



Band Notes - Week of March 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](#)

Belton Middle School Jazz Band

Audition Sign-Up

This performing ensemble is a separate class that must be taken concurrently with Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Intermediate Orchestra, or Advanced Orchestra. You must use 2 electives in order to participate in Jazz Band.

Jazz Band is a unique musical ensemble that is very different from a typical concert band setting. There are different challenges, lessons, and experiences. One difference is the instruments that make up a jazz band. Jazz bands are limited to these instruments:

- Alto, Tenor, & Baritone Saxophones
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Rhythm Section, consisting of drum set, vibraphone (vibes), electric guitar, bass guitar or upright bass, and piano



2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CAMP

JUNE 08 – JUNE 12

9 AM – 12:30 PM

\$150.00

Middle School music students (6th to 8th grade) from across Central Texas come together to work on music fundamentals, play engaging repertoire, and continue to sharpen their instrumental skills. Students will build on fundamental playing skills such as scales, breathing, and intonation. At the end of the camp, students will perform a new repertoire for a parent showcase.



25% OFF February* registrations

15% OFF March* registrations

*Must register before 11:59pm Central Time by the last day of the month

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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](#)
- [Google Photos Album](#)
- [SoundCloud Channel](#)
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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.

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.

Weekly XP Chart

	DAYS PRACTICED	-	DAYS NOT PRACTICED	=	EXPERIENCE POINTS (XP)
PKO	7	-	0	=	+7 (XP)
BEST	6	-	1	=	+5 (XP)
BTRK	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)

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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Band Calendar

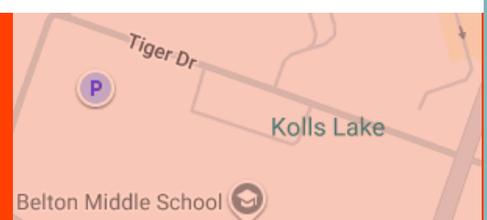
[Click here to see the Calendar page of our website](#) to find **all** of the current events, including special rehearsals, contests, and performances for the whole school year. We provide this so you can plan your family's activities. Remember, performances are a required part of our curriculum, so 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

Turn-In Deadline for All Payment & Spring Trip Forms

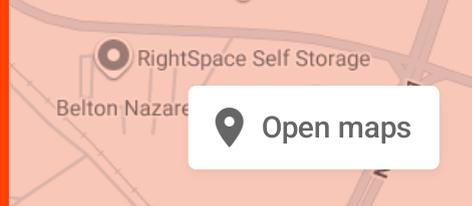
When?



Friday, Apr 10, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



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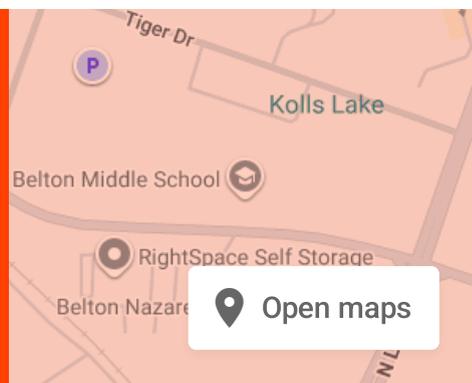
End-of-Year Placement Auditions Start

When?

Monday, Apr 20, 2026, 08:00 AM

Where?

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



Symphonic Band

Last Week of After School Sectionals!

UIL Evaluation - Next Monday, March 9

Here we are - the main event and the biggest contest of the year! We have learned many things this year and have worked hard for this contest all year long. Now it's time to show others what we can do, and to put all 5 of our Success Guidelines together: Be Punctual, Be Prepared, Be Disciplined, Be Relentless, all of which leads to **Be Superior!**



We will compete at Lake Belton HS PAC and this is a formal, official, and professional contest, but is open to the public so come support our hard-working students! This is our Band equivalent to the STAAR test. It is **extremely** important and our students have worked hard to get to this point.

Students should Be Prepared with their formal uniform, including red polo shirt tucked into **blank pants** (not jeans), black calf-length socks, **all-black** dress shoes, and a black belt for gentlemen. Students do not have to wear their uniform to school but can hang it up at their band locker that morning. We will have our regular 3rd period class and then we will feed students Lunch from Chick-Fil-A (provided), and then change into their uniform. Students will be required to make up work in their 4th through 7th period classes.

We would love to have audience cheering us on if you cannot chaperone. Our stage performance begins promptly at 1:10pm followed by Sightreading in the Band Hall at 1:35pm. **Please read the**

detailed itinerary for this event below:



Symphonic Band UIL Contest Itinerary.pdf

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Wind Ensemble

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Wind Ensemble UIL Contest Itinerary.pdf

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Jazz Band



All-Region Jazz 2026 · Feb 23 – 28 📷

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Event Information

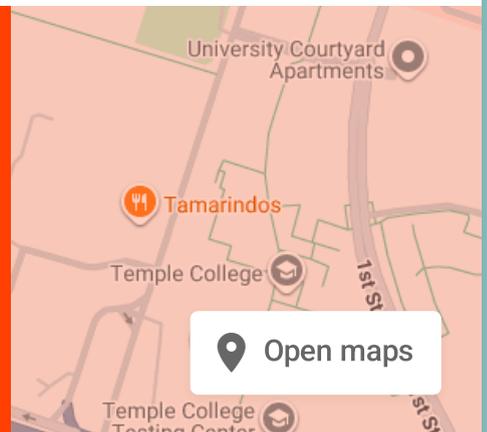
Temple Jazz Festival

When?

Thursday, Mar 26, 2026, 10:00 AM

Where?

Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center, South 5th Street, Temple, TX, USA



All-Region Jazz Clinic/Concert Itinerary 2026.pdf

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Band Meme of the Week

Dear Person Who Doesn't Practice,

You make it hard to play clean. Your inconsistency throws off timing, and we're constantly adjusting to cover for you. It's exhausting.

While the rest of us put in the work to lock in, your lack of preparation keeps creating problems.

Struggling is okay—but refusing to face it isn't.

You don't need to be perfect. You just need to be reliable. You're part of a team, and your choices affect everyone. Please put in the work so we can be our best.

**Sincerely,
The People Trying To Play Clean**

About the Directors



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