

# Parents Guide to Band and Guard

## From the South Lake Band Boosters

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### 1. Meet the Band Booster Officers

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- Band Booster Meetings:** Usually the 3rd Monday of every month @ 7:00pm at the High School. However, our first two meetings are scheduled on Tuesday's. Our first meeting for the year will Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 7:00 PM. Check the Band Website for official meeting dates. PLEASE JOIN US!!
- Practices** - Practices for the marching season are currently set for Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and Saturdays usually from 10:00am – 3:00pm, depending on competitions. They are usually held at the field near Cavalier Drive, close to the Band Room or at the South Lake Athletic Field. If a band student is unable to attend a practice, they should notify their section leader, drum major or Mr.DuPrey prior to the practice.

### 4. Marching Uniforms –

- Costs/Care:** The South Lake School District purchased NEW UNIFORMS for the marching band in September 2001 at the cost of \$45,000. At the beginning of the school year, each student will be assigned a uniform to use during home football games and in the marching competitions. The costs of the pieces are as follows:
  - Jacket \$105
  - Baldric (2 pieces: "sash & buckle") \$30
  - Pant \$55
  - Gauntlet ("white cuff piece") \$20
  - Shako (Hat) \$35
  - Raincoat \$65
  - Garment Bag \$12

If any of the uniform is lost or damaged, the student will then be responsible for the cost each and every item. The care and handling of the uniforms is very important!



- There are to be no alterations made to the uniforms
- **Do not wash the uniforms**
- **Make sure the uniform is always dry after competitions.**
- Uniforms are returned to the High School after each event.
- Always hang your uniform properly after a performance

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- Parent volunteers are always needed to help arrange, sign out and care for uniforms.

Each student is responsible for his or her uniform. All pieces are numbered and assigned to students. **If you encounter any problems (cleaning, hemming, repair), contact a Band Booster Officer.** The uniform also includes the student's band tee-shirt, black socks, black marching shoes and white gloves. The student pays for these items. Student Accounts can be used for this expense.

- **Shoes** - Shoe costs are approximately \$25. Marching shoes is considered part of our uniform. These shoes are specially designed to aid and protect students' in marching while ensuring proper foot and knee alignment. Shoe costs can be deducted from student accounts.
- **Gloves** - Gloves are \$2/pair and will be distributed by the Band Boosters.
- **Band Shirt** –The South Lake Blue Marching Tee Shirts are worn at parent presentations, fundraising events (Craft Show, Bottle Drive) and are worn under the marching uniform during competitions, parades and football games. If your student does not have a shirt, please contact Mr. DuPrey or one of the Band Booster parents to obtain an order form. Shirts are \$12.00 and may be deducted from the student band account. Parents can also order shirts, form in Band Camp Packet
- **Socks** – Black socks are to be worn as part of the band uniform, ALWAYS. PLEASE be sure your student wears them at marching competitions, parades and football games. Extra pairs can be stored in garment bag. These are the responsibility of each student.
- **Cleaning Fee / Care** - There will also be a \$10.00 cleaning fee for each student once per year. This will be applied to the cleaning of both marching and concert uniforms. The non-refundable fee will be due at the time of the marching uniform distribution. 2007: fee included in Band Camp costs.

### 5. Football Games

- Arrival time 6:00pm at Athletic Field - Game Time 7:00pm
- Unless otherwise directed, band members wear their full uniforms for football games. This includes their band shirt, black socks and marching shoes.
- Students sit with band members in the band section, which is located at the far right end of the bleachers. The band also performs during half-time.
- We usually need one or two parents to help in the stands, in addition to helping with the half-time show.
- The director may decide to have the band stay throughout the game. Mr DuPrey might dismiss the band at halftime if there is a competition the next day.
- Students are **RESPONSIBLE** for their uniforms. **THEY ARE NOT TO BE LEFT HANGING ON THE FENCE.**

6. **Homecoming:** Usually, the parade starts @ 5:00pm. The starting location of the parade changes often, so please look for official parade information from Mr. DuPrey. The Parade route is usually out the back of the HS parking lot, to California, to Palaster, to the Athletic Field. The Band marches in the parade and stays at the Athletic Field through the game. Students usually get a short break after the parade. Game time 7:00pm. Get there EARLY. A lot of people attend Homecoming and parking is at a premium.

### 7. Band Competitions:

- Competitions are typically held almost every Saturday throughout September and October, with the state championships held in early November. Look for competition packets to be sent home with students on the Monday or Tuesday prior to competitions. The packets are available in the band room or on the band website. Please make sure you remind your student to pick up the packet.
- The band tee-shirt & black socks are to be worn at all band competitions.
- Make sure your student has money for the concession stands.
- Students need to be on their best behavior - they are representing South Lake High School.
- WE NEED YOU! Bring your family, friends! It is important for parents, extended families and friends to continue to show support for their son and/or daughter by attending these competitions. Not only do our musicians and color guard perform more confidently knowing parents, friends and administration are in

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the stands, but adjudicators also take note of the pride and support in numbers that are present.

8. **Parades:** The Marching Band participates, typically, in two parades. Homecoming (see above info), the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade.
9. **Fundraisers:** We try to have about 3 to 4 fundraisers a school year for students to raise money for their band accounts (for band camp). Our tentative plans to date are as follows:
  - Product Sales, September –Product sales and another one later in the school year
  - Craft Show, First Saturday in December
  - Bottle Drive(s) – Late May/Early June. Possibly adding a post-Super Bowl bottle drive
  - \*Pasta Dinner(s) – often scheduled in conjunction with band concerts
  - \*Mother's Day Flower Sale
  - \*Begging in the Streets or "Tag Day"
  - \*Booster fundraiser – not for student accounts

For product fundraising events, 85 percent of the profits are deposited to "student accounts" for participating students, as per SLBB Bylaws.

10. **Student Accounts:** Just exactly is a student account? These accounts enable students to "bank" money earned through active participation in fundraisers (e.g., cookie dough sales, craft show, bottle drives, etc.) throughout the year. The funds banked help to offset or entirely pay for band camp, special trips, uniforms, or other band-related costs *for the student* that may arise during the course of the school year.

The amount earned/banked is in direct proportion to how much a student sells or works at an event(s) during the school year. Product fundraisers split profits 85/15 - 85% towards the individual student account and 15% to the Boosters for their operating budget. See Band Booster Budget section below.

Balances in Student Accounts are cumulative and carry over from school year to school year as long as the student remains in the Band. Balances are NOT transferable to other members, but if a graduating senior has remaining funds, they can be transferred to a sibling who is in band/color guard. Graduating seniors with negative account balances may have their diploma withheld or may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies until the amount is paid in full.

No deductions can be made from a student's account without verbal or written authority from a parent.

Student Account statements indicating positive or negative balances are issued throughout the year, usually via a mailing to the home. Contact Andrea Dolsen, treasurer of Student Accounts, 586-242-2145 to obtain your student's current account balance.

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### 11. Costs:

Item/Event	Approx. Cost	
Band Camp	\$325.00	
Yellow/Gold Uniform Shirt	\$12.00	
Gloves	\$2.00	
Shoes	\$25.00	
Uniform Cleaning Fee	\$10.00	Forms are distributed at start of year, included in 2007 Camp

Optional:		
Solo & Ensemble – Performance Fee, Music	Fees vary – Not usually very expensive	
Band Banquet	\$15.00	Cost can vary. Band/Guard seniors are free.
Trips (Florida)	Example: \$930.00 for 2004	Cost will vary based on participation. At this time, there are no plans for a trip in 2007-08

### 12. Solo & Ensemble / Concert Season

- Holiday Concert
- Solo & Ensemble
- Festival
- Summer Concert
- Commencement

### 13. Concert Uniforms –The concert uniform is as follows:

- **Boys** – black tuxedo jacket and pants, white shirt, black cummerbund, black bow tie, black shoes
- **Girls** – black skirt, white shirt, black cummerbund, black bow tie, black shoes

The district and the Band Boosters provide the concert uniforms. Black shoes are the responsibility of each student. The concert uniforms are usually used for Festival, Spring Concert, and Commencement.

### 14. How Can You Help?

- Attending Booster Meetings
  - Baking for bake sales and special events
  - Being a "roadie" or "pit" volunteer during Marching Season
  - Building props for shows/concerts
  - Chaperoning on busses
  - Chaperoning at Band Camp in (either full or split week) – Forms in Band Camp Packet
  - Chaperoning at Band Social Events
  - Uniform Maintenance (fitting, organizing, cleaning)
  - Distributing fundraising items on "pick up day" (usually between 3 pm and 7 pm)
  - Helping load instrument trailer for events/football games
- Do you have a trailer hitch? If yes, would you be willing to pull the instrument trailer on occasion?
- Yes  No

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- Sewing (basic) (e.g., hemming uniforms, flags, scarves, SIMPLE vests!)
- Making Senior Banners
- Painting props for shows/concerts
- Pianist: Are you proficient and would be willing to accompany during Solo & Ensemble?
- Planning the Holiday Craft Show (Biggest fundraiser of the year!)
- Working at the Holiday Craft Show
- Working at Bottle Drives
- Working at Car Washes

15. **Band Website** – You can find us online at <http://www.solake.org/band> - Use the web site to find up-to-date calendars, contact booster officers, read meeting minutes, reports, download forms...plus view LOTS of photos!
16. **Band Booster Budget** – Why are we constantly raising funds for band? The Boosters use the money to pay for special instructors, drill writing, equipment, music and operating costs. The bottom line: ALL money earned flows directly back to the band and color guard. All treasury reports and the annual budget are available at Band Booster meetings, online or on request. Please see a sample of our budget below – taken from December 2006..

Category	Budget
Flags/Materials Color Guard/Marching Band	\$500.00
Props/Marching Band	\$500.00
Spring Band Camp Clinic	\$200.00
Drum Major Camp	\$400.00
Band Banquet	\$250.00
2- \$250 Scholarships	\$500.00
Senior All Night Party	\$50.00
Senior Banners	\$400.00
Awards	\$400.00
Mailings for Newsletters/Postage	\$500.00
Equipment Enhancement	\$4,500.00