



Band Notes - Week of April 6

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

Spring Trip Form & Payment DUE BY THIS FRIDAY AT 4PM

Your student received their individualized eligibility packet (below) regarding our spring trip to Typhoon Texas in Austin on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30am-6:00pm. **The last page of the packet and any payments are due no later than this Friday, April 10 by 4pm**. This is a hard deadline and we are unable to accept any late forms since we have to order tickets ahead of time.



We accept cash, checks made out to BMS, or **online payments that can be made at this link:** <https://bit.ly/bmsbandspringtrip>. After all forms are collected, we will then send out a required permission slip and medical release form to be returned before students sign up for a bus partner.

We will have a **Spring Trip Parent Meeting on Monday, May 4 at 5:30pm** here in the BMS Band Hall for all parents going on the trip or those wanting to find out more details. Please message Mr. Pulley in ParentSquare if you have any questions.



BMS Spring Trip Eligibility Statement.pdf

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EOY Placement Auditions for All 6th & 7th Graders

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.

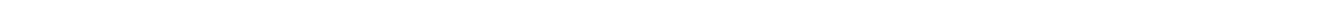


Audition results are final and will be posted on Friday, May 8 at 8:00am on our Announcement Window in the hallway. Please read the attachment below for more details.



EOY Placement Audition Information.pdf

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2026 FUTURE M100 PARENT INFORMATION



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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

254.298.8644

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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](#)
- [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.

Instruments Come Home Daily!

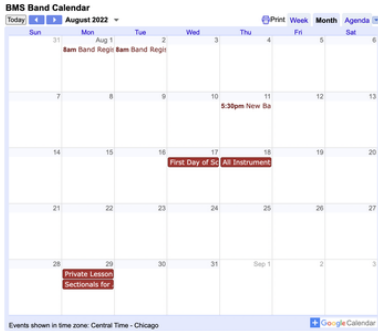
Students should take their instruments home daily and we expect them to practice 5 days a week for at least 25 minutes. Students may also practice before school in the Band Hall starting at 7:30am every school day.

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:

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)	😞

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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

Volunteers Needed for Advanced Solo Contest

We are looking for Beginner students and parents to help run our Advanced Solo Contest on Saturday, April 11 at BMS. Volunteers will help judges, monitor rooms, run forms to the directors, and keep the performance times on schedule.



This is a great opportunity for those students who need service hours with Scouts, NJHS, or other organization. Sign ups are in 2-hour time slots and use this form to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/solocontesthelper> Thanks in advance!

Event Information

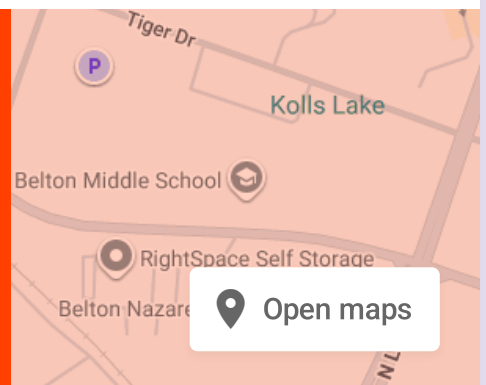
Beginner Group Rehearsal #1

When?

Monday, May 4, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



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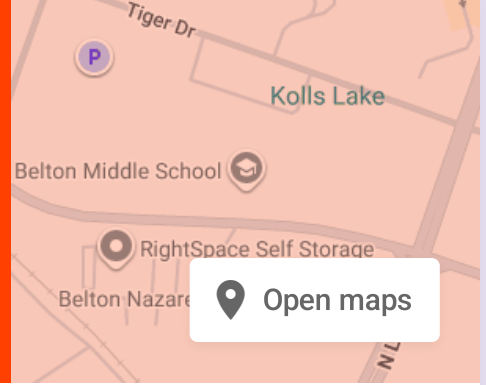
Beginner Group Rehearsal #2

When?

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

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



Symphonic Band

Advanced Solo Contest THIS SATURDAY

Symphonic Band will have their next performance this Saturday, April 11 anytime from 9am-12:30pm at BMS. Students will prepare a solo to be performed one-on-one for a judge who is a professional musician who will give them comments, critique, and a rating.




SOLO & ENSEMBLE

Students must be academically eligible to attend this event. If they are not, they will perform their solo for a director earlier that week at school. These students' parents have already been informed via private ParentSquare message.

Students will need to arrive 10 minutes before their performance time in order to warm up before proceeding to their room to perform. After performing, students are then free to leave and can look up their rating afterwards on [this shared Google Doc \(click here\)](#).

The schedule is now closed for any changes and please view the attachment below for the schedule.

 **Advanced Solo Contest Schedule 2026.pdf** [Download](#)
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Student ID	Rating
79129	1
65301	1
71724	2
82548	1
89317	1
54895	1
87919	DNA
71857	1
75300	2+
89406	1

BMS Solo Contest Public Ratings 2026

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Wind Ensemble

Advanced Solo Contest THIS SATURDAY

Wind Ensemble will have their next performance this Saturday, April 11 anytime from 9am-12:30pm at BMS. Students will prepare a solo to be performed one-on-one for a judge who is a professional musician who will give them comments, critique, and a rating.

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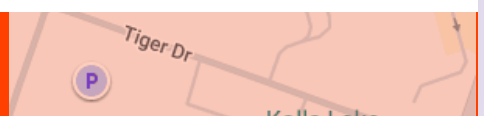
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Student ID	Rating
79128	1
65301	1
71724	2
82345	1
69317	1
64895	1
87819	DNM
71857	1
75300	2+
89406	1

BMS Solo Contest Public Ratings 2026

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Jazz Band



BMS Fine Arts Showcase Performance

When?

Tuesday, Apr 21, 2026, 05:00 PM

Where?

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



Event Information

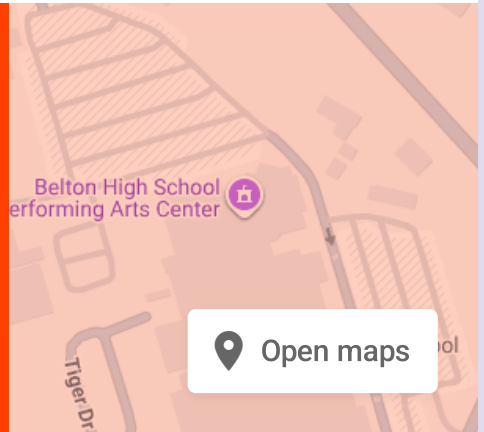
Spring Jazz Concert

When?

Thursday, Apr 30, 2026, 06:30 PM

Where?

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



Band Meme of the Week

There is *no glory in*
PRACTICE,
but without
practice,
there is no
GLORY.

BAND DIRECTORS TALK SHOP 

About the Directors



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