Common questions and answers

Do I need to attend band camp to be in the band?

Yes, this is the only time of the year where we can teach the students marching fundamentals. This is also the time we start our half-time show. Once the show is set we do not change the show numbers.

If I'm in a magnet program will I be able to do this?

Yes, many of our students are in the Health Academy and I.B. programs. Seminole wants you be successful academically and as a part of the school's spirit. Our past drum majors have been Health Academy students, IB students, Valedictorians, and Salutatorians. I know people worry if they can handle courses of band and their classes, and the answer is YES. If you stay on top of your assignments it will be no problem.

How much of my time will this take up?

The class enables us to get most of the music learned but not all can be covered, so after school rehearsals are necessary. During marching season, there is band camp and, when school starts, there are two after school practices on Wednesday (1:45 - 5:00) and Thursday (2:45 - 5:00). Football games are Friday nights. During concert season we have four after school rehearsals, a Pre-Festival Concert and Concert MPA.

What if I don't have my own instrument?

The school has a few instruments students can rent, but on a "first come first serve basis". There is a $50 rental fee per semester for student use of school instruments. This includes all percussion instruments. If there is no school instrument for you to use, it will be necessary for you to rent or buy an instrument from a music store.

How much will all this cost me?

The expense for band is $225 for returning members and $300 for new members. Money is due at the band registration night prior to band camp. The money pays for uniform cleanings, clinicians, instructors, equipment, music, awards, some travel expenses, and many, many other expenses generated throughout the year.
Band scholarships are limited but available. See a band director for an application.

So you want to join the band, Now What?

1. Fill out the registration form and return it to Seminole High School. This is the most important part of this pamphlet.
(getting your information so we can get in touch with you).
2. Speak to your guidance counselor and make sure you are signed up for a band class.
3. Attend the summer rehearsal May 29th and July 17th, 6:30-8:30 PM
4. Attend band camp.
Saturday, July 26th - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Monday-Friday July 28th - Aug. 1st, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
5.If you have any questions, please call the band room at (407)320-5161, 320-5173,
or e-mail Mr. Malcolm at SeminoleBand@aol.com
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Wind Ensemble
The WIND ENSEMBLE is Seminole High School's top performing concert band. Admittance into this class is based on auditions and demands the highest commitment to a performing ensemble. Private study is strongly encouraged. The Wind Ensemble is a class that meets (for credit) each school day and performs at several concerts and festivals each year. Four after school rehearsals will take place in January and February for preparation for district and state concert festival. Students will also be required to perform at the Solo and Ensemble Festival in February.

Symphonic Band
The SYMPHONIC BAND is open to wind and percussion instrumentalists who have achieved a specific level of playing ability. Admittance into this class is based on auditions and demands a high commitment of participation. Private study is highly recommended. The SYMPHONIC BAND is a class that meets (for credit) every school day and performs several concerts and festivals each year. Four after school rehearsals will take place in January and February for preparation for district concert festival.

Concert Band
The CONCERT BAND is a performing ensemble open to all wind and percussion students. The group will perform several concerts during the year and will emphasize the study of basic musicianship skills. The CONCERT BAND class meets every school day (for credit). Opportunities for playing in small groups and solos will also be available. Four after school rehearsals will take place in January and February for preparation for district concert festival.

Percussion Class
The PERCUSSION CLASS is open to students who wish to study percussion instruments in the band department. The class meets every school day for credit. Students will learn basic fundamentals to advance playing skills on a variety of percussion instruments. During the Fall semester all students work on the marching portion of the band. In the Spring semester many students will transfer into one of the band classes.

"The Pride of the Tribe"
The "The Pride of the Tribe" is the combined forces of the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion Class, Dazzlers, and Expressions. The purpose of this organization is to provide entertainment for football games, pep rallies, band festivals, parades, and concerts. It is an integral part of the instrumental music education curriculum at Seminole High School. All members are expected to devote TOTAL DEDICATION and MAXIMUM EFFORT and INVOLVEMENT in all aspects of marching, playing, and performance.

Rehearsal schedule for the Marching Band will be as follows:
Wed: 1:45 - 5:00 PM
Thurs: 2:45 PM to 5:00 PM

Report time for football games are 4:45 PM unless otherwise notified.
Students must attend band camp to have a spot in the half time show.
(please report conflicts ASAP to the band office)

Summer Music Rehearsals and Band Camp
In order to keep students motivated over the summer and start preparing them for the Fall we have two music rehearsals and a band camp.

Summer Music Rehearsals:
Thursday, May 29, 2014,; 6:30-8:30 PM
Thursday, July 17, 2014; 6:30-8:30 PM (leadership meet 5:30)

Band Registration Night & Uniform Fittings:
Thursday, July 24, 2014, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Returning Members
Friday, July 25, 2014, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM New Members

Band Camp Dates:
Saturday, July 26, 2014, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
(1st time band members and leadership)
Monday, July 28th - Friday, August 1st, 2014, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
(all band members)

Percussion Audition Dates:
April 14, 16, 17, 24 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

It is mandatory that all students attend band camp. This is the time when the "Pride of the Tribe" review basic marching techniques and learns the show and music for the upcoming school year. In order to have a place in the show you must be there. PLEASE ORGANIZE YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS AROUND THIS WEEK.

Band Booster Organization
The purpose of the Band Parent organization is to support the band directors and students by assisting with transportation, chaperones, and fund raising activities. This organization is critical to the success of the band program and it is a good way for parents to become involved in their child's school activities. Parents we need you!!!
If you have any questions in regards to the band parents or how you can get more involved.

April 3, 2014- Incoming Student and Parent Meeting
On April 3rd there will be an incoming band parent meeting. This meeting will be at Seminole High School in the band room at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to give parents and idea of the events, costs and expectations of students and parents involved in the band program at Seminole High School.