

What to Expect When Your Kid is in Marching Band

Welcome to the South Plantation High School Marching Band & Guard! Your child is lucky enough to have joined a growing program. From just a marching and concert band years ago, the SPHS band program has evolved into a competitive marching band, concert band, symphonic band, wind ensemble, jazz band, theater orchestra pit, color guard and winter guard program. The opportunities for your child to grow and learn in this program are endless. As now "seasoned" band parents, we know that a competitive marching band program can be rigorous but incredibly rewarding. Wait until you see the progress from the first "left, right, left" of band camp to competition season in October. You'll be blown away!

So what can you expect marching band season to be like? Here are some tips to get you started:

HYDRATE! Before, during, and after. It's Florida... it's hot. Be sure your kids hydrate before all practices and shows. Get them into this habit early. Everyone's tolerance is different, and water breaks are provided, but hydrating ahead of time is key. Even hydrating the night before is beneficial. Everyone must bring a one-gallon (or more) water jug to every practice. Be sure your child's name is on the jug and have them fill it before every practice. Sunblock, sunglasses, bug repellent and a hat are also suggested.

ARE WE DONE YET? Practice is generally held after school and while not very often, sometimes on weekends. Check the band calendar on sphsband.net for scheduled dates. Members are not dismissed until the equipment is put away, the band room is cleaned, and the members are officially dismissed by the Band Director. Therefore, when meeting your child after practice, please offer assistance, if needed, in moving the equipment off the field. The sooner we're done, the sooner we all get to go home!

FRIDAY (or THURSDAY) NIGHT LIGHTS: Football games are generally on Thursday/Friday nights. The kids will eat together prior to the game. They can bring their own dinner or pre-order through the booster club.

SHOW TIME! South will compete in a couple of marching competitions this year as well as the Florida MPAs. All of these events are Saturdays in October. Check the band calendar on sphsband.net for more information about times and locations.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND: Our band program is an active group and our band parent association is responsible for all fundraising and for helping the band get on and off the field. We need your help! Check out our volunteer list for opportunities where your time and talents can be used.

SOCIAL NETWORKING: Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/SPHSBandBoosters.

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