

SMNW Bands

Marching Cougar Pride: Put your best foot forward at parades, half-time shows and festivals. Plus, march in a light show you have to see to believe!

Symphonic Band: Immerse yourself in a lush musical moment as a member of SMNW's premiere wind ensemble.

Concert Band: Develop strong technique and polish your performance skills while exploring classic wind repertoire.

Jazz Ensemble: Riff with other musicians as you refine the fundamentals of jazz repertoire and improvisation.

Pit Orchestra: You supply the live soundtrack for SMNW musicals while accompanying singers and dancers onstage.

Pep Band: Show your school spirit while playing from an energetic pop-rock playlist.



Doug Talley, Penny Snead and Brit Haney

Staff

Penny Snead: A graduate of the University of Kansas, Ms. Snead has guided the band programs in Shawnee Mission for more than 20 years.

Doug Talley: A well-respected jazz musician who performs throughout the Midwest and has recorded CDs with his quartet, Mr. Talley has been teaching jazz to Shawnee Mission students since 1984.

Brit Haney: When he's not teaching mathematics, he's keeping the beat with the SMNW Marching Cougar Pride drumline and percussionists.

Facility

The newly expanded Fine Arts wing opened just in time for the 2009/2010 school year. The state of the art facility features improved theater acoustics and seating, a larger band room with windows, more practice rooms, a musical library, lockers and uniform storage. For a tour, contact the SMNW Band Boosters.

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Join us!

SMNW Band Program



"Band is great. It really makes the start of my day rock!" *Abigail Striker, flute/freshman*

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Band helps students learn to think outside the box



While students experience the thrill of performing, they're also learning critical thinking and problem-solving skills, teamwork, creativity and innovation, pro-

fessionalism and mathematics. A 2005 study by the Society for Human Resource Management study found school systems are based on agricultural and industrial models that underestimate the value of studying the arts. A 2009 survey of the SMNW bands found that band students not only excel in musical activities but also academically. In addition to National Merit finalists, band members participate in everything from cheerleading, theater and cross country to Scouts, bowling and robotics club. Arts education provides the skills to help students succeed in a global economy. To that end, band provides a built-in social network of peer mentoring that guides students through the maze of high school, helping them to envision and meet their life goals.

Why Band: In their own words

"Band has been one of the best experiences in my life. It opened a bunch of windows for me, and I was able to meet some of my best friends through band." *Ryan Thomas, euphonium/baritone/junior*

"You're surrounded by people with the same interests who are there for you like another family." *Alexandra Kahtava, flute/junior*

"The band is a family, and you'll always have a place to go to." *André Silva, trumpet/sophomore*

"Band made the transition from 8th to 9th grade very easy because the upperclassmen looked out for me." *Bradley Vonada, alto sax/bari sax/junior*

"Band has provided me with an environment where I can do what I love and be no one but myself." *Isabel Zacharias, oboe/sophomore*

"Band helps build character and enhance discipline and focus." *Kelly Gamm, trumpet/sophomore*



Being a member of band gives "the feeling of being part of something bigger than yourself." *Alex Severance, mellophone/senior*

"High school band really gives me a sense of pride like none other because we are all so united." *Cassie Jones, flute/senior*

"It's a great way to meet new people, and will change your life forever." *Lauren Komer, mellophone/french horn/sophomore*

"Sometimes I feel without band life at school would be rather dull." *Ernesto Flores, clarinet/senior*

"They learn a lot in band besides music. They're such impressive kids. They're polite. They learn about excellence and a work ethic, and they learn about having to work things out together." *Penny Snead, band director*

