

Dear Parents,

This letter is directed to all parents of current and prospective Band and Color Guard students. We accept students at all levels of experience, even no experience! Band is a fantastic way to get involved in the arts and our community. Shadow Mountain band students are kind, hard working, talented, and they love to perform. Your child will instantly be welcomed into our band family, make lifelong friends, and learn skills that transfer in virtually any career they choose to pursue.

A very experienced staff leads the marching band, so please visit our website and read about each staff member. We have an amazingly supportive group of band parents who work very hard to make sure our school year goes smoothly. We accomplished so much together in 2021-22 and are excited to have an exciting and memorable 2022-23 school year.

This letter has two very important parts: Items and Schedule. Everyone wishes that all school sports and activities would be free, but that is not our reality. **We understand that some families will need assistance paying. Our Band and Color Guard parents (including you!) and students fundraise all year long to help those families, so please don't let the payments be the reason your child does not participate in the Marching Matadors. If you need help paying for Band Camp, please contact the Band Boosters as soon as possible.** Take a look at the **DUE DATES** section and understand that this information is coming to you very early in the year so that you are not suddenly overwhelmed with the payments August. Thank you so much for your continued support and participation in this band program. Working together and communicating, I am sure we will have another fantastic year!

Sincerely,

Natan Simon, Director of Bands

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SMHS Band Website with the staff bios: <https://sites.google.com/a/pvlearners.net/nsimon/>
SMHS Band Booster Website: www.smhsbandboosters.com

Band Camp \$200 This money pays for 3 nights/days at Camp Pine Rock in Prescott, plus school busses and a district equipment truck. If you need help paying for Band Camp, please contact the Band Boosters as soon as possible.

Band Camp Payment Option 1: Take advantage of the Arizona Tax Credit and pay the Bookstore, either online or in person at the Bookstore no later than **Friday, July 31, 2020**.
(You may begin paying the Bookstore after July 1st.)

Band Camp Payment Option 2: Do not use the tax credit and just pay the Band Boosters by **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**. Payments can be placed in the gray box outside Mr Simon's office. Checks should be made payable to the "Shadow Mountain Band Boosters".

Participation Fee \$100 This is a district-wide fee, of which \$72 helps pay for transportation and the remaining \$28 goes toward registration fees for events. This fee is **paid to the Bookstore** and you may use the AZ Tax Credit to pay it if you want to. Our principal, Mr. Appleman, is the only person who can waive this fee, so contact him if you need to request that.

The following fees CANNOT be paid for with a tax credit donation:

Region Audition Fee: \$25 one time for all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students

Freshmen are also encouraged to audition for region honor band, but not required. This Payment should be cash or check made payable to Shadow Mountain Band Boosters

Class Fees: \$15 per class per semester This is a district-wide fee for certain electives

Band Students total would be \$45 (Fall Concert Band + Fall Marching Band + Spring Concert Band)
Color Guard Students total would be \$15 (Fall "Band Auxiliary Corps")

Required Supplies - see Band Booster letter for additional payment information

- Long Black Socks
- Black Marching Band Shoes
- Black Marching Band Gloves, long-wrist style
- Summer Uniform
- Color Guard Uniform and Shoes for Color Guard Students

DUE DATES

July 31 Band Camp **Payment Option 1:** \$200 Tax Credit to Bookstore or Online

(You may begin paying the Bookstore after July 1st.)

August 9 Participation Fee \$100

August 9 Class Fees \$45 for Band or \$15 for Color Guard

August 10 Band Camp **Payment Option 2:** \$200 (not tax credit) to the Band Boosters

August 29: All required supplies (see Band Booster letter for details)

November 1: Region Audition Fee \$25

Where does the money go?

Shadow Mountain High School has a central financial management system called the "Bookstore." The band program has several different accounts within the Bookstore. Below is an explanation of those accounts and examples of how the money may be used.

Participation Fee Account: Of the \$100, \$72 of it goes to the school district to cover transportation, instrument repair, uniforms, coach/staff addenda, etc. The remaining \$28 goes into our Class Fee account.

Class Fee Account: This money is used to purchase sheet music and other educational supplies.

Band Club Account: This is money that is raised by the band students only, by way of the student-elected band council. The band council students can vote to use this money for things like awards, band banquet, or whatever they feel the band needs.

TAX CREDIT Donations Account: The Arizona Tax Credit program is a huge source of income for the band. Any Arizona resident, regardless of their relationship to our students, can donate up to \$200 per single tax return or up to \$400 per joint tax return and **receive all of the money back in the form of a Tax Credit**. We can use this money to pay for instructors, guest composers and clinicians, instruments, music, and trips, such as band camp. We CANNOT use this money for anything that will eventually belong to a student permanently, such as the summer uniform and other expendables.

Gifts and Donations Account: Anyone can make a non-tax credit gift/donation at any time and this money may be used for anything we need.

Band Boosters: Our parent/volunteer organization, the Band Boosters, is a non-profit (501c3), completely separate from the school Bookstore and Mr. Simon. The Band Boosters have their own bank account and they work very hard to raise funds to help support the band program throughout the year. When your child enrolls in Band or Color Guard, you become a Band Booster. Welcome!

Fundraising Opportunities

There are numerous fundraisers throughout the year. Fundraising coupled with the use of the Tax Credit program can help make Band and Color Guard very affordable.

Shadow Mountain High School 2022 Marching Matadors Schedule

Pre-Camp: Music-Only Rehearsals

Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26

Color Guard: 8am-10am rehearsal and measuring for costume

Flutes: 8am-9am rehearsal, 9am-10am uniform fitting and sectional

Clarinets: 9am-10 am rehearsal, 10am-11am uniform fitting and sectional

Saxophones: 10am-11am rehearsal, 11am-12pm uniform fitting and sectional

Trumpets and Mellophones: 12:30pm uniform fitting, rehearsal until 3pm

Trombones, Baritones, Tubas: 1:30pm uniform fitting, rehearsal until 4pm

Percussion: 3-4pm uniform fitting and sectional, 4pm-7pm rehearsal

Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28

Color Guard and Brass: 8-11am.

Woodwinds: 12-3pm.

Percussion: 4-7pm.

Pre-Season Rehearsals Tuesday, August 2 and Thursday, August 4, 6-9pm

SCHOOL STARTS TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Parent Meeting / Community Night #1 Tuesday, August 9, 6pm meeting, 7pm concert

Band Camp at Camp Pine Rock in Prescott, AZ - Thursday, August 11 (leaving for Prescott at 3pm) through Sunday, August 14 (returning to SMHS approx. 1pm)

Regular Season Events

-Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm to 9pm

-Assemblies, Football Games, School Events, Parades, Contests

-Community Night #2

All of this and more can be found on our [band website calendar](#).

The link to our band website is down below and also at the bottom of every email I send out.

Post-Marching Band Season

8th Period "Marching Band" and 8th Period "Band Auxiliary Corps" (Color Guard) are credited, semester-long courses, so the Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals continue through the end of the Fall Semester even though marching band technically ends in mid-November. We use those evening rehearsals in order to fulfill the class credit requirement, prepare for our Winter Band Concert, Region Honor Band auditions, and get started with our Winter Percussion and Winter Guard groups.

For all rehearsal, performance, and other event details, go online to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/pvlearners.net/nsimon/>

Check out our band's website calendar!