

DAPHNE HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT  
ORIENTATION  
2024-2025



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# Why are we here tonight?

- To provide an overview of the Daphne High School Band Program
- To cover the following key topics:
  - What is *The Sound of the Eastern Shore*
  - How much time does band take?
  - Schedule
  - Cost
  - Fundraising
  - Communication
  - Volunteering
  - Uniforms
- To answer any questions you may have



# About DHS Band

- What is *The Sound of the Eastern Shore*?
  - A nationally recognized band program known for a standard of excellence and experience for its members.
- A model for other band programs in the county and in the state.
- A program that prides itself on a tradition of excellence
  - Numerous awards in marching band, concert band, and winter guard
  - Many students are in IB, AP, athletics, SGA, MSYO and other school activities and groups.
  - Many graduates receive scholarships in band/and or academics and continue band in college.
- A program where members will:
  - Gain self confidence
  - Develop a sense of pride in their work ethic
  - Be accepted and be part of something great
  - Learn the importance of teamwork to achieve success
  - Have fun and gain numerous life skills



# The Importance of Band

- Band teaches important life skills - dedication, generosity, teamwork, communication, trust, responsibility, accountability, time management, respect, and discipline
- Academic Excellence:
  - Band students are usually top scholars at their schools
  - On average score higher on ACT and SAT
- Studies show direct correlation between music and academic and personal achievement
- Band Builds positive self worth



# Parts of the DHS Band

- All students are part of *The Sound of the Eastern Shore*, regardless of section or instrument.
- Marching Band:
  - All students are required to be in marching band.
  - Our marching band performs at all football games, in the stand and during halftime.
  - The marching band consists of wind instruments, drum line, front ensemble, and auxiliary.
  - The marching band also competes across the southeast weekends in Late September - October. \*see calendar on [daphne.band](http://daphne.band) for dates.
- Concert Band:
  - After football season ends, we transition to concert band. All wind and percussion players will audition for a place in one of three concert bands. Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band.
  - Chair order is determined by the concert audition.
  - All concert bands perform at the Alabama Music Performance Assessment each year.
  - The bands also perform a Holiday Concert, Pre-MPA Concert, and a Spring Concert.



# Parts of the DHS Band (cont.)

- Color Guard and Winter Guard:
  - Color guard is part of *The Sound of the Eastern Shore*. It is not its own entity.
  - Color guard performs along with the rest of the marching band during the fall.
  - Once football season ends, color guard will transition to one of two winter guards - Varsity and Junior Varsity
  - Winter Guard:
    - Varsity - an elite group of performers who compete at the highest levels of scholastic guard regionally and nationally. Can and has competed at the WGI Competition in Dayton, OH.
    - Junior Varsity - a group of emerging performers who compete on a regional level.
    - Both groups compete in the Gulf Coast Guard and Percussion Circuit (GCGPC)



# How much time does band take?

## Marching Band

- Marching band meets and performs from July-November
- **All performances and rehearsals are mandatory.**
- Band Camp is mandatory for all members of the ensemble
- The band rehearses every day during 7th period.
- After school rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday till 5pm
- The marching band performs at all football games, pep rallies, and our marching competitions.

## Concert Band

- Concert band meets from late October - May during 7th period.
- After school rehearsals depend on the ensemble and usually last till 4:30

## Percussion Ensemble

- At the conclusion of football season, the percussionists will transition to concert band and Percussion Ensemble.
- This group specializes in music written just for percussion instruments.
- They meet during 7th period and have after school rehearsals. After school schedule is TBD (instructor availability)



# Schedule

## Spring/Summer 2024

- May 9 - DHS Band Banquet
- May 13-16 - Horn line Rookie Camp
- May 13-16 - Percussion Fundamentals Camp
- May 13-16 - Auxiliary Fundamentals
- May 17 - DHS Band Cookout (during school)
- May 17 - Spring Football Game (USA)
- June 11 - Booster Meeting
- July 9 - Booster Meeting
- July 15-19 - Percussion Camp
- July 15-19 - Auxiliary Camp
- July 22-26 - Band Camp
- July 29-Aug 2 - Band Camp
- August 6 - Band Camp
- August 8 - First Day of School - Pictures after School

The full schedule can be found on [daphne.band](http://daphne.band)





# Football Schedule

- August 23 - Home v. McGill Toolen
- August 30 - Away v. Pine Forest, FL.
- September 6 - Away v. MGM
- September 13 - Away v. Foley
- September 20 - Home v. Baker
- September 27 - Away v. Spanish Fort
- October 4 - Home v. Davidson (Homecoming)
- October 11 - Away v. Alma Bryant
- October 18 - Home v. Fairhope
- October 25 - Home v. Robertsdale (Senior Night)
- November 8 - Playoff Game 1
- November 15 - Playoff Game 2
- November 22 - Playoff Game 3



# Band Fees

## All members

All members pay a fee of \$450 each year. It covers the following

- Transportation
- Staff
- New Instruments
- Instrument repair and cleaning
- Music - sheet music and copyright

## Winter Guard

Varsity Guard pay an addition \$500, JV pay an extra \$300 for the following

- Transportation (Spring)
- Staff
- Costumes, floor tarps, flags, and equipment
- Choreography and Design
- Music copyrights

## Percussion

All percussion pay an additional \$200 for the following

- Transportation
- Staff
- Music rights
- Equipment

Band Fees do not include band shoes, jackets, reeds, mallets, oil, extra gloves concert attire.

A \$30 fee is assessed by school and paid directly to the front office.



# Fundraising

Fundraising is important to the band. We only receive so much from the county in funding.

Important fundraising events:

- Taste of the Eastern Shore
- Eastern Shore Classic

Sponsorship forms can be found on [daphne.band/sponsors](http://daphne.band/sponsors)



# Communication

Official communication from the band directors will come from Remind and emails in PowerSchool.

Remind Codes: text 81010 and the appropriate code

- Seniors - @daphne2025
- Juniors - @daphne2026
- Sophomores - @daphne2027
- Freshmen - @daphne2028

Booster communication is sent from the email on the band registration.



# Volunteering

Volunteers must obtain a background check. This is a BCBE policy.

Please go to <https://daphne.band/forms-2/> and click Chaperone/Volunteer Background Clearance Link

We must have a 10-1 student/chaperone ratio when we travel.



# Uniforms

Uniforms fitted by grade level during band camp.

Parts of the uniform include:

- Vest
- Long Sleeve undershirt
- Bibbers
- Shako with wrap
- Gloves
- Shoes
- Plume

\*Shoes are not provided by the school and must be purchased individually. We will have a sales rep come to the school to fit specific marching shoes.

Uniforms remain on campus except for Mardi Gras and Christmas Parades.