performance

When?

Saturday, Dec 6, 2025, 01:00 PM

Where?

**Bell County Courthouse, East Central Avenue, Belton, TX,
USA**

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Band Meme of the Week

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