

Welcome to Sickles High School



MARCHING
WALL OF SOUND

2026-2027 School Year

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Dear Parents and Band Students!

Hello and welcome to another great year with the Sickles High School Band!

We have an exciting year ahead, with great memories and exciting music to be made! As football season quickly approaches, we would like to keep you as informed as possible with the upcoming events so that every band member can be present and prepared! ***You will have many opportunities to join your child in their success by volunteering, chaperoning, and assisting in our band events – participation by all is welcomed and encouraged!***

Any performance dates put on the band calendar are mandatory unless otherwise notated. Student participation in these events *will* be factored into their grade throughout the year.

BAND CAMP

Sensations Only - Summer Rehearsals (come if you're in town!):

June 6th, June 20th, and July 11th
12pm-6pm

Leadership

July 23rd, 12pm-5pm and July 24th, 9am-12pm

All Percussion/Sensations

July 23rd, 5pm-8pm
July 24th and July 25th, 12pm-8pm

All Members- Winds, Percussion, and Sensations

July 27th - July 31st, 12pm-8pm
August 3rd - 7th, 12pm-8pm

Uniform Fitting

July 25th, 9am-5pm

KICK-OFF EVENT:

Saturday, August 8th
Students report - 8am
Parent meeting - 9am
Performance - 10am

WEEKLY REHEARSALS

(Marching Band season)
Tuesday from 4 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday - Percussion TBA
Fridays - after school until Game Time

2026 MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

Friday, August 14	Pre-Season at Blake (Band rehearsal @SHS until 8pm)
Friday, August 21	Home vs Freedom
Friday, August 28	Away at Steinbrenner
Friday, September 4	Away at Morgan
Thursday, September 10	Home vs Largo
Friday, September 18	Bye week (Band rehearsal @SHS until 8pm)
Friday, September 25	Home vs Robinson (HOCO)
Friday, October 2	Home vs Middleton
Saturday, October 3	Lion's Pride - King High School (potluck lunch)
Friday, October 9	Away at Mitchell
Friday, October 16	Home vs Gaither (Tentative Senior Night)
Friday, October 23	Away at East Lake
Friday, October 30	Away at Berkley Prep. (Not attending; Band rehearsal at SHS until 8pm)
Saturday, November 7	Marching Band MPA (potluck lunch)

The full attendance policy is outlined in the Student Handbook, which we encourage parents to review. Please note that band is defined as a co-curricular activity, which means events outside of school count toward the student's grade. We will always work with students who have other activities, but want to emphasize that communication is key!

The following is an explanation of the required fees to participate in Sickles High School Band Program:

District Band Fees payable to **Sickles High School** (Paid via My Payments Plus or cash/check made out to SHS)

- **School Owned Instrument Maintenance fees (\$43.00, financial aid available)-only students who rent instruments from school, including percussionists.**
- **Uniform Rental (\$37.63, financial aid available)-every wind/percussion student who participates in the Marching band. Includes jacket, bib, and hat.**

Wall of Sound Fees payable to **SHS Band Boosters** (Paid via CutTime or cash/check made out to SHSBB)

WHO	TOTAL AMOUNT	INCLUDES
New Band Members	\$325.00 (\$335.00 for Sousa)	• "Fair Share Fee" (explained below) \$200 • 1 pair Dri-Fit shorts \$20 • 1 Dri-Fit shirt \$20 • 2 pairs gloves \$10 @ \$5 each (Percussion doesn't use gloves, but this \$10 will go toward 1 pair of wristbands the use of mallets and sticks all percussionists use throughout the year) • 1 Pair Dinkles (shoes) \$40 • 1 Water Jug \$15 • 1 Show shirt \$20 • 1 Beret \$10 (SOUSAS ONLY)
Returning Band Members	\$220.00	• "Fair Share Fee" (explained below) \$200 • 1 Show shirt \$20
New Sensation Members	\$475.00	• "Fair Share Fee" (explained below) • 1 Water Jug \$15 • 1 Green Skirt \$25 • 1 Sensations Tank Top: \$25 • 1 Sensations Jacket: \$60 • 1 Show shirt \$20 • Marching Uniform \$130 All Sensations will be required to purchase their own shoes and makeup, which will be specified by coaches.
Returning Sensation Members	\$220.00	• "Fair Share Fee" (explained below) \$200 • 1 Show shirt \$20 All Sensations will be required to purchase their own shoes and makeup, which will be specified by coaches.

What is the “Fair Share” Fee?

What does my \$200.00 Band fair share cover?

- Sheet music for marching and concert band
- Customized marching band drill
- Transportation to and from competitions
- Staff members (Percussion, Visual, and other)
- Guest clinicians and artists during marching/concert band
- Repairs and maintenance of instruments
- Band trailer usage/maintenance
- Friday night dinners (donations welcome!)
- Other supplemental instruction

What does my \$200.00 Auxiliary (Sensations) fair share cover?

All the above PLUS –

- Sensations instructional staff
- Pom Pom purchase/maintenance
- Flags, Poles, Tips & Flag bag rental

Potential Additional Costs throughout the year

- In/Out of County Field Trips and Assessments
- All-County/All-State/Solo & Ensemble Registration
- Spring Band Field Trip
- Band Banquet – Guest tickets
- USF Hot Band Day, UF Day (optional events)
- Individual accessories for instruments (reeds, valve oil, slide cream, flip folders, lyres lanyards, etc.)
- SWOS Band Merch
- Snacks, water, and other food items for students
- Concert season attire

NOTE: Sensations who participate in Winterguard will have additional fees for that portion of the year. These fees will be discussed in detail at Winterguard auditions in November.

From the Directors:

In order to perform at the high level our students enjoy and to provide them with the best possible experience at SHS, we operate on a “fair-share” system. Some of the many different costs that our program will incur throughout the course of a given year include the fees seen above. At SHS we are very proud to have some of the lowest fees of any high school band program. Through fundraisers, payment plans, volunteer credits, and financial aid/waivers, we work tirelessly to ensure that money is NEVER a reason that a student cannot participate in Band at Sickles High School.

What is CutTime?

CutTime allows the band communities to communicate quickly and efficiently with students and guardians individually, by group, or with the entire band.

Communication and login are done by a “magic link” so you don’t need to remember passwords.

Things that can be found on CutTime include upcoming events, news, financial details for your band student, fundraising and payments.

This system will help keep everyone informed and accountable with one easy to use transparent system.

Every Sunday, a “Directors Update” is sent out. Please read this each week to stay informed!

Fundraising, Sponsorships, & Volunteering Information



Thank you for your interest in supporting our program! Our Directors, Booster Board and Committees are preparing for an exciting season filled with performances, competitions, community events, and unforgettable experiences for our students.

The success of our season depends greatly on the generosity of families, local businesses, and community supporters. Every contribution big or small makes a meaningful impact on our students and helps create a successful and memorable season.

We truly appreciate your support and investment in our students and program. Thank you for helping us make this season possible!

If you have any questions about volunteering, fundraising opportunities, sponsorships, donations, or ways to support our program, please contact:

Megan Andrews, VP of Fundraising, Email: shsbandsponsorship@gmail.com

Interested in volunteering with the band? Fill out our interest form to get started!



Volunteer Interest Form

**Interested in working with the band at any capacity?
Complete your Level 1 volunteer application with Hillsborough County Schools.
Please note that you must reapply each school year. We don't want you to miss out on
volunteering opportunities due to incomplete forms!**



Level 1 Volunteer Application

**Interested in volunteering for Bucs Games and Concert Events?
Fill out our interest form by scanning the QR code.**



Bucs Games and Concert Events Interest Form

Legends Fundraiser

HELP US EARN MONEY FOR OUR BAND PROGRAM!

Funds raised support our band program, including: Solo & Ensemble Fees, Color Guard & Winter Guard Competition Fees, Game Night Meals, Transportation, Music, Clinicians, Instruments, & more!



Where: Raymond James Stadium
4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy,
Tampa, FL 33607



When: August 2026-January 2027

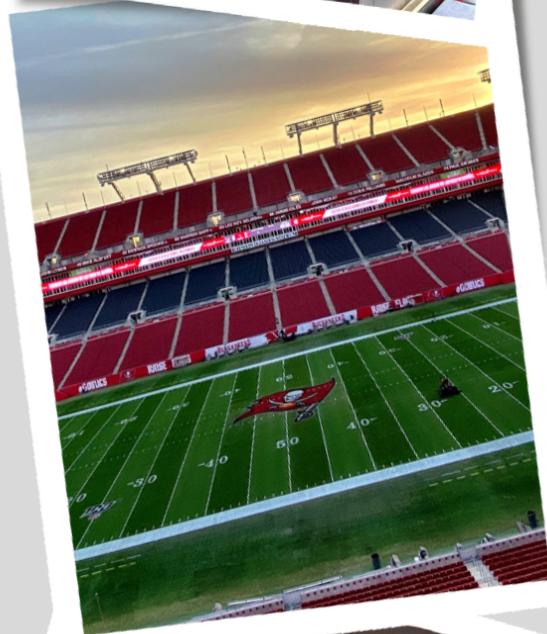


Who: Anyone over 18 years of age.
You do not have to be
related to a student to
volunteer.

Students Earn CutTime Account Credit for each game you work! Credits may be used for: Band & Color Guard/Winter Guard Dues, Band Trips, Accompanist Fees, Misc Fees.

Credits earned may be rolled over to the following year for non-senior students.

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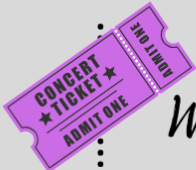
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