



Band Notes - Week of December 15

2025-2026 School Year - Belton MS Band

 HAPPY HOLIDAYS! 

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

Holiday Concert - THIS WEDNESDAY!

Attached below please find all the details for our upcoming Holiday Concert and the map of Belton High School. The Band Hall will close at 4:30pm on Wednesday and students are responsible for



taking their instrument, music binder, and sticks/mallets to the PAC. This concert performance serves as our Semester Exam and is *critical* to their success as a musician. This free concert is open to all friends and family members and students can invite as many people as they would like to watch them perform.

Beginners will have 2 required after school rehearsals on Monday & Tuesday, December 15 & 16 from 4-5pm in the Band Hall. Please pick up your student in the parent drop-off loop by 5pm both days. Beginners will need to arrive at the Belton HS PAC by 5:50pm and be seated ready to warm up on stage no later than 6:00pm. We will also give parents an opportunity for a quick "photo-op" on stage with your student right before we start the concert at 6:30pm!

All students will wear their band uniform and instrument cases should stay in vehicles or with parents at their seats in the PAC. We would like for students to stay to watch the rest of the concert so they can support all band students performing and display proper concert etiquette. Please message a director on ParentSquare if you have any questions and thank you for your support of your child's music education!



Holiday Concert Details 2025.pdf

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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



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.

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](#).

CHAPERONES
NEEDED!

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

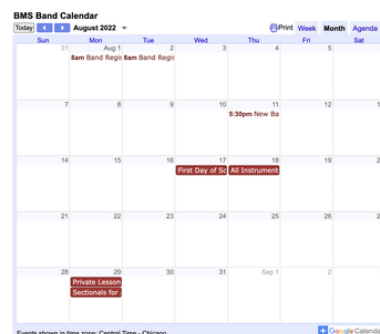
In the Belton MS Band, we form a partnership between teacher and student where *both* share responsibility in their musical development. Our team of teachers include middle school directors, private lesson instructors, high school directors, and even hired clinicians, masterclass teachers, and adjudicators.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

REQUIRED REHEARSALS THIS MONDAY & TUESDAY 4:00-5:00PM IN THE BAND HALL

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

Fill Out This Survey BY THIS FRIDAY So We Can Create Our Spring Schedule:

Spring 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 January 12 until March 6. 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 Spring.



Elementary Holiday Tour 2025 · Dec 10 – 11 📅

Shared album · Tap to view!

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Event Information

Tuba Christmas - Euphoniums & Tubas Only

Farm To Market 2483

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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Jazz Band

Event Information

TMEA All-Region Jazz Auditions

When?

Friday, Jan 23, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

Bonham Middle School, Midway Drive, Temple, TX, USA

Bonham Middle School

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Jazz Holiday Concert & Christmas/Chisholm Trail 2025 · Saturday, Dec 6 📅

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Band Meme of the Week

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