



Band Notes - Week of April 20

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

EOY Placement Auditions START THIS WEEK!

Our End-of-Year Placement Auditions will begin April 20 during class for **all** 6th & 7th grade students. This audition serves as the individual assessment of each student's musical skills mastered from this school year. Think of this as the individual STAAR test for Band.



Audition results are final and will be posted on Friday, May 8 at 8:00am on our Announcement Window in the hallway. Please read the attachment below for more details.



EOY Placement Audition Information.pdf

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HS M100 Audition Schedule - This Tuesday & Wednesday at BHS Band Hall:



M100 Audition Schedule.pdf

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Please View the Dress Code Slideshow Below for Those Attending Our Spring Trip:

Swimsuit Dress Code

BISD Middle Schools Typhoon Texas Trip

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Event Information

Spring Trip Parent Meeting

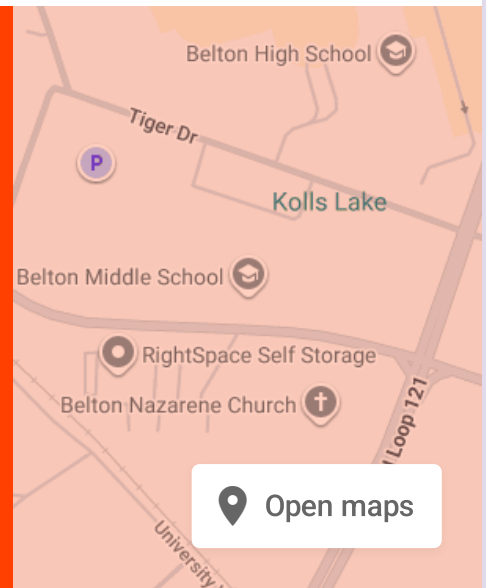
For all parents attending our Spring Trip to Typhoon Texas on Saturday, May 9 or those who would like more details about the trip. The meeting will last from 5:30-6:00pm in the BMS Band Hall.

When?

Monday, May 4, 2026, 05:30 PM

Where?

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



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)
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)

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

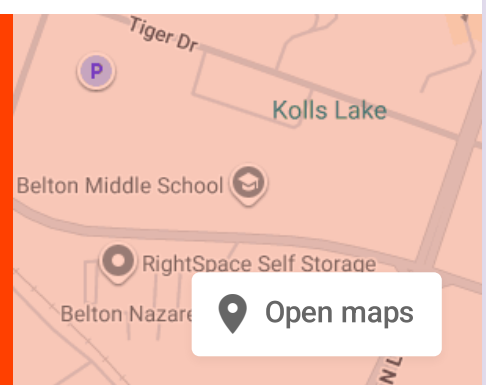
Beginner Group Rehearsal #1

When?

Monday, May 4, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



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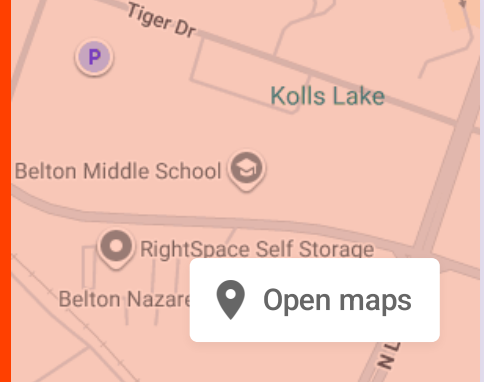
Beginner Group Rehearsal #2

When?

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



Symphonic Band

Solo Contest Recap

On Saturday the 11th, the 7th and 8th grade members of the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble participated in our annual Solo Contest at BMS. They were evaluated by professional musicians on their skill development in tone, technique, and musical comprehension after preparing for their performance for the past month. Out of a total of 75 events, 12 students received Second Division Excellent ratings and earned a ribbon, while 80% of our students received First Division Superior ratings and will receive a medal.



Additionally, the following students earned an Outstanding Performer medal and were the most outstanding performers of the day! Please join me in congratulating the following students on this remarkable achievement:

1. Aubrey Welsh, alto saxophone
2. Isaac Munoz, tuba
3. Cassie Nickerson, marimba
4. Preston Kirkpatrick, snare drum

Wind Ensemble

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1. Ally Miller, flute
2. Averi Lozano, clarinet
3. Michelle Machado, clarinet
4. Benjamin Trimble, clarinet
5. Elayna Foskett, trumpet
6. Ethan Velez, trumpet
7. Liam Henderson, trombone
8. Leo Gallegos, tuba
9. Jady Jones, percussion duet
10. William Phipps, percussion duet

Jazz Band

Fine Arts Showcase Performance This Tuesday

Our first-ever BMS Fine Arts Showcase will be held this Tuesday in the Cafeteria, Practice Gym, and Competition Gym. Students can stay after school to change into their jazz uniform and we will provide Chick-Fil-A. Jazz Band performs at 6:30pm in the Competition Gym and our itinerary is attached below.



Fine Arts Showcase.pdf

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When?

Thursday, Apr 30, 2026, 06:30 PM

Where?

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

Belton High School
Performing Arts Center

Tiger Dr

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Band Meme of the Week



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