

ABOUT THE SHERWOOD BAND PROGRAM

The Sherwood Band Program, including middle schools and high school, has been growing by leaps and bounds over the last decade in both size and quality of musicianship. The Sherwood High School bands consistently place in the top tier at district and state competitions. That being said the program is not about awards, it is about culture and excellence. The high quality program is due to hard working students, amazing music teachers within the schools, and incredible assistants and guest clinicians who challenge the students to grow and strive for more.

9 Concert Bands (these are a "class" at the schools)

SMS: beginning, intermediate and advanced bands

SHS: Bowman Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble

- Student/Family costs: \$25-50 class fee, concert attire and instrument rental or purchase
- Commitment: Primarily in-class learning time with a few evening concerts. SHS Wind Ensemble also has after school practices in the spring and additional competitive festivals.

4 Jazz Bands (0 period at all schools)

SMS: Jazz Band

SHS: Jazz 1, Jazz 2

- Student/Family costs: \$25-50 fee, concert attire and instrument rental or purchase
- Commitment: 2-5 days a week, several performances throughout the year, competitions for SHS)

7 Extracurricular Ensembles (all competitive)

SMS: Winter Cadet Percussion, Winter Cadet Color Guard, Jr Rose Parade Band

SHS: Fall Marching Band & Color Guard, Sherwood Percussion Ensemble, Winter Winds, Winter Color Guard

Student/Family Costs: \$400/band activity except Rose Parade (approximate)

Commitment: Afternoon & Evening practices plus Saturday competitions

SHERWOOD BAND BOOSTERS

Where does the money come from?

As the band program grew over the last few years, the Boosters kept adding small fundraisers to keep up with the growing costs. In 2018, the Boosters decided to focus on having fewer, more profitable fundraisers to reduce the time commitment on parent volunteers and the continual "ask" for more. As the income increases on our bigger fundraisers, we will remove the smaller, labor intensive events like can drives. The eventual goal is to have only four fundraisers that support all Sherwood Bands:

- Band Day (Sept)
- Marching Band Competition (Oct)
- Swingin' the Green Gala (Apr)
- Winter Showcase Competition (Apr)

Where does the money go?

To put it in athletic terms, Sherwood students are getting a "club" experience, but paying a "rec" fee to the schools. The Sherwood Band Boosters try to make up the difference so we can continue to provide one of the best band programs in the state.

- Clinicians & Instructors \$20,000
- Middle School Support \$10,000
- SHS support (instruments, repair, scholarships) \$6,000
- Marching Band \$40,000
- Winter Ensembles \$30,000

What is the parent commitment?

The Band Boosters cannot provide the quality music program that exists without significant help from all band parents. We ask every family to volunteer with each of the four main fundraisers. If your child also participates in one of the extracurricular band, please be prepared to work 4 "shifts" per season. There are a great variety of shifts and we are sure that you can find some that fit your skill set and time availability. The band students work really, really hard. Let's give them all the opportunity to be the best musicians they can be!