



## What Does Your Band Program Have to Offer You?

**Concert Band** - All incoming Freshmen students are placed in Concert Band to begin the registration process. This is our entry level band course at South High School. Upon the completion of an audition (these have already begun at your middle school) you may be placed in a different band after you meet your counselors again at the end of January. These include our upper level ensembles: Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, and Wind Ensemble. Membership in these bands is determined by your ability level (through the audition process) and the available instrumentation in each group. The final results of this process will be sent to your 8<sup>th</sup> grade band directors in March. The exciting part is that every band student controls their own destiny throughout the high school experience. Students re-audition every year to determine band placement for the following school year.

**Marching Mustangs** – The Marching Mustangs are a voluntary organization that is open to any band student. Membership will include a number of exciting competitions including our very own *Marching Mustang Music Bowl*, football games, the Downers Grove July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, summer band camp, and a weekend overnight trip to one of our Fall competitions. **Please attend our information/recruitment meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019, at 7:00 pm** in the auditorium to find out more about the exciting and rewarding season coming up this fall.

### **Big Blue – Is It For You?**

**Jazz Band** – For those interested in learning and performing jazz music, we offer 3 different jazz groups. Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Workshop meet daily at 7 am, before school for full credit. Auditions will take place for these groups during the first week of classes next fall during the early bird class time from 7-7:50 am. Audition music will be available from your 8<sup>th</sup> grade director this coming spring. Please have your counselor add jazz to your course schedule for interested jazz students.

**Additional Extra-curricular Activities** – Our program offers several other groups that meet during the evening for interested students. These include the Winter Guard, Percussion Ensemble, the Pep Band, and various small chamber groups. These groups are instructed by our private teaching faculty and marching band staff. Membership is open to all of these groups for everyone.

**Visit our Band Web Page for more information**

[www.dgsbandboosters.com](http://www.dgsbandboosters.com)

**Please contact our band directors with any questions concerning registration**

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# Looking Forward to the Approaching School Year!

*January* - Teacher Recommendations and Auditions for placement in Concert or Symphonic Band, or possibly Wind Symphony or Wind Ensemble

## **Freshmen Open House Agenda**

- Concert Bands/Marching Mustangs/Jazz Bands
- Additional Activities – Winter Guard, Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Groups, Pep Band
- Music Bowl Highlights
- Mustang Boosters Information
- Website/Newsletters/Email Information
- Student and Parent Perspectives

***Join us for Band Concerts Tuesday February 19, or Tuesday February 26, 2019 7:00 pm - Auditorium***

*February/March*– Counselor Meetings & Marching Mustangs Registration

- Counselors will meet with all students to select courses and set schedules for next fall
- Your band placement will be adjusted later this spring, but you will be enrolled in Concert Band to start with
- Interested marching band members should request the 5A Resource/5B lunch
- Interested jazz students may request jazz ensemble placement to Jazz Lab Band

***Marching Mustangs Recruitment Meeting - Monday, March 11, 2019 7:00 pm in the Auditorium***

- Meet the Staff & Student Leaders
- Learn the schedule for the fall season including trips and band camp
- Review the procedures for Marching Band Contract
- Complete the paperwork and begin your membership
- Meet the student leadership selected for this coming season
- Hear about the 2019 Competition Show

*April/May/June/July* – Getting to Know You

- April/May - 2 hour evening Marching Band rehearsals – Marching Technique and New Music
- May 3-5 - Downers Grove South High School Musical
- May 13 – Spring Jazz Concert – 7 pm
- April 22 – District 99 Honors Instrumental Recital
- May 15 & 16 – Spring Band Concerts – 7 pm at DGS
- Marching Band Mini-Camp Rehearsals – Weekday afternoon/evenings in June

*August/September/October* – Marching Mustangs Season

- Summer Pre/Post Camp Rehearsals
- **Band Camp – August 5 – 9, 2019**
- Marching Competitions
- **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Marching Mustang Music Bowl – October 12, 2019**

*November – May* – Concert & Contest Season

- Band Concerts - Nov, Dec, March & May
- Jazz Concerts & Contests
- ILMEA - auditions and selection to district and all-state festivals
- January Overnight Trip to Purdue University Jazz Festival
- March Solo & Ensemble Festivals at DGS and IHSA
- South High Fine Arts Honors Recital for selected students