

Dear SHS Band Students,

Welcome (back) to the Schaumburg High School Band program! The band is the largest student group at SHS and has a long-standing tradition of excellence. We look forward to having you as a member of the Saxon Band.

We are happy to announce that this year's marching band halftime show: **The Music of the Foo Fighters!**
Featuring *The Pretender*, *Walk*, and *All My Life*.



Music for our halftime show is now available on the SHS website for you to print. You will find this and more important information on the Members page: www.schaumburgband.com/members (password is frommanyone). This website also includes part assignments for each student and will be updated with additional information and music this summer.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person as soon as it is safe to do so. We are working through numerous rehearsal and performance plans based on potential future guidelines, with student health and safety being our absolute top priority. **Please note that this schedule is subject to change.** We will communicate with families as we get closer to these dates to confirm our schedule and share any potential alterations. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

Reminder: we have two types of rehearsals during the summer – Sectionals and Band Camp.

- **Sectionals:** Band members meet every Monday and Wednesday afternoon 1:00-4:00pm in the music department for three weeks **beginning Monday, July 13th**. If you have a conflict, please contact your section leader beforehand (**you will receive a different letter in the mail including their contact info and more information in mid-June**). During these rehearsals, we will be learning the music for the fall and marching fundamentals. **Plan on attending every sectional when you are in town and band camp will be much easier for you.**
- **Band Camp:** All band members must attend band camp the week of August 3-7 on the SHS campus.

Please note the times for this year's camp:

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday:	9:00am-6:00pm (with 1-hour lunch break)
Thursday:	1:00-8:00pm (with 1-hour dinner break, later start due to Freshman Kickoff)
Friday:	12:00-8:00pm (with 1-hour dinner break & Parent Preview performance at 7:00pm)

During band camp, we will be learning all of the movement on the field for our fall show. **Attendance at the entirety of band camp is required for all band students.** If you have any conflicts, contact Mr. Inendino as soon as possible.

A few other notes:

- **Percussionists:** Auditions for marching band placement will take place at our first summer sectional. Audition materials will be posted on the Members page of the band website. Email Mr. Graffeo if you have any questions.
- **2020-2021 Band Schedule:** Everyone should have also received next year's band calendar at this point. Mark your family calendar and put this on the fridge at home. You can also subscribe to the band's Google Calendar at: www.schaumburgband.com/calendar
- **Summer sectionals will focus on the halftime show music.** Focus on these as you begin practicing. Our goal is that these 3 charts are memorized for band camp (we will teach you how to do this during sectionals).
- **Recordings of the Halftime Show** can be found on our website. We are also working to get all students access to SmartMusic to practice over the summer. We will share more information in the coming weeks on how students will be able to access their accounts.
- **SHS provides marching instruments for the following sections:** tenor saxophones, baritone saxophones, French horns (mellophones), baritones, tubas (sousaphones), and percussion. **Students must provide their own mouthpieces.** We will contact families when instruments are ready to be picked up at SHS.
 - If you need an instrument other than one listed above, please email Mr. Graffeo. Concert instruments NOT used in marching band (i.e. bass clarinets, French horns) will be issued later in the summer.
- **Jazz band audition materials** for the fall are available on the Members page. All are encouraged to audition.
- **ILMEA audition materials** are also available on the Members page. Interested students should begin preparing these materials now for our fall pre-auditions.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Looking forward to a great year!

Vinnie Inendino
Band Director
vinendino@d211.org

Anthony Graffeo
Band Director
agraffeo@d211.org