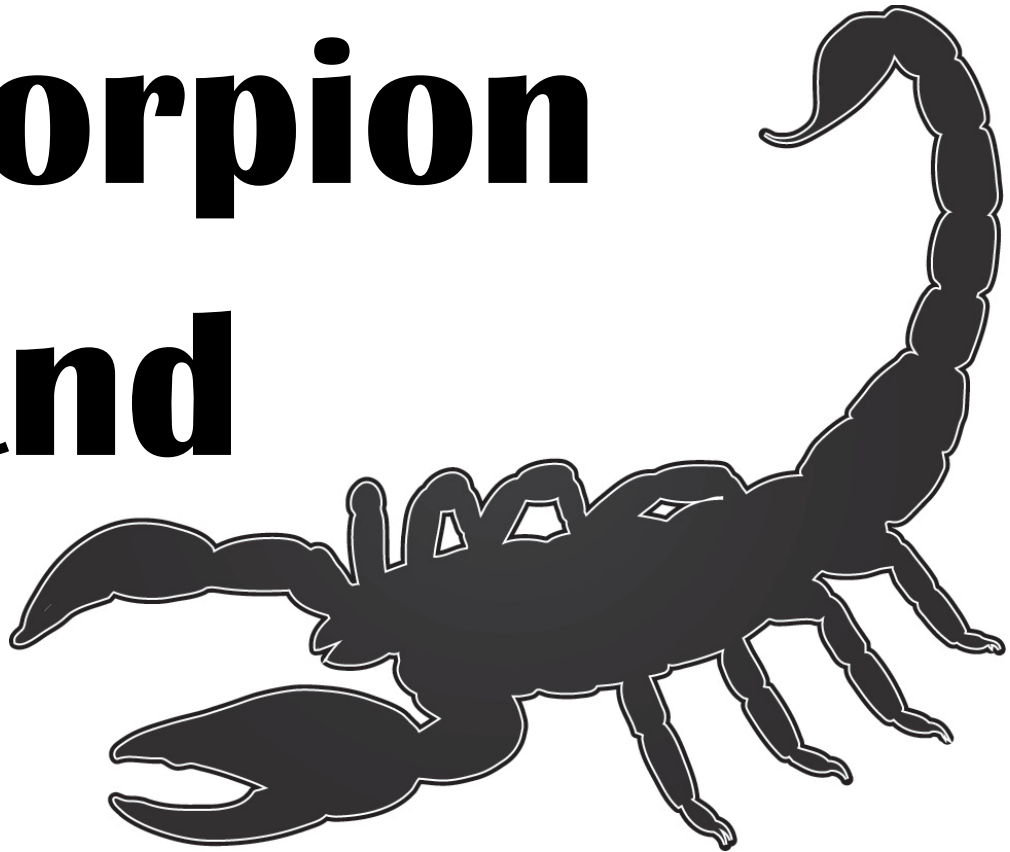


Scorpion Band



Hand Book

2019-2020

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Parents/Guardians and Students,

Thank you for joining the 2019-20 Scorpion Bands. This handbook is an important guide for membership and parents of the band referring to policies, requirements, and expectations. We look forward to your participation in the continued success of our program.

Respectfully,

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The mission of the Scorpion Band program is to develop a lifelong love of music in each student.

Band Principles:

The Scorpion Band program is guided by three principles, helping us create a safe and constructive learning environment.

1. We are a family

- The Scorpion Band will spend almost as much time together as you do with your biological family. Just like a real family there will be tough times, but as a family we will get through it. Take care of each other and together we will be successful.

2. No Excuses

- We should strive for excellence in all aspects of life. Excuses lower our standards.

3. Find a Solution

- Problem solving is a key part to being an adult. We cannot wait for others to fix our problems; we must find our own solution.

Remind 101

All Students Must Register for Remind 101.

1. Download the App from the App store and use the class code to join.
2. Sending a Text (@+ the class code) to 81010
3. Sending an E-Mail to (Class code)@mail.remind.com

Use the following codes to join the correct class

Marching Band = @scorpionmb

Band Parents = @scorpionbp

Honors Band = @shhshb2020

Wind Symphony = @shhsws2020

Percussion = @scorpionpc

Colorguard = @scorpioncg

Symphonic Band = @shhssb2020

Freshmen Band = @scorpionfb

Conduct/Expectations:

Students are representatives of South Hills High School and the Scorpion Bands, and should always act in a professional manner while with the band. This includes rehearsals, performances trips, and anytime you are wearing a Scorpion Band shirt.

- All students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances.
- All students are expected to conduct themselves as respectable young adults. Use of profanity, violence, gang signs/graffiti, etc...will not be tolerated. Individual behavior during a band function is a reflection of the group.
- All Students will follow all adult instructions.
- All Students will be in their assigned seat ready to rehearse at rehearsal time (This includes Folder, Instrument, and Pencil)
- Students will not use or play on equipment they do not own without permission from Mr. Schooley or Mr. Adams.
- Students will not deface or mark on music stands, chairs, walls, etc.
- Students will use their assigned storage slot/locker for instrument cases during rehearsals. Cases should not be brought into rehearsals.
- Cell phone use during rehearsal is allowed for smart apps (Tuner or Charms). Any cell phone use that interrupts rehearsal will result in confiscation of student's phone for the remainder of the period.
- Absolutely NO food or drink in the Band Room. (This includes gum and candy)
 - Lunch, Game-day, and Trips are the only exceptions to this rule
- Students will participate and "Try". Trying is the first step to doing.
- Students will always strive for excellence.

Attendance:

For all school activities, the faculty and administration work together to make sure that students have the opportunities to participate in multiple activities. However, non-school activities, appointments and other conflicts must not interfere with a student's commitment to band, to the other band members, and to the rehearsal and performance schedule given to you at the beginning of each semester. Please adhere to the following guidelines for attendance:

- **Calendar:** The Official calendar for the Scorpion Band is on the band website. Always check the calendar for important dates and information. www.scorpionbands.weebly.com
- **All Concerts and Rehearsals Are Required:** Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts assigned to their respective band. This includes sectionals before or after school. Please plan ahead of time for sharing rides.
- **Call Time:** Student are expected to arrive early for each rehearsal/performance. Call time will always be at least 10 minutes prior to rehearsal.
- **Find a Ride:** If you cannot find a ride please contact Mr. Schooley as soon as possible. "I did not have a ride" is not an acceptable reason to miss rehearsal. There are 50+ students in each band and ride sharing may be needed to make sure all students are present.
- **Grade:** An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a "0" as a performance grade.
- **Emergency:** In the case of illness (doctor's note) or a major family emergency, the parents should call the directors and send a written note as soon as they are aware the situation exists.

Financial Obligations: \$160 total

No student will be denied the privilege of band membership due to financial hardship. For options in meeting financial obligations, parents should contact Mr. Schooley.

- Instrument usage fee is \$45
 - This fee covers any minor damages that occur during the school year.
 - Fundraising opportunities are available
 - Students who own their own instrument do not need to pay this fee.
- Uniform Fee is \$70 (First payment)
 - Marching Shoes
 - Scorpion Band Shirt
 - Scorpion Band Shorts (Not needed if you have marching shorts)
 - Gloves (Brass and Woodwinds only)
 - Sticks (Percussion)
 - Cleaning
- Travel, and Contest Entry Fees \$45
 - This fee will pay for busses and entry fees for all non-UIL contests.

- This will not cover Six Flags tickets, any trips to Cici's, or Solo and Ensemble contest.
- Payment options are available. All Fees need to be paid by May 1st. Suggested payment option:
 - September 1st: \$60.00 Due
 - October 1st: \$20.00 Due
 - November 1st: \$20.00 Due
 - December 1st: \$20.00 Due
 - January 1st: \$20.00 Due
 - February 1st: \$20.00 Due
- Early Bird special: Any student who pays all fees before October 1st will receive \$25 off total fees.
- Multi-Member families will receive \$25 off of total fees. (Siblings only, Not cousins)
- Discounts may not be used together

Daily Supplies

- Instrument
 - School owned instruments are available. A contract must be signed by a parent/guardian and student.
 - Make sure that the instrument is in working order prior to rehearsal. (valve oil, slides etc...)
 - Reeds for woodwind instruments will be sold for \$3 per reed.
 - Cleaning Cloths (Provided if necessary at a cost)
- Music Folder
 - South Hills High Bands will provide the folder.
- Pencil (sharpened or mechanical)
- Name Tag

Grading:

A student's grade in band is a balanced reflection of musical achievement, technical skill on an instrument, participation in band activities, and effort both within class and at home. The grade is made up of three different categories: Weekly Class Participation (60%) Performance/Sectional Attendance (40%)

Weekly Class Participation (60%):

- Daily Participation Points
 1. In assigned seat / attendance dot
 2. Instrument (assembled)
 3. Music / Dot Sheet
 4. Pencil
 5. Try (You must attempt to create music at the best of your ability.)
- Charms Recordings / Pass-offs

0-4 Nothing submitted or large amount of mistakes (Most notes wrong or Most Rhythms wrong, or poor tone quality, poor intonation)

5-6 Some mistakes recording (Some wrong notes, or Some wrong rhythm, or minor tone quality errors, or minor intonation errors)

7-8 Minor mistakes in recording (Less than 3 wrong notes, and less than 3 wrong rhythms, and Good tone quality, and No intonation errors)

9-10 One or No Mistakes in Recording (0 or 1 error in notes, rhythm, tone quality and/or intonation)

Performance/Sectionals Attendance (40%):

- Football Games
- Pre-Arranged Full Band Rehearsals
- Sectionals
- Concerts

Sectionals is a major part of a student's development and Performances are the reward for all the students hard work and dedication.

Make-Up Work and Procedures

- All grades can be made-up.
- Daily Participation Grade,
 - Students can raise their grade 4 points for every hour of documented practice.
- Charms Recordings
 - Recordings will be available to redo until the Wednesday before the end of the Six weeks. There are unlimited resubmissions allowed until perfect.
- Performances/Sectional Attendance
 - Performance may be made up by attending a concert at Bass Hall or High School and returning the ticket stub.
 - Sectional Attendance may be made by an hour of documented practice.

Discipline Procedures

1. Student will receive a Verbal Warning.
2. Student and Teacher Conference.
3. Parent Phone Call.
4. Principal's Office.
5. Schedule Change.