



BAND NOTES - SUMMER EDITION 2026

2026-2027 School Year - Belton MS Band



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!



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

Contact Information Update for Belton MS Band

Please fill out this form with your most up-to-date contact information, including your student's cell phone number and personal email address (if available). This will be used to help send out information and announcements throughout the school year to both students and parents using our CutTime program. This will also save time at our Band Registration on Monday, August 3 from 9:00am-6:00pm (come-and-go) in the BMS Band Hall. Thank you!

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question



Attend Band Registration - Monday, August 3

Our Band Registration will take place in the BMS Band Hall on **Monday, August 3** from 9:00am-6:00pm (come-and-go) for ALL students and parents: [click here to see a map to the BMS Band Hall](#).

Bring your instrument and all supplies/materials to have it checked over by a director to make sure you have everything ready to go for the start of school. Please plan on 30-45 minutes to visit all of the stations. ***Please bring back all instruments that were checked out over the summer.***

All students and one parent will need to attend in order to:

- Update personal information
- Order and pay for uniform shirts
- Pay for school-owned instrument usage fees
- Take care of all paperwork
- Locker checkout
- Register as a district volunteer to chaperone
- Have directors check over supplies and materials

Returning Students and Parents: We need help running this event! If you can volunteer your time (even for just 2 hours) please fill out this link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/beltonmsbandregistration>

Band Supplies & Materials - Due by August 14

All supplies and materials are due by the second day of school, which is **Friday, August 14**. Be sure to check the [Supplies & Materials Page of our website](#), which also includes instrument dealers that we recommend where you can purchase your band stuff.



Registration Checklist - Due by Friday, August 14

All parents will need to [complete this Registration Checklist](#) for their student in order to be ready for the start of school. You can complete all of the steps in person at Band Registration on August 3, or online on your own. Like all other band supplies and materials, these completed forms are due back to the directors no later than the second day of school, which is Friday, August 14.

Most of these steps can be completed online by visiting the [Forms Page of our website](#) that is now active for the new year. Fill out all of the forms that have an asterisk (*) next to the title. You can pay in person at Band Registration, or pay online using the links found on this page. Feel free to [email us](#) if you have any questions.



Band Registration Checklist.pdf

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BISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct.pdf

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BMS Band Handbook 2026-2027.pdf

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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.



NOVEMBER 2026 13 Thursday - Beginner's Ensemble Sit-In Concert Performance at BMS Cafeteria @ 6:30-7:30pm (required for all Beginners) 28 Wednesday - VA Hospital Performance @ 10:30am (required for Jazz Band) NOVEMBER 2026 2 Monday - All-Region Crum Jam at BMS @ 4:00-8:00pm (required for All-Region) 5 Friday - Fall Sections End 7 Saturday* - All-Region Auditions at College Station MS @ 6:00am-7:00pm (required for Wind Ensemble, strongly encouraged for Symphonic Band) 13 Friday - Payment Plans 3 & 4 Due (for school-owned instruments) 14 Saturday - All-Region Clinic & Concert at Belton HS @ 8:30am-6:00pm (those selected for the All-Region honor) 17 Tuesday* - Band Social at Spare Time @ 5:00-7:00pm (all band students invited) DECEMBER 2026 1 Monday - Jazz Band Rehearsal at Belton HS @ 9:00-11:00am (Jazz Band only) 4 Thursday - Jazz Concert at Belton HS PAC @ 6:30pm (Jazz Band only) 15 Saturday* - Christmas on Chisholm Trail Jazz Performance (Jazz Band only) 7 Monday & 8 Tuesday - Beginner Group Rehearsals in BMS Band Hall @ 4-5pm 9 Wednesday & 10 Thursday* - Elementary Tour (Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band) 15 Thursday* - Holiday Concert at Belton HS PAC @ 6:30pm (required for all students)

List of BMS Band Events 2026-2027

Changes in the calendar do happen as this is a living document. We will notify you via email of any changes as soon as we become aware of them, and the Google calendar can be found on the following website: tinyurl.com/beltonmsbandcalendar Many performances and contests require academic eligibil...

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Our CutTime Program

CutTime is a program we use that allows you to **stay informed** without login hassles and **get reminded** without inbox clutter. Be on the lookout for a text message from CutTime from **844-385-8463**. The message will come to your mobile device phone number we have on file for you (and your student) via a "Magic Link", which is a uniquely personalized to you and secure.

Read the attachment below for instructions on how to add your Magic Link to your smartphone's home screen. Once you receive the message, you will gain access to your CutTime Portal Page where you can:

- View Announcements
- View and Subscribe to Events that involve you and your student
- View and Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities within these events
- Check Account Balances

If we don't have your contact information, [please fill out this Contact Information Update Form](#) ASAP. If you missed or can't find your CutTime Magic Link, [go to this link to resend it to your device](#) on file.

Feel free to take 3 minutes to [watch this introduction video](#) and see what's in store, and feel free to send us a message if you have any other questions or feedback.



Add MagicLink to Android or iPhone.pdf

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Private Lessons Are AWESOME!!!

Lessons are the **fastest** way students improve on their instrument because they have a quality teacher guiding them in their development of proper tone, rhythm, articulation, and musicality. Students enrolled in lessons usually earn first division superior ratings, make the All-Region Band, the have more fun learning their instrument because they sound **better**, faster.

[Please read this document](#) before deciding whether or not to sign up for lessons since it outlines the benefits of taking lessons **that occur during your child's band class!** If you have any questions about lessons, [please email Mr. Trahan here](#).

Check out our [list of quality lessons teachers by clicking here](#), AND [sign Up for Private Lessons here!](#)



Benefits of Private Lessons.pdf

Please read this document BEFORE deciding whether or not to sign up for private lessons.

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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](#)



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.

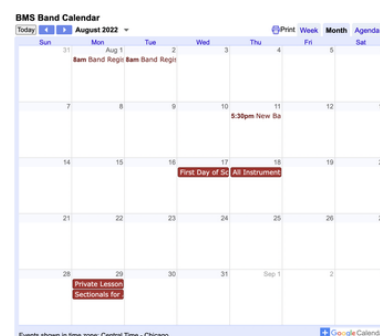
Weekly XP Chart

	DAYS PRACTICED	=	DAYS NOT PRACTICED	=	EXPERIENCE POINTS (XP)
PERF	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 attached ---->

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

Click Here for the List of Beginner Supplies & Materials

Attention New Percussionists

Students joining the Beginner Percussion class should [click here to see the list of needed percussion supplies](#) from Steve Weiss Music. Order your supplies ASAP because items usually go on backorder!



New Parent Meeting - Monday, August 10 at 4pm

Parents who are new to the Belton MS Band should plan on attending this presentation that is followed by a question-and-answer session on Monday, August 10 from 4:00-5:00pm in the BMS Band Hall. This event occurs *right before* the BMS Tiger Camp and Walk the Halls from 5:00-7:00pm.

Here you will learn about our program's structure, expectations, and how to set your student up for success. [Click here to see the map to the BMS Band Hall](#) and we hope to see you there!

Symphonic Band

Click Here for the List of Advanced Supplies & Materials

Registration Help Needed!

We need both parent and student help at our Band Registration coming up on Monday, August 3. Sign-ups are in 2-hour shifts and credit will be given for service hours for both AVID and NJHS. [Click here to sign-up to help!](#)



Region Bootcamp - Saturday, August 22

All Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble students will participate in this required event with area teachers in masterclass-style to have a great head start in getting prepared for the TMEA All-Region Auditions on Saturday, November 7 in College Station.

Starting at 10am, we will work on getting back in shape for a couple of hours, followed by a free pizza lunch from 12-1pm. We will then spend another couple of hours in the afternoon until we wrap up at 3pm.



After School Sectionals Start August 24

Sectionals will start on Monday, August 24 until Friday, November 6 one day after school per week from 4:00-5:00pm. A survey of students' availability and scheduling will be sent out at a later date in order to create the best schedule for everyone.

Wind Ensemble

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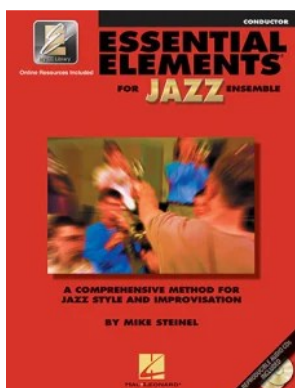
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Jazz Band

Jazz Book & Uniform Shirt Needed

All jazz students will need a copy of the red book: [Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble](#) by Mike Steinel that is specific to their instrument. Students will also need to [order and pay for a jazz uniform shirt](#) for \$30.



Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Uniform Shirt

Instrument-specific and can be ordered at this link

\$30 ordered at this link

Band Meme of the Week



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