

Band Friends and Family,

This Saturday at 2pm, the band hall will be opened up for parents to make and fill goodie bags for all of the band kids. We will have sacks and markers and stamps to add personal messages. It's a great deal of fun and a good way to participate in a band event if your job commitments don't allow you to participate in other ways. We especially encourage parents new to this whole "marching band thing" to come and be part of the excitement. There will be parents there from all grades that will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the coming week. I think we sometimes get so used to our band performing so well, we lose sight of what a high-quality program our children are in.

I took a few minutes the other day to look and see how many 4A schools there are in the state of Texas. Would you believe 206?

Let's see..21 bands will be competing in the State Marching Contest. That means the Sherman Bearcat Band is in the top 10% of the 4A bands in the state of Texas. If that doesn't give you chills, I don't know what would! It truly is an achievement and honor to be going to the State Marching Contest.

If you would like to donate any items to send with the band we request that they be individually wrapped items.

Preferred items are:

Microwave popcorn (the kids will have microwaves in their rooms)
Cheese and/or peanut butter crackers, granola bars, trail mix, nuts, cereal bars, jerky. Candy is of course enjoyed but even the kids can get too much of a good thing!
Water and sports drinks.

Some of these "better for you" snacks can get pretty expensive. I plan on teaming up with a couple of parents to get something. Please do not feel obligated to bring anything. Trust me, even with 180 bags, there will be plenty! Parental involvement is way more important than snacks!!

There will also be an opportunity to make posters for the trip. Poster board and markers will be supplied. All you have to be able to do is write. No artistic qualifications required! Bring your own additional art supplies if you'd like!

Please join us to show the kids how proud we are of them!!

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The Band Boosters