

## **Middle School Band Students and Parents:**

Families often have questions about music opportunities for students at Southridge High School. This flyer provides an overview of those opportunities and includes a calendar of events for students and parents.

### **Curricular and Extra-Curricular Music at Southridge**

Music courses offered at Southridge vary from year to year depending upon enrollment. Offerings have included Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar, and Music Theory. Detailed course descriptions may be found in the Southridge Academic Program Guide. These academic courses are the curricular portion of music at Southridge. Each year, band students have the opportunity to compete in solo competition and audition for all-state honor bands through the Oregon Music Education Association and OSAA.

SIMDE extra-curricular music and dance opportunities at Southridge are optional and most require additional fees. Some fundraising is available. For high school students, extra-curriculars include Marching Ensemble, Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, Musical Theater Pit Orchestra, and Basketball Band. For middle-school age students, SIMDE offers Youth Guard and Youth Percussion Ensemble.

### **Band Curriculum & Forecasting for Freshman**

Most freshman instrumental music students enroll in Concert Band. When filling out their first high school forecast sheet in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students will select Concert Band. Percussionists should forecast for Percussion Ensemble. If enrollment is not high enough to allow a separate Percussion Ensemble, percussionists will be placed in Concert Band. More advanced musicians may be recommended by their middle school band director to forecast for Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. Enrollment in Wind Ensemble requires an audition with the Southridge band director.

Students attend band class like any other class. Concert band students usually perform in three concerts per year, a band festival, a parade, and Southridge's graduation. A few rehearsals may be held outside normal class hours.

It is possible to take band all four years, meet all graduation requirements, and take AP or IB classes, if desired. Most non-band students complete their PE and health requirements in grade 9 and 10. Band students sometimes shift some PE and/or health classes to later years.

### **Marching Band**

The Southridge marching band is an exciting, competitive show band. The band performs at home football games, marches in parades, and competes at band competitions. Joining the marching band is a great way to become involved at Southridge. The band provides an opportunity to make friends from all grade levels, gain confidence from performing and competing, earn a varsity letter, and boost school spirit.

As with any rewarding activity, marching band requires a time commitment. Band camp is at school at the end of August. During the fall, there are practices and performances each week with competitions on several Saturdays. The season ends by early November. All Band students are encouraged, but not required to be in the marching band. Option school students living within the Southridge attendance area may also join the marching band. There are participation fees for marching band. Some fundraising is available.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions, please contact:

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Calendar of Southridge Band Events

We encourage 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents to explore the curricular and extra-curricular instrumental music and dance opportunities at Southridge High School. This chart provides an overview of events that you may be interested in attending. Events and dates may vary from year to year. The current calendar and additional information can be found on our website, [www.simde.org](http://www.simde.org) \*.

Please provide us with your email address so that we can remind you about these events throughout your 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Contact info may be sent to [secretary@simde.org](mailto:secretary@simde.org)

<p><b>September – 8<sup>th</sup> grade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southridge Marching Band performs at home football games               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possible Football Night for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free ticket for 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students to Southridge Spectacle of Sound marching band competition</li> <li>• Possible middle school band field trip to Southridge to see marching band field show</li> </ul>
<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Percussion and Winter Color Guard rehearsals begin. Middle schoolers have opportunity to join.</li> </ul>	<p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southridge Band Concert</li> </ul>
<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southridge Basketball Band performs at home basketball games (January and February)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possible Basketball Night for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southridge Curriculum Night</li> <li>• Forecasting for high school band class</li> </ul>
<p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Percussion and Winter Color Guard season ends (late March or early April)</li> <li>• Southridge Band Concert (March or April)</li> </ul>	<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southridge Band Concert (March or April)</li> <li>• Jazz &amp; Dine</li> </ul>
<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration begins for fall marching (late May or early June)</li> <li>• Southridge Band Concert (May or June)</li> </ul>	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration begins for fall marching (late May or early June)</li> <li>• Southridge Band Concert (May or June)</li> </ul>
<p><b>July</b></p>	<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marching Band Season Begins               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final registration day &amp; Uniform fitting</li> <li>- Band Camp at school for all marchers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Late August - First Day of School for 9th graders – Start band class at Southridge!</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Save the dates!</b></p> <p><i>If you plan to participate in marching band, please do not make other plans for most of August. For specific dates, check with the band director or the calendar on the SIMDE website.</i></p>

\* SIMDE (Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles) is the booster organization that raises money and provides volunteer support for Southridge High School's many instrumental music and dance programs. SIMDE is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization.