

2010 SOUTH OLDHAM MARCHING DRAGONS



*NEW MEMBER
INFORMATION*

SOUTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
2010 MARCHING DRAGONS
INFORMATION SHEET

WELCOME!

We are excited about the 2010 SOHS Marching Band and the talented and enthusiastic incoming freshman class! With *your* participation, this looks to be a great season for the marching band. We have many activities planned for this year that are going to make this season OUTSTANDING!

PURPOSE

The primary goal of the South Oldham Band is to provide young people an experience in music that is both enjoyable and educational. Of course the friendships and good times are as important as anything else!

SCHEDULE

All rehearsals and performances of the band are scheduled to achieve the greatest results in the least amount of time. While it is true that there is a great time commitment, we feel it is reasonable. Band students' grades are historically higher than most students. Refer to tentative dates for the entire schedule for the season.

Summer rehearsals are flexible to family vacations. While we ask that you make every effort to not miss rehearsals, students are allowed to miss summer rehearsals for vacation except for the two weeks of band camp. All students must attend both weeks of band camp. If you need to miss a summer rehearsal you must inform the director in advance of the absence. During the school year, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is expected.

PERFORMANCES

The marching band will perform at four regular season competitions on Saturdays in the Fall. In addition we will host and perform at our own competition and will also perform in the KMEA state quarterfinal and semi-final/final competition. We will also perform at all home football games. Refer to tentative dates for the performance schedule.

COSTS

There are expenses associated with being in the marching band program. In order to pay for operating costs such as transportation, music, drill, instruments, uniform cleaning, instruction, etc. Money for these items comes from student fees and from fundraising.

Also, each student needs to buy their own pair of black band shoes and black gloves. These are all one-time expenses that you will have to pay your first year in band only.

While no expenses have been set for the 2010 Marching Band, the following are expected expenses:

Band Fee - \$350.00 (\$100 due May 14, \$250 due July 16)

Shoes - \$25.00 (one time expense)

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT WILL BE DUE BEFORE MAY 14!

FUND-RAISING

A large portion of the marching band budget comes from fundraising. All students are expected to participate in marching band fundraisers. The following are some of the fund-raisers the band usually does:

- Hosting Competitions
- Brochure Sales
- Value Card Sales
- Fruit Sales
- Other Fund-raisers TBA

BAND BOOSTERS

The SOHS Marching Band Boosters are a parent group that is responsible for fundraising expenses for the band and for assisting the band director. All parents are strongly encouraged to join this group and attend meetings. The meetings are how you will keep informed on what's going on in the band. This group meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the band room.

COLOR GUARD

Color guard is a group that performs with the marching band. SOHS has had a long tradition of having one of the best color guards in the state! All the information above is the same for color guard as it is for band, except the practice schedule may be slightly different. Anyone interested in being in colorguard should attend the May practice dates TBA.

COMMITMENT

Participation in the Marching Band is a very large commitment. However, the season only lasts from the summer till the start of November. Most who have participated previously have found the benefits of being in the band make the time commitment well worth it. Marching band is an educational and enjoyable activity for all those involved. Most students and parents in the marching band would not trade the wonderful experiences they have had for anything!

I hope that all of you decide to participate in next year's marching band program. If you have any further questions, feel free to call Band Director Ryan McAllister anytime at 241-6681, ext. 128. You can also e-mail at ryan.mcallister@oldham.kyschools.us

Check out our website at <http://www.sohsmarchingband.org/>!

2010 SOUTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND TENTATIVE DATES

Pre-Camp Summer Rehearsals

Pre Camp for Brass Woodwinds (Attendance required unless out of town) –

7/13-7/15, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (returning members)

7/13-7/15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (returning members)

Percussion Camp (Required for all percussionists) – 7/12-7/15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Guard Camp (Required for all colorguard members) – 7/12-7/15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Band Camp Rehearsals

Band Camp Week 1 – 7/19 – 7/23, MWF 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., TR 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Band Camp Week 2 – 7/26 – 7/30, M-R 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., F 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Post-Camp Summer Rehearsals

8/2, 8/3, 8/5, 8/9, 8/10 – 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Regular Rehearsal Schedule (Starts after 8/11)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Some Fridays TBA – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Colorguard and Percussion Sectionals TBA

Home Football Games

Friday, August 20 vs. Woodford County

Friday, August 27 vs. Henry Co.

Friday, September 3 vs. North Bullitt

Friday, September 17 vs. North Oldham

Friday, September 24 vs. Jefferstown

Friday, October 15 vs. Anderson Co.

Friday, October 29 vs. Owen Co.

All games begin at 7:30 p.m. Report time for band students is usually 5:30 p.m.

Possible Competition Dates

Saturday, September 11 Possible Competition TBA

Saturday, September 18 Possible Competition TBA

*Saturday, September 25 Ballard Mid-States Competition

*Saturday, October 2 South Oldham Dragon Classic

Saturday, October 9 Possible Competition TBA

Saturday, October 16 Possible Competition TBA

*Saturday, October 23 KMEA State Quarter-Final Competition

Location TBA

*Saturday, October 30 KMEA State Semi-Finals/Finals Competition

Semi-Finals Location – TBA, Finals Location – UL Papa

Johns Stadium

Saturday, November 6 Mid-States Championships
Dayton, OH - Exact Location TBA

Dates with a * next to them are definite dates that we will compete. Three other competition dates will be chosen from the dates above. An exact schedule should be available in April after all KMEA Contest dates are announced.

Band Booster Meetings

Thursday, June 10 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 8 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 12 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 9 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 14 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 11 – 7:00 p.m.

South Oldham High School Marching Band
Commitment Form

Student Name - _____

I plan to participate in the South Oldham High Marching Band for the 2010-2011 school year. I have read the new member information and understand the commitment expected from me as a member of the South Oldham High School Marching Band.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please return this form by March 5 to Mr. McAllister or to your middle school band director. We will be fitting students for the new uniforms sometime in March and will only fit students that have returned this form.