

Band Families,

Get comfortable. There is a lot of information with this email.

The chaperone meeting went well last night. Everyone was so well organized and the students' safety was concern number one. We will have multiple nurses, a pharmacist, a paramedic, and an emergency room doctor as part of our chaperone team. There are phone lists, room lists, travel kits, and first aid kits at the ready. As a former state chaperone, you couldn't ask for a better group of individuals to be taking care of the students. All of the adults traveling with the band have prepaid for their meals that they will be having with the students. The chaperones will be wearing matching shirts each day so they can be easily identified by the kids. Mr. Bradford reviewed the entire trip itinerary. The students will need money for one lunch on the way home on Wednesday. Band Fees from the beginning of the semester have covered the meals not picked up by the school district. All other expenses are optional. T-shirts, patches, videos, and pictures will be available at the Alamodome. If you would prefer, you can order patches after the contest from the following WEB site which is the patch supplier for *all* UIL events. [www.SouthwestEmblem.com](http://www.SouthwestEmblem.com) 1-888-442-2514

The students understand what behavior is expected of them. If you have any concerns or questions that are not answered by the Band Handbook, please call Mr. Bradford. 903-891-6456. <http://www.shermanisd.net/SHS/Band/handbook.html>

There is a mandatory student meeting after practice at 6:30 on Thursday in the band hall. Parents are welcome. It is expected to last 30 minutes.

State T-shirts will be available for purchase at the football game on Friday, or you can contact Pat Brentzel @ 903-465-1911. The students will be supplied a shirt at no additional cost. Band fees from the beginning of the semester have covered the cost. The uniforms have been cleaned and pressed for the up coming contest. The students will be wearing their new state t-shirt and jeans on Friday night at the football game.

The following UIL link will get you information on how to obtain tickets for the state marching contest. Full day ticket is \$18.00. The food is very expensive at the Alamodome. Plan accordingly. [www.uil.utexas.edu/music/smbc\\_info2005.html](http://www.uil.utexas.edu/music/smbc_info2005.html)  
Signs on sticks are not allowed in the Alamodome.

On Monday morning at 8am there will be a send off by the entire high school population and we thank our principal, Thomas O'Neal, for his support. Parents can meet at Hawn Park, across from Crutchfield School, to add to the send off. Be there at 8 am to cheer our band on.

Attached are the trip itinerary, marching schedule, general trip information, and information about making goodie bags and posters for the band on Saturday at 2pm. Hope to see you there!!

Don't forget to early vote!

