

Thompson High School Band

“Marching Southern Sounds”

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Dear Parents and Students,

Even though this school year is not over, it still isn't too soon to start making plans for next years "Marching Southern Sounds". Registration for next year will begin in January and February, and we want to "get the jump" on getting information out about our band program.

Please see the attached calendar for important dates and time! Believe it or not we try our very best to be conscious of time and have cut every unnecessary minute out.

The Thompson High School Band is going through a very exciting period. We have had the best season ever and next year promises to be even better!! We want all of the current 8th grade students to be a part of one of the biggest and best organizations at Thompson High School!

Yes, there are many different electives and many different activities to choose from when your child enters their ninth grade year. But consider this, by being a member of the Thompson High School Band program your child will have the opportunity to develop in ways that will affect every aspect of their lives. Your child will be associating with the best and the brightest that Thompson High School has to offer.

Each year several of the Valedictorians are members of our band program. These students will be working directly with your child in our program and they are available to assist in academic endeavors. **More importantly than that, they will show your child, by example, how to maintain their grades while not giving up the activities that are dear to their heart.**

Your child will have a place! As a freshman member of the band your child will already have a place on the first day of school for their ninth grade year! **Parents have told me that this alone is worth all the work and effort that the band requires.**

Yes, being in band does require a lot of work and a lot of time. It requires careful planning on the part of families so that our children can enjoy and benefit from these types of activities. The benefits to your child far out weigh any inconveniences you might encounter.

Attached you will find a calendar with our summer schedule and an information sheet. Please return the information as soon as possible. We really need this information in order to plan and write the show for next year. The Information Packet and Band Camp Fee will reserve your spot in the 2008 "Marching Southern Sounds" Show.

The show is going to move very fast and we simply do not have time to spare. People who miss rehearsals, for whatever reasons, very quickly fall behind and in reality never do properly catch up. Any student who expects to be a member of this year's "Marching Southern Sounds" show must be at ALL rehearsals. Any student who has never participated in marching band **MUST** attend at least one week of the spring training sessions (see enclosed form) AND Rookie Camp which is scheduled for July 14th through July 18th. This is simply to teach all of the marching fundamentals needed to be in the "Marching Southern Sounds" and applies to all new members.

This year is going to be one of the best at Thompson High School!!! With all of us working together I know this will be the best band year ever!!

Sincerely,

Jon Bubbett
Band Director