

## **The “Big Red” Marching Band**

The Marching Band plays for home and away football games (pre-game, halftime shows, and stand tunes during the game), three parades and 6 band competitions. The spring season will include attending scheduled parade practices and participating in a Memorial Day Parade. Other performances (primarily school related) may occur throughout the school year and the students of the Big Red Marching Band are expected to participate.

### **Afternoon Rehearsals and Performances**

The Big Red Marching Band rehearses:

Monday:	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays	<u><i>TBA on band competition dates</i></u>

By visiting [www.soudertonbigred.org](http://www.soudertonbigred.org) students and parents can get updated times and dates for rehearsals and performances.

### **Drum Line and Color Guard rehearsals:**

Members of the drum line, pit, and color guard will have additional rehearses throughout the Fall. Usually these groups will start practice 1 – 2 hrs. before Saturday marching band practices.

## **WHAT YOU NEED FOR BAND CAMP!**

1. **Wear weather appropriate clothes.**  
The school district dress code will be followed. Don't wear any restrictive clothing.
2. **Bring Sunglasses!**  
We encourage students to wear them.
3. **No Watches or Cell Phones**  
The time seems to pass more quickly if you are unaware of it. *Cell Phones are not permitted on the marching band field* and should be left in the band room.
4. **Socks and Sneakers!**  
Cross-trainers are preferred. Sandals, flip-flops, and shoes not covering the heel are not allowed. Students are not allowed to wear **Chuck Taylors (Converse)**
5. **You Must Wear A Hat!**  
Baseball hats will be worn for winds and percussion. Bandanas will be worn for the color guard.
6. **Bring Your Own Personal Water Jug!**  
It is important to stay hydrated at all times. Make sure you drink plenty of water before each rehearsal/performance. Water breaks will be given frequently during rehearsals. Students are expected to only be drinking water during scheduled water breaks, not sport drinks or other beverages.
7. **Personal Items**  
Be sure to bring sun block, lip balm, tissues, a towel (black), etc... to each rehearsal, leaving them on the sidelines or on your person.
8. **Equipment!**  
You are expected to bring your instrument, lyre, flip-folio, pencil, music (show/stand tunes), drill book, etc... to every rehearsal. All equipment (ex. Instruments) and personal effects (Ex. Bags) will be taken home each night.
9. **Dinner!**  
Bring your own dinner to band camp. The band parents will provide two meals during band camp which will be announced.
10. **Positive Attitude**  
Come to rehearsals and performances with a positive attitude and remember to have fun!

### **Other Important Things**

#### **Arriving/Attendance**

Please arrive 15 min. early to every rehearsal.

Every student is expected to attend all band camp dates.

#### **Band Camp 2016**

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| • Aug. 15 – 18 | 1pm – 9pm                         |
| • Aug. 19      | 12pm – 6pm                        |
| • Aug. 22 – 24 | 1pm – 9pm                         |
| • Aug. 25      | 12pm – 5pm; Parent Preview at 7pm |