

Sound of Springtown Marching Band Information

As we enter another advancing year, we want to make sure you know all of the requirements and expectations of being a member of the Sound of Springtown. We will be attempting to advance to the UIL State Marching Band Championships for the fourth consecutive time. This means hard work and dedication. Please familiarize yourself with the summer band calendar, as our camps are required. Music will be handed out in mid-April so that students can start learning their parts before the June music camp.

Band Fees will be handled a bit differently this year. An itemized list is attached so that you can plan for the fees required for your student. All fees MUST be paid by October 1 or students will be placed on the SHS fine list, which will prohibit them from attending field trips and other activities. You can pay fees or make a payment at any time using PayPal. We have a PayPal page on our band website www.soundofspringtown.org. We can also take credit cards, checks, money orders or cash in the band office. If your student has any of the items on the attached checklist, they may bring them to registration to get approved as to condition and fit and if approved, those items will not need to be re-purchased.

Fundraising opportunities will be presented beginning tonight and we will have fundraisers throughout the school year to help with band fees and our upcoming trip to California during June of 2019. Fundraisers are as follows:

March 25, 2018 – Custom Fundraising Solutions – information presentation tonight
April 28, 2018 – Potato Supper Ticket Sales
August 2018 – Popcorn Sales
September 2018 – Spirit Wear Sales
Spring 2019 – Custom Fundraising Solutions or other
Spring 2019 – Potato Supper Ticket Sales

These are the planned fundraisers at this point and are subject to change and/or add other fundraisers if approved.

Facts about HS Band:

- 1) Band is a family – we take care of our kids. We help them to pass their classes and push them to their full potential.
- 2) Band takes time – if you want to be successful, quality rehearsal time is required. UIL allows us 8 hour per week outside the school day and we use all 8 hours. However, we do work with students who are involved in other school activities as long as they are giving us their best effort.

- 3) Students learn teamwork, confidence, how to achieve goals, leadership, cooperation, work ethic and of course music just to name a few.
- 4) You can do band and other activities. Band students are also members of the football teams (even varsity), basketball, volleyball, Baseball, softball, track, cross country, dance, cheerleaders, tennis, golf, wrestling, Ag, choir, theater, AP classes, dual credit classes and many more.
- 5) Band kids are smart!!! The Valedictorian or Salutatorian is almost always a band kid. Band has many of the honor graduates, National Honor Society members, and top 10% each year.
- 6) Band is FUN! We spend a lot of time together and have fun doing it. We travel a lot! We attend all regular season and playoff varsity football games as well as overnight trips for All-Region Weekend, All-Area, All-State, marching band contests and State Marching Championships to name a few. We take a trip to California or Florida about every 3 years.
- 7) Band is about 160 of the best kids in the school. We rarely have discipline problems and we keep them busy. The busier they are, the less trouble they can find.
- 8) The Sound of Springtown is one of the top 10 4A band programs in the state. This doesn't happen by accident. We are structured, organized and passionate about helping to develop great young adults who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Our mission statement is as follows:

The Springtown High School Band, "The Sound of Springtown" will commit to raising our standard of excellence through unified efforts and common goals while establishing relationships with one another and upholding our ideals of success. We are building the leaders of tomorrow.

Whether your child is a current member of the Sound of Springtown or a future member, we hope that they will continue their music education as a member of next years band. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or visit our very informational website. There are many opportunities for your child as a member of the Sound of Springtown!!!

Sincerely,

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Band Fee Worksheet:

- 1) Participation fee for all members - \$100.00
Including:
 - a) Hiring extra teachers for summer band rehearsals (non-staff)
 - b) Uniform cleaning (3 times @ \$10 ea.)
 - c) Uniform gloves (2 pair @ \$3 ea.)
 - d) Individual contest fees (region band, solo fees \$15/\$12)
- 2) Instrument Fee (for school owned instruments and percussion) - \$50.00
 - a) Student must supply their own mouthpiece, reeds or sticks/mallets*
 - b) \$25.00 for each semester
- 3) Apparel:
 - a) Marching Band Shoes - \$42.00**
 - b) Show Shirt - \$15.00 (new each year)
 - c) Under Uniform Shirt (wicking) - \$20.00**
 - d) Band Shorts - \$20.00**
 - e) Band Baseball Hat - \$10.00**
- 4) Supper Club – Friday night meals during football season \$60 - \$70 (paid to Band Backers) **optional**

* = percussion members must have their own stick bag with the following approved sticks/mallets:

- a) SD1 or similar general snare drum sticks
- b) 1 pair of general timpani mallets
- c) 1 set of 4 marimba mallets
- d) 1 set of xylophone/bell mallets

This is a minimum for all percussionists. Additional sticks/mallets may be required for drumset or vibraphone if playing in jazz band. Sticks/mallets/bags may be purchased through the school, which includes an educator discount.

** = May use previously purchased items if brought to registration and approved

In conclusion, fees can range from \$115.00 (minimum) to \$257.00 (maximum, if all items are needed). *Add \$60-\$70 for Supper Club.*

***Color Guard members have their own fee structure for marching band and winter guard. Fees are similar to band members.

Fees can be paid online at: <http://www.soundofspringtown.org/paypal.html> or in the band office. Credit cards, money orders, checks and cash are accepted.

Fees for other Parker County Bands: **Aledo** (\$750.00), **Azle** (\$300.00 base fee plus similar fees as above plus BOA travel fee \$550.00 average), **Weatherford** (Not known at this time).

BAND REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE JULY 23 AND 24 – PICK A DAY, COME AND GO