

Welcome to the SLHS Band

SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL



SCREAMING EAGLE BANDS



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Dear New and Returning Band Members and Parents,

Hello! I am Mr. Wright, the band director at SLHS. We are excited about our Fall Marching Season... especially our halftime show theme! The band is still growing and we look forward to continued success. Your participation as a student or parent is key to our success!

I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of band member attendance at our Rookie Camp, Jazz Camp, Tuesday Night rehearsals, and, of course, our Regiment Camps. In order to prepare for our first game we must rehearse before school ends and during the summer break. These rehearsals are very important in determining our success in the fall. All band members have a responsibility to attend these events. Enclosed with this packet is a band calendar. **Please post in an obvious place...we do not want anyone to miss the FUN!**

In July, we will host our annual **Regiment Camp**. This is an important time to develop our marching skills, music fundamentals and become familiar with the campus. **Band members who miss this camp may lose their spot in the band!** If you have a conflict please let us know ASAP so we can work something out. Band Camp is hot, but fun, and students will make many new friends before school even starts!

I look forward to meeting all of you and I hope you have a great summer! Feel free to contact me through email at southlakebands@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Musically Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan F. Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr. Ryan Wright, MEd.

SLHS Director of Bands



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PARENTS PLEASE READ

MY CHILD IS IN BAND... NOW WHAT?

The band at South Lake High School is one of the largest student organizations on campus. With a budget nearing \$80,000 we need every family to help out with fundraisers, concession stands, uniform distribution, equipment maintenance and chaperoning.

GET INVOLVED.

Many former band parents will agree that participation in the Band Booster organization is a fun and rewarding experience; helping our students achieve is certainly a worthwhile way to spend your time. Many parents have formed friendships with each other that thrive long after their children graduate. Without parental support, the band would not exist!

HERE'S HOW!

We need around 10-12 parent volunteers to operate our concession stand during each home football game and some other events on campus. We need 3-4 parent volunteers to administer and maintain our uniforms at multiple events. And, we need 3-4 parent volunteers with access to large trucks to help with hauling with our trailers. We also always need 8-12 parent volunteers to chaperone each of our events that involve travel. We also host several major events on campus that we will need between 12 and 40 parent volunteers to help at each one. For more information email Mr. Wright at southlakebands@gmail.com or visit our website at www.slhsband.com.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The South Lake High School Screaming Eagle Band is already gearing up for their most exciting year ever! This season will see the Screaming Eagles traveling across Florida performing in numerous competitions, parades and exhibitions. We invite students from all corners of South Lake County to join our powerful and dynamic performing ensembles.

How do I join?

To join the Screaming Eagle Band Program sign up for BAND on your course selection sheet this spring. Membership is open to ALL students at SLHS...there is no audition for band.

Do I need experience?

We invite everyone to be in band regardless of experience or ability level. Even if you have NEVER played an instrument before, WE WANT YOU!

Does the band travel?

YES! The Screaming Eagle Band travels extensively. We travel for football games, competitions, concerts, festivals, parades, etc. This year we even plan to visit New Orleans as a whole group!

Is high school band fun?

ABSOLUTELY! I guarantee that you will have the time of your life as a member of our band at SLHS. Pep rallies, football games, competitions and parades are all a blast!

How much does band cost?

At \$255, we are proud of the fact that our band Fair Share fee (which covers, travel expenses, instructional staff, entry fees, etc.) are one of the lowest in our county. We also give ample opportunity to fundraise all of that as you need.

When is band camp?

Band Camp for the Screaming Eagle Regiment is always the last two weeks of July. We will learn most of our marching halftime show at that time.

Does band interfere with sports or student government?

Band DOES NOT INTERFERE with campus student activities. Many members of the Screaming Eagle Bands are involved in multiple sports, ROTC, AP classes, student government, dual enrollment, Career Technical Education classes, jobs, and most other student activities.

I have other questions, whom do I contact?

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PRE-SEASON and SUMMER CALENDAR 2022

MAY

17 th	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
19 th	Percussion / Guard	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
24 th	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
26 th	Percussion / Guard	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
31 st	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building

JUNE

1 st	Leadership Camp	9am-4pm	SLHS Music Building
2 nd	Rookie Camp	9am-4pm	SLHS Music Building
3 rd	Jazz Camp	9am-4pm	SLHS Music Building
7 th	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
9 th	Percussion / Guard	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
14 th	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
16 th	Percussion / Guard	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
21 st	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
23 rd	Percussion / Guard	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building

JULY

12 th	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
14 th	Percussion / Guard	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
18 th – 21 st	REGIMENT CAMP	9am-4pm	SLHS Music Building
25 th – 28 th	REGIMENT CAMP	1pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
28 th	Band Barbecue	6pm-8pm	SLHS Cafeteria Patio

AUGUST

2 nd	Regiment Rehearsal	6pm-8pm	SLHS Music Building
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Do I need to come to the summer rehearsals in May, June, and July?

YES! We expect anyone who does not already have a family vacation planned on the Regiment Rehearsal dates to attend. **EVERYONE** needs to attend **REGIMENT CAMP** in order to have a spot in the band.

What is Regiment Camp?

This is our two-week camp to learn the halftime show. Every effort must be made to attend this camp. Contact Mr. Wright ASAP if there is a conflict. We don't want anyone to lose their spot in band!

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