

July 29, 2020

Dear SHS Band Students and Families,

Good afternoon and thank you for your ongoing patience regarding next week's band camp schedule. We would like to update everyone on our plans for the week.

Since District 211 has announced we will start the school year with hybrid instruction, we will also be utilizing a hybrid approach for next week's band camp. This model will include elements of virtual music making and community building for all of our band students, as well as carefully scaffolded in-person experiences that allow students to come together safely and in accordance with all current health guidelines.

We are excited to present a unique, engaging, and meaningful experience to all of our band students through the virtual elements of this year's band camp. **The virtual portion of band camp will take place from 1:00pm to 3:00pm Monday through Friday. All students are expected to attend the virtual portion of camp 1-3pm each day.** During this time, we will build upon our work in sectionals so far this summer, share elements of our Foo Fighters show with our community, strengthen bonds between band students, and continue our individual growth as musicians. We are currently developing several different strands for the virtual portion of band camp and will be surveying students at Wednesday's sectional on what they would like to get out of the experience.

In addition to this virtual experience, we will offer students the opportunity to come to SHS for in-person rehearsals during the late afternoon/evening. These in-person rehearsals have been planned keeping student safety and health as our top priority. While it will look different from our traditional band camp, these in-person experiences will provide our students a valuable opportunity to connect with one another safely, make live music together, and prepare for in-person rehearsals to take place during the school year. Students will have the option to participate in these experiences from home via Zoom if they prefer. Please note that the schedule for the in-person portion of band camp is different each day (see next page).

This schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and any updates in guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and/or Illinois State Board of Education. All students who will be participating in the in-person portion of band camp must adhere to protocols and procedures established in accordance with the IDPH and ISBE. **A detailed explanation of these procedures is included following this letter. All students who plan to attend in-person band camp (and their families) are responsible for reading and following all the procedures outlined in this document.** [Any changes to these procedures will be communicated via email and reflected in the live Google Doc available here.](#) We will also take time during Wednesday evening's sectional and the virtual portion of Monday's camp to review this information and answer questions.

Based on current health guidelines, we are not able to fit students for uniforms as we typically would during the summer. Thus, **we will not be holding Uniform Fitting Day this Saturday, August 1st.** We are planning to use an alternate uniform (e.g. member shirts) until state guidelines are updated and will have further information regarding how families can order member shirts in the coming weeks.

2020 Hybrid Band Camp Schedule

Group #1 - Flutes - max 31 students + 1 instructor

Group #2 - Clarinets - max 35 students + 1 instructor

Group #3 - Alto & Tenor Saxophones/Mellophones - max 36 students + 1 instructor

Group #4 - Trumpets - max 45 students + 1 instructor

Group #5 - Trombones/Baritones/Bari Saxes/Sousaphones - max 42 students + 1 instructor

Group #6 - Percussion - max 24 students + 1 instructor

2020 Hybrid Band Camp				
Monday August 3	Tuesday August 4	Wednesday August 5	Thursday August 6	Friday August 7
Virtual 1:00-3:00 - All Groups	Virtual 1:00-3:00 - All Groups	Virtual 1:00-3:00 - All Groups	Virtual 1:00-3:00 - All Groups	Virtual 1:00-3:00 - All Groups
In-Person 4:15-5:30 - Group 1	In-Person 4:15-5:30 - Group 4	In-Person 4:15-5:45 - Groups 1-3	In-Person 5:45-7:15 - Groups 1-3	In-Person* 5:45-7:15 - Groups 1-3
6:00-7:15 - Group 2	6:00-7:15 - Group 5	6:30-8:00 - Groups 4-6	6:30-8:00 - Groups 4-6	6:30-8:00 - Groups 4-6
7:45-9:00 - Group 3	7:45-9:00 - Group 6			<i>*We will only rehearse Friday in-person in the case of inclement weather Thursday evening.</i>

As always, we thank you for your support and flexibility. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

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Schaumburg High School Saxon Marching Band Summer 2020 In-Person Rehearsal Protocols and Procedures

The safety and health of all individuals associated with the Saxon Marching Band are our highest priorities. In any given year, the SMB strives to develop community and students' musical skills while also ensuring their well being. This document outlines our in-person protocols and procedures while the state of Illinois is in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois framework. The following social distancing and safety protocols will be in place for all in-person marching band rehearsals in accordance with requirements from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Students are responsible for following all protocols and procedures in this document and/or communicated by staff members. **Any student who does not follow these protocols will be required to leave rehearsal immediately.**

Social Distancing

Students will be assigned to groups of 50 or less including students and staff. These groups will stay consistent through the end of band camp, with 6-foot distancing between students maintained throughout rehearsal. When multiple groups are meeting simultaneously, a minimum of 30 feet will be maintained between groups at all times. All drill formations will be spaced using at least a 4-step (7.50-foot) interval.

Face Masks

Rehearsals will be held outside to the greatest extent possible. Face masks must be worn when a student begins their temperature/symptom check and remain on while students are in transit. Face masks may be removed only when students are properly spaced and told they may be removed by a staff member. This is subject to change based on any future guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and/or Illinois Department of Public Health.

District Consent Form

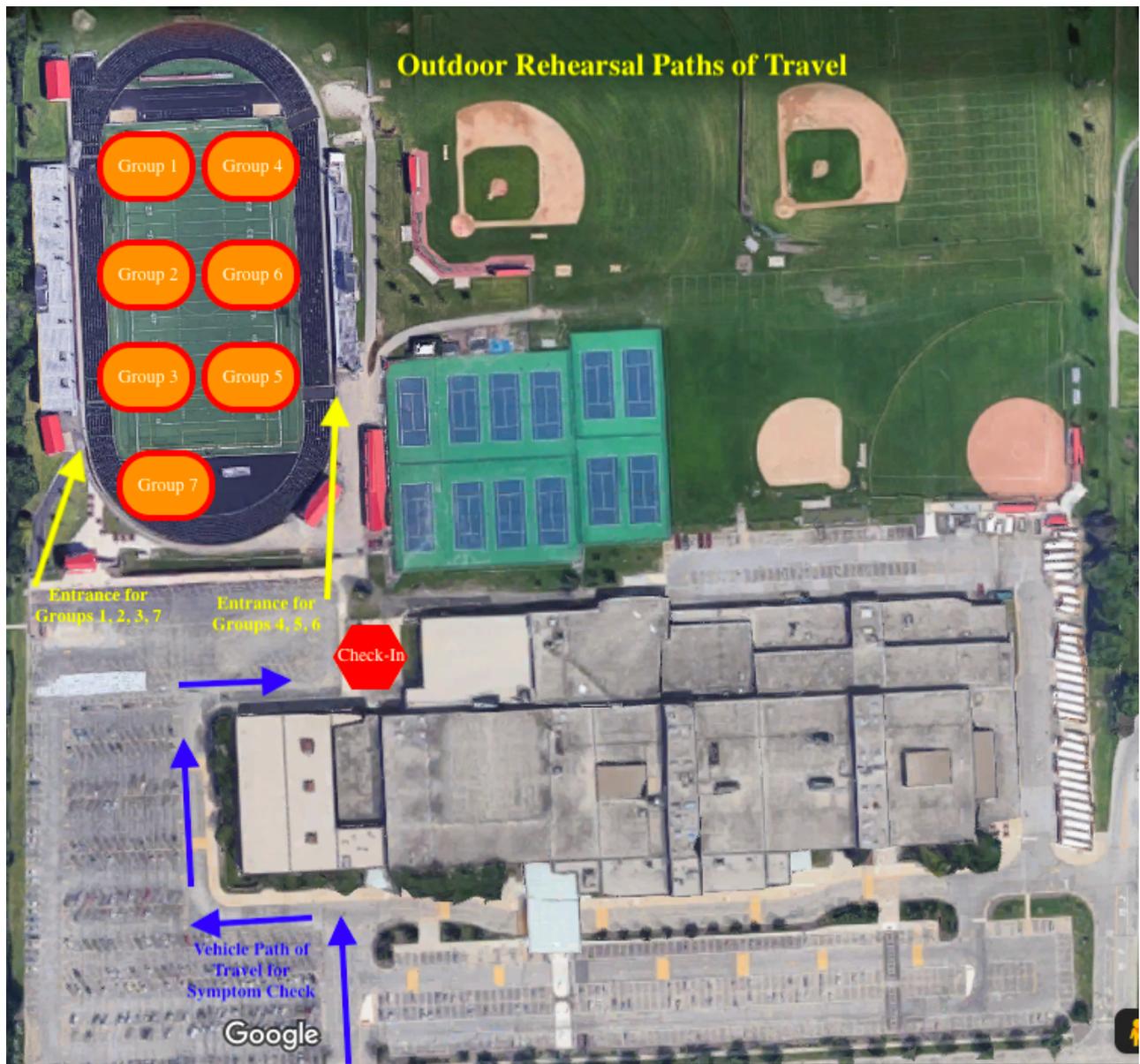
All participants must turn in a signed District 211 summer participation consent form **at their first rehearsal.** **This form is available here and should be completed prior to arrival on campus.**

Before You Leave Home

Students must conduct a temperature and [symptom self-check](#) prior to leaving home. **If a student is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 or has a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, they should not come to campus and absolutely cannot participate in rehearsal.** Additionally, if a student has traveled within the last 14 days, they must not have spent more than 24 hours in a state currently on the [Cook County Department of Public Health Self-Quarantine List](#). Students who have travelled to these states must wait 14 days to attend in-person rehearsals or receive a doctor's note clearing them for participation.

Rehearsal Group Assignments

- Group #1 - Flutes - max 31 students + 1 instructor
- Group #2 - Clarinets - max 35 students + 1 instructor
- Group #3 - Alto & Tenor Saxophones/Mellophones - max 36 students + 1 instructor
- Group #4 - Trumpets - max 45 students + 1 instructor
- Group #5 - Trombones/Baritones/Bari Saxes/Sousaphones - max 42 students + 1 instructor
- Group #6 - Percussion - max 24 students + 1 instructor
- Group #7 - Guard - max 18 students + 1 instructor



Check-In

Upon arrival to campus, families/students will drive up to the area outside Door 8/9 where a staff member will be stationed to complete temperature/symptom checks. **Students should remain in their vehicle for the duration of their screening, which will include a temperature check taken by a staff member using a non-contact thermometer.** Students who walk or bike to school will line up on the sidewalk outside Door 8/9 while awaiting their temperature/symptom check, with markings on the ground indicating 6-foot spacing. If a student fails their temperature/symptom check, that student (and any others in the vehicle) must return home immediately. Upon successful completion of their temperature/symptom check, students will receive an entrance sticker (differentiated by day) and proceed immediately to their assigned rehearsal location. An entrance sticker must be shown (not turned in) to the student's assigned staff member in order to participate in rehearsal. Students will be directed where to place cases and any other personal items, maintaining social distance. 6-foot spacing within each rehearsal group will be indicated on the turf. Rehearsal locations may shift to additional back fields to provide more space.

Outdoor Rehearsals

Staff will wear face masks at all times during rehearsal and maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from the first row when students are playing. Students will only play while facing the same direction and will be consistently reminded by staff to maintain 6-foot spacing throughout rehearsal. Sharing of any personal equipment (instruments, water jugs, sheet music, etc.) is not permitted. School-owned instruments will be assigned for single student use and not be shared by students at any time. Students are expected to wear weather- and school-appropriate attire for rehearsals. Students must provide their own water bottle/jug. Students may access water fountains/stations for refills only. These water fountains/stations will be disinfected at the end of each rehearsal by maintenance staff. Hand sanitizer will be made available in multiple locations.

Breaks and Restroom Usage

Students will be directed to take staggered breaks according to their designated group, where social distancing must continue to be maintained and face masks must be worn at all times. Students will be able to access the restrooms located inside near the main gym as needed. Students will enter the building through Door 8, access the restrooms, and then proceed into the main gym to exit through Door 9. These restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected regularly by maintenance staff. Water stations will be available for refills only and will be disinfected by maintenance staff at the end of each rehearsal. Students are not allowed to share snacks or any other materials at any time, including breaks.

Indoor Space Usage

Students will only occupy indoor space to use the restroom and in the case of inclement weather. In the case of inclement weather, students will be directed to a socially distanced indoor location by their designated staff member. **If significant inclement weather is in the forecast, the band directors may announce that the scheduled rehearsal will take place virtually instead of in-person. Such a change would be communicated via email and on the [Band website](#).**

Dismissal Procedures

Student dismissal will be staggered by group, with students leaving the stadium through the same gate through which they entered. All students are expected to transport their instruments to and from rehearsal every day; the only exception to this, if needed, will be for Sousaphones and large Percussion equipment. Sousaphone and Percussion students who need to leave instruments in the building overnight will enter through Door 6A, leave instruments in cases in the music department, exit the music department through the south music department door, and leave the building through Door 8. Upon arrival the next day, after completing their temperature/symptom check, students will enter through Door 8 to collect their instrument and exit through Door 6A to the stadium. Masks must be worn throughout this time, both indoors and outdoors.

Students will have access to hand sanitizer at the end of each rehearsal. At the conclusion of rehearsal, students must wear face masks and leave campus immediately. Students will be dismissed by group and are encouraged to shower once they return home.

What to Bring

Students are expected to have the following at each in-person rehearsal:

- Signed consent form (first rehearsal only)
- Instrument (in good playing condition - school-owned loaner instruments will not be provided)
- Printed music (found on the [Members page](#) of the SHS Band website - password is frommanyone)
- Flip folder, and if applicable, lyre (the piece that holds the flip folder to the instrument)
- Two or more pencils
- Appropriate clothing for the weather (students must wear gym shoes)
- Multiple face masks (see below)
- Filled water bottle/jug
- Sunscreen

If a student does not have access to a printer at home, please email the band directors at least 12 hours prior to rehearsal and we would be happy to print off any needed sheet music.

Instrument-Specific Information

All students must have a face mask to use while playing their instrument.

Flutes and percussion must provide a normal face mask. We will not be using face shields for flutes, as recent studies have shown this to be less effective at containing aerosols than a standard face mask.

All other woodwind and brass players must provide a face mask with a small slit (about 2 inches) cut across the center to accommodate inserting their mouthpiece. **These students should always have at least two masks for rehearsals - one mask with a slit for playing purposes and another mask without a slit for all other times.**

Brass players will be provided a cloth bell cover to place on all forward-facing brass instruments. Brass players will also be instructed on how to empty spit valves in a way that maximizes safety.

Reed players may consider using a synthetic (plastic) reed, which can be more easily cleaned than a cane reed. We would highly recommend the [Legere Signature Series](#). These reeds may be purchased online or in-person at Music and Arts in Itasca and Schaumburg (call ahead). Students should be careful to order the correct reed type and strength, as [synthetic reeds tend to be softer than cane](#). Here are recommendations for each single reed instrument:

[Clarinet](#) - minimum strength 3.25 (or higher)

[Alto Saxophone](#) - minimum strength 3.25 (or higher)

[Tenor Saxophone](#) - minimum strength 3.0 (or higher)

[Baritone Saxophone](#) - minimum strength 3.0 (or higher)

Percussionists must have their own sticks. Sticks cannot be shared and no school owned sticks will be available.

Virtual Option

In-person rehearsals will also be live-streamed via Zoom, so students may participate virtually if they would prefer.