



Band Bolt - 9/29/25

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1 - Upcoming Events/Rehearsals

Monday, September 29th

Competitive Band Rehearsal 6-9pm

New Tuesday, September 30th

Band Pictures - All Band Members - Report at 7am, get into uniform (no hats). FOG @ 6:45am

Tuesday, September 30th

New Gold Pep Band - Volleyball - 6:30pm, 6:00pm call time

Wear Pep Band Polo with jeans or shorts

Wednesday, October 1st

Campus Band and Choir Concert 7pm

6:30pm Call Time, 7:00pm performance

The uniform for concert band season will be black dress pants, dress black button down dress shirt or a blouse, long black socks, and black dress shoes. Shirts or blouses can be long sleeve, short sleeve or ¾ sleeve. Jeans, Leggings and Yoga Pants are NOT considered dress pants. **We do not wear skirts or dresses for any ESHS band performance.** Students should plan to wear their black band shoes, but may choose to wear other closed toe dress black shoes. Tennis shoes or other casual black shoes are NOT considered dress shoes.

Saturday, October 4th

Capitol City @ Seacrest Field Lincoln, NE - Competitive Band All Day

[Capitol City Itinerary 10/4/25](#)

Monday, October 6th

Competitive Band Rehearsal 6-9pm

Friday, October 10th

Home Football Game 5-9:30pm - All Band Members Perform (vs Westside)

Call time 5:15pm, Leave ESHS at 5:30pm, Likely return to ESHS @ 9:30pm

Wear your white wicking shirt, LONG BLACK SOCKS, shorts/leggings underneath your bibbers, marching band shoes to ESHS that evening.

At ESHS - get into halbies (bibbers, MB shoes, long black socks, white wicking shirt) before loading onto bus.

At EHS, you'll get into full uniform(Long black shirt, vest, gloves, hats)

Bring money for concessions if you want to eat during the game - cash and card accepted.

Saturday, October 11th

Sounds of Excellence @ Elkhorn HS - Competitive Band All Day

SOE Itinerary 10/11/25

Monday, October 13th

Competitive Band Rehearsal 6-9pm

Thursday, October 16th

New Blue Pep Band - Volleyball - 6:30pm, 6:00pm call time

Friday, October 17th - Senior Night

No School, No competitive rehearsal

Home Football Game 5-9:30pm - All Band Members Perform (vs Norfolk)

Seniors + Parents/Guardians will be recognized during half time. More info will be sent out closer to date.

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Saturday, October 18th

Omaha Marching Invitational @ Burke HS - Competitive Band All Day

OMI Itinerary 10/18/25

Monday, October 20th

Competitive Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm

Family Night Showcase Performance at 8:30pm

Saturday, October 25th

State Marching Contest @ Millard South HS - Competitive Band All Day

Monday, October 27th ***Updated start time***

Post-NSBA Event 6:00pm @ ESHS - Competitive Band

Monday, October 27th - Wednesday, October 29th

Volleyball Districts - Blue OR Gold only if volleyball is playing

Thursday, October 30th

First Show Band Rehearsal - 6-8pm

Friday, October 31st

New Blue + Gold Football Pep Band - Playoffs - Time TBD - Will play if hosting at Home

2 - Upcoming Check-Offs

Check-Offs are music accuracy/memorization assignments to help students master the music that will be on the field in the correct timeline. We work on the music in class and during rehearsal, but students will have to practice in order to have the music in its best shape.

Grades are either 100 (perfect), 85 (4-6 mistakes), 60 (attempted, 6+ mistakes). Past Due grades = maximum of 90%

The #1 key to success for Check-Offs is to ATTEMPT the Check-Off as you can always improve your grade! **If you don't attempt, it goes in automatically as a zero.** An attempt can happen BEFORE the due date with a FOG or band director. This gives students an opportunity to improve and receive feedback. The goal is that every student is able to perform their music memorized at a high level. The only music they must check-off is music that will be performed for Spirit Show or the Competitive Show.

Check-Offs 25-26

Competitive Band and Campus Band

Updated Hey Baby (with cuts) - Due Tuesday, October 7th- 11:59pm

Updated Crazy Train (with cuts) - Due Tuesday, October 7th- 11:59pm

3 - Sounds of Excellence Marching Competition, Student + Parent Volunteers Needed

We are proud to be hosting the 10th annual Sounds of Excellence Marching Competition at Elkhorn High School on Saturday, October 11th. This event is coordinated by all 3 EPS high schools as well as a group of dedicated volunteers.

[Competitive Band Students SUG](#) - Sign up for 1 shift NOT in the 7-9:30 timeslot (we perform at 9:15pm)

[Competitive Band Parents SUG](#) - Sign up for a shift or two, but avoid the 7-9:30 timeslot (ESHS performs at 9:15pm)

We will also be asking for donations to help support the concessions at this event - that link will be shared later. Thank you for helping us make this a well-run event!

As you look at the sign up list, you may wonder what some jobs are. Here is a short summary:

Parking crews- help people find spots, keep traffic flowing to the correct entrances and exits, etc.

Band Guide/Host- leading a particular band over to the warm-up field, and then around to the performance field. (students only)

Volunteer check in- check people off on the sheet as they arrive for shifts. Work with trouble shooters, etc. to cover any shifts that are no-shows. Give out t shirts to workers as they arrive

Concessions- work in our concession stand...please make sure to view the Concessions videos linked on the sign-up genius.

Ticket Sales- be in ticket booth, taking money as people arrive to watch (parents only)

Checking stamps- posted at entry gates, making sure everyone has proof of payment (a wristband or mark)

Hospitality- preparing and keeping up our hospitality rooms for directors and bus drivers in EHS.

Shout out sales- just outside the gate, selling shout outs, and bringing them to the announcer

Water Station- filling cups of water and handing out to bands as they get ready to go on the field. (students only)

Field Crew- letting directors/bands know where to go, and exactly when to do it. This is the logistics crew of the event. Helping bands get all their equipment on and off in an orderly and timely fashion. (parents only)

Field Timer- being in the pressbox with the announcer, and keeping official time for the event, letting the field crew know when a band has 90 seconds to take the field, 30 seconds to take the field, and finally when they can actually start moving. You also note at what point the band clears the field, and if any penalty for being overtime needs to be assessed. (parents only)

Audience Management- gating off the steps when a band starts, making sure no one disrupts performances. Not difficult, but you must sometimes be firm with people who think it's ok if "they just slip by".

Critique Guide/Driver- driving the critique judges back and forth on a golf cart from the judge booth to the critique location. (Parent only)

Warm-up field workers- monitoring the warm-up fields, and letting bands know when they have 5 minutes of time remaining, and when they must leave. (parents only)

Clean up Crew- get everything put away and clean at the end of the night.

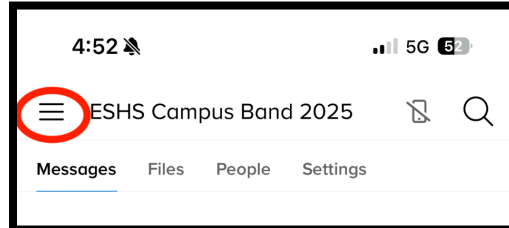
4 - Not Getting Remind Notifications?

Remind has recently removed text message delivery as an option for our classes, so follow the steps below to get the app and receive notifications!

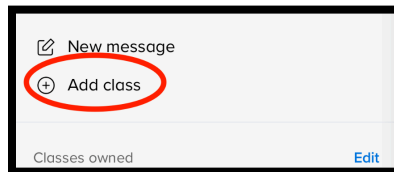
Remind Notifications Update

1. Download the [Remind app](#) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Sign in OR create an account if you don't have one
3. Join the Remind Class

- a. Select the 3 lines (menu) at the top left of the screen



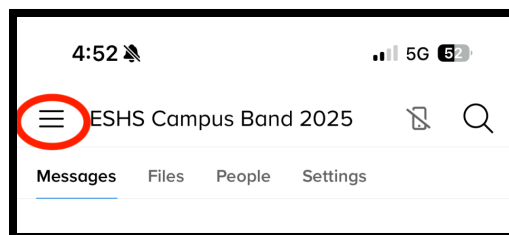
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- b. Click 'Add Class'



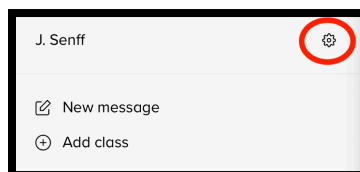
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- c. Click 'Join existing class'
- d. Enter the class code
 - i. ESHS Competitive Band - @eshscomp25
 - ii. ESHS Campus Band - @eshscampus
 - iii. ESHS Band Parents - @eshsbandbp

4. Turn on your App Notifications in the Remind app

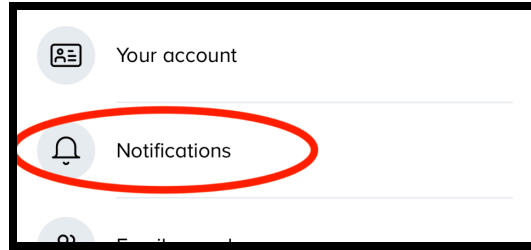
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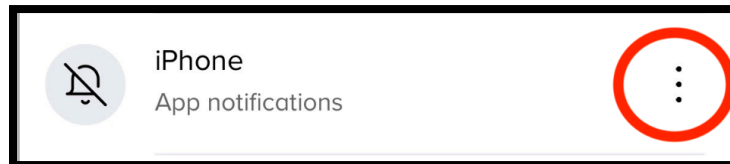


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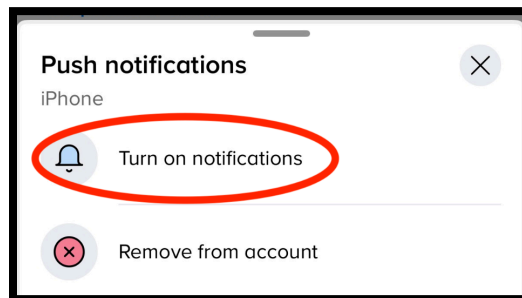
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- d. Click the 3 dots to the right of 'iPhone' or 'insert phone name'



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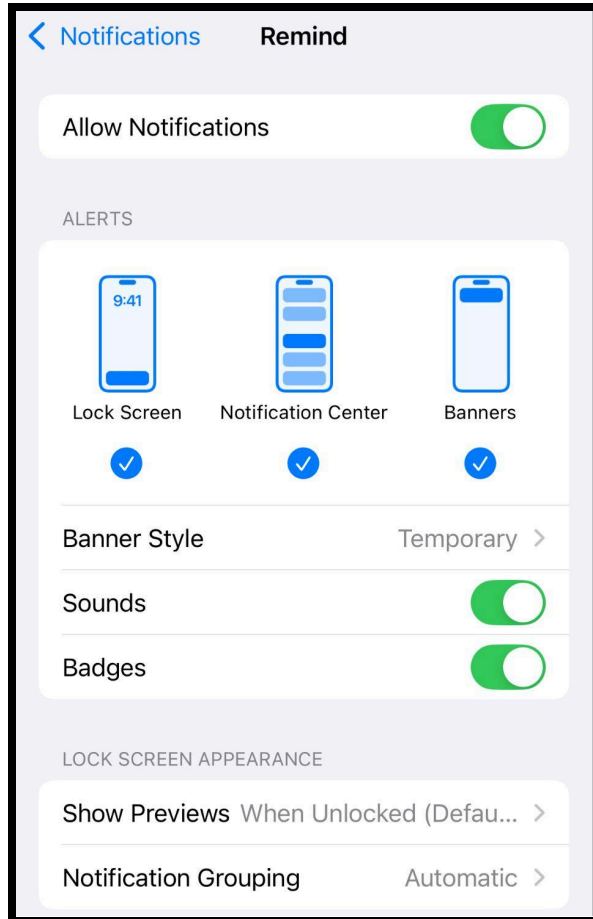
- e. Select "Turn on notifications"



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5. Turn on your App Notifications in your phone settings

- Go to Settings
- Find notifications
- Locate the 'Remind' app in that menu
- Select however you would like notifications (banner, push, etc.)



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5 - Adult Volunteers Needed For Upcoming Events

You can always check [ESHSBANDBOOSTERS.COM](https://eshsbandboosters.com) for the latest updates on Sign Up Geniuses!

[2025 Prop Crew - Game Days and Competitions](#)

[2025 Bus Chaperones - Competitions](#)

[2025 Competition Meals](#)

[2025 Bus Chaperones - Game Days and Playoffs](#)

[Saturday 10/11 Sounds of Excellence - s](#)
[Parent Involvement Form](#)

6- Pep Band Schedule/Rosters

Linked below is the Pep Band schedule, these have also been added to the [25-26 Band Calendar](#)! Next week we will release rosters for the Blue and Gold Pep Bands. A couple of notes about Pep Band:

- The ESHS Band makes a HUGE impact on the atmosphere of events and we take pride in that. Pep Bands are a great way to add to the environment at sporting events and show school pride!
- You must wear your Pep Band polo at games that are indoor. If we are outdoors and it's cold, please wear coats and dress appropriately.
- Attendance at games is required as it is a part of our curriculum. Students are ALWAYS welcome to play at games that they aren't assigned to. They can earn lettering points by doing so.
- Attendance will be taken via QR code at the beginning of the performance time. If students don't check in, they will not receive credit.
- If there is an unavoidable conflict and a student can't make a game, they can talk with another person in the other band and complete the trade form if both parties agree to a trade. Trades can not occur over the semester (Dec - Jan), but only within the same semester. ([Pep Band Trade Form](#) - also on schedule). Only 1 person needs to complete the form after communicating.
- If a trade is unavailable, students need to request that someone who plays the same instrument/part subs for them. The sub will receive credit for that game in the form of lettering points OR to make up a missed game. Finding a sub does NOT give the person missing the game credit. Percussion - subs can only occur if you are assigned the same part. Talk with Mr. Senff or Mr. Nelsen if you have any questions about this.
- In the event that a student isn't able to make a trade after communicating with their section, they can complete an alternate assignment (practice log for 40 minutes), but this is an absolute last resort to recover credit.

[Pep Band Schedule 25-26](#)

8 - Tardy/Performance Attendance Policy

"It's not personal, it's professional."

Performance Attendance Policy- It is essential that students attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances. All absences are considered UNEXCUSED unless communicated prior to the event.

- Missing performances will not be considered excused unless **parental notification is submitted at least two weeks before the performance date**. Special considerations will be made for illness or family emergencies, as long as notice is given in a timely manner.

- Unexcused performance absences will receive a zero in the gradebook, and can be PARTIALLY made up through a makeup assignment from the director
- Notifying directors of an upcoming absence does not always make such absence excused. An excused absence may include: family emergencies, another school activity if communicated, or illness if gone from school.
 - Work, dinners, birthday parties, too much homework are all unexcused absences.

Tardies - The expectation is that students will be in their spots with all their materials ready to play at the designated start time. Students not prepared to begin class on time will be docked 2 of their 4 participation points if they arrive after 8:10am and before 8:25am. If students arrive after 8:25am, they are considered truant according to ESHS Policy. Students with repeated infractions may not be allowed to participate in a performance if their readiness has been affected. The points lost for this must be made up via individual practice logs.

3 tardies = 1 detention, call home (office referral)

6 tardies = 2 detentions, call home (office referral)

9 tardies = 1 after hours session, call home, parent meeting

More information can be found in the [Band Handbook](#).

9 - Friends & Family/Corporate Giving Program, Baker's Rewards + Corporate Donation Matching

[FRIENDS & FAMILY GIVING PROGRAM](#) [CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM](#)

The ESHS Band Boosters, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, fundraise year-round to support our amazing students and staff. While the district provides some funding, many essential costs - like music rights, drill/choreography, equipment, props, and special events - are covered by the Boosters. Our Friends & Family Giving Program offers three donation levels, each making a direct impact on our band's success.

White \$100+ Blue \$250+ Gold \$500+

The Deadline for the 25-26 Sponsor Banner is Sept 19th

Every contribution helps provide the best experience for our student musicians - thank you for being a part of our band family!

Do you shop at Baker's and want to support the band with your trips to the grocery store at no cost to you? You can add Elkhorn South Band Boosters to your Baker's Plus card to help support the band every time you shop at Baker's.

Link below for how to link account - search for "Elkhorn South High School Band Boosters"

[How to Add Elkhorn South Band Boosters to your Baker's Card](#)

This is an easy way to support the band at no cost to you!

Many corporations offer a matching/donation to nonprofit organizations such as the Elkhorn South Band Boosters.

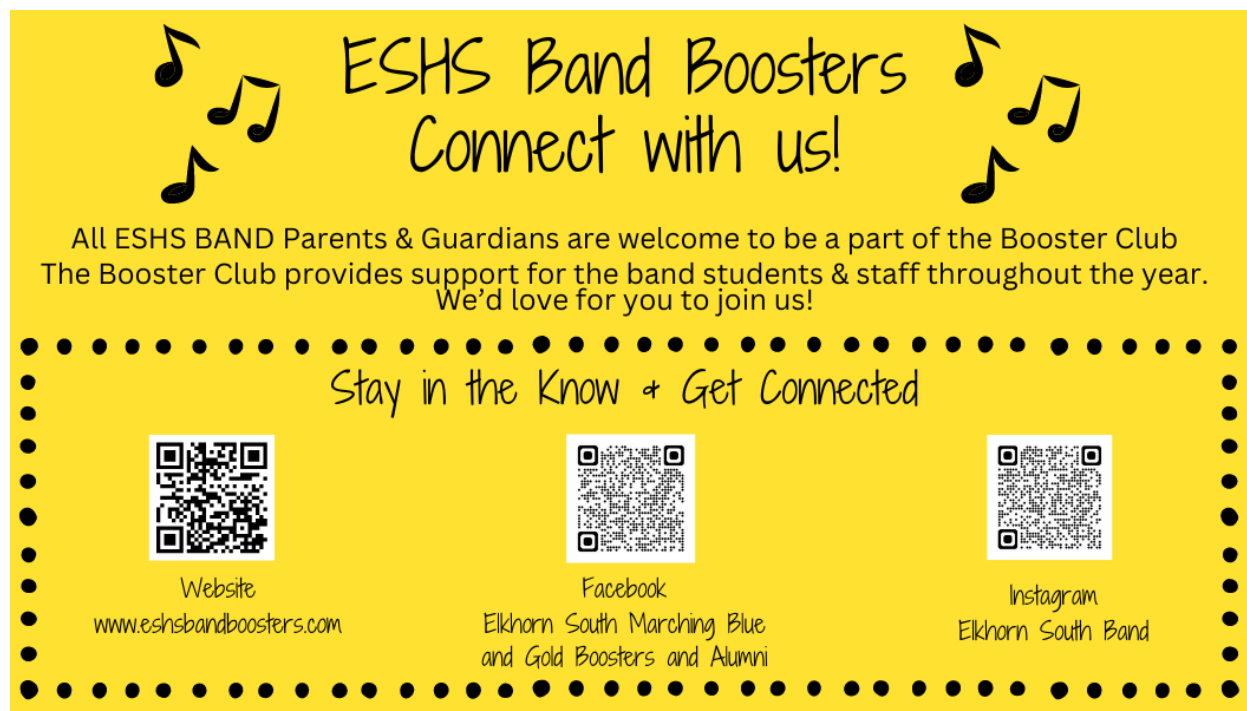
Some of them may include:

[Benevity Causes](#)

[Spark Good](#)

There are often also options for Volunteer Time-Off (VTO) that you can utilize to help out with the ESHS Band Program! If there are other programs you're aware of- send Mr. Senff an email and let him know! jsenff@epsne.org




10 - Band Booster Social Media



ESHS Band Boosters
Connect with us!

All ESHS BAND Parents & Guardians are welcome to be a part of the Booster Club
The Booster Club provides support for the band students & staff throughout the year.
We'd love for you to join us!

Stay in the Know + Get Connected

		
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