



Smithson Valley High School

RANGER BAND

Greetings Ranger Band Community!

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Ranger Band! Things are in high gear as we plan following a tremendously successful year for our program. The 24-25 year was an unprecedented year with our third consecutive State Marching Championship qualification, two students in the TMEA All-State Band, high achievements of collegiate level music in concert bands, seventeen students qualifying for UIL State Solo and Ensemble resulting in six first divisions and one Outstanding State Soloist. We seek to continue the success of our students with our 2025 Marching Band Production - JUMANJI. Please read all the enclosed information carefully, as changes have been made from previous years. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Marching Band Physicals –

To participate, UIL requires all Band and Color Guard students must receive a NEW physical, conducted no earlier than May 1st, 2025. The Physical form is included in this packet. Students unable to present a completed form on their first day of activity will not be permitted to participate until the documentation is received. You may choose to use your family practitioner or a clinic, but the included form MUST be completed by a physician. You may email completed forms to Mr. Duncan at scott.duncan@comalisd.org, or you can turn them in as a hard copy on your student's first day with us. We are not on RankOne with athletics, so we will need a copy of the physical from you.

Additional Forms –

In addition to the Physical Form which is due on the first day of activity (July 22nd). The forms following the physical in this packet are required District and Ranger Band forms. These will need to be completed and turned in as a **hard copy** to the Directors during the first week of Summer Band. Electronic copies cannot be accepted; we are often unable to access electronic information that could be vital to the safety of your student. We take no chances, so all forms will need to be turned in as a hard copy.

Calendar –

Included in this packet is the Full 2025-2026 Calendar. I will do all I can to maintain these dates, but sometimes we are given no choice but to reschedule an event. I do what I can to give at least two weeks notice of any updates. Please consult this calendar while making any plans. Everyone is expected to be present at all rehearsals and performances for the whole group to be successful.



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Ranger Band Registration (July 26th) – More details attached

Registration Day is intended for ALL Ranger Band members, including percussion and color guard. It is designed as a “One-Stop-Shop” for students and parents. Uniforms, music, instruments, and equipment will be issued at this time. Permission slips and contact information will be completed, and all required fees and forms will be finalized and collected. Optional spirit items will be available. Band AND Guard Parents will have an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for many events through the Booster Club. Parent support plays a vital role in the success of all our students, so please come out and join us! Please see the attached calendar and registration day information on specific times for each grade level. Because we can achieve so much on this day, please plan to attend registration day if at all possible, even if you cannot attend your student’s assigned time. If you cannot attend please contact our treasurer at treasurer@svhsband.com before registration.

Lastly -

While the schedule and the activity seems daunting, know that we will be with you all the way through the experience, teaching every step, and every note to ensure this year is rewarding and a lot of fun! Everyone is a beginner at marching the first day; even Seniors! We make time to get to know everyone and provide social events so you go into the school year with 200 people you can count on in band, and in your high school experience. I highly recommend some outdoor activities before we start so you are acclimated to the summer heat. We do our most demanding outdoor activities early in the day, but it can be quite hot by the time we come inside. Your health is important to the Ranger Band Staff and we will monitor you closely, but drinking water regularly, and eating something EVERY MORNING BEFORE Summer Band is crucial. Seeing our schedule can be intimidating. I had apprehension as an incoming 9th grader myself, but after just the first day of Summer Band as a student, I knew I’d be organizing Summer Band as a Director one day, just for you! With Band, you get out of it what you put into it. We work hard, play hard, and perform with a unique raw energy people love and consider it to be the Ranger Band way. I can’t wait to put another ambitious production on the field with my Ranger Band Family. This year will be another one to remember! On behalf of the Ranger Band Staff, welcome to the 2025-2026 Smithson Valley High School Ranger Band!

See you soon!

Mike Childress
Director of Bands

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<p>Females Only</p> <p>20 When was your first menstrual period? _____</p> <p>When was your most recent menstrual period? _____</p> <p>How much time do you usually have from the start of one period to the start of another? _____</p> <p>How many periods have you had in the last year? _____</p> <p>What was the longest time between periods in the last year? _____</p> <p>Males Only</p> <p>21 Do you have two testicles? _____ Do you have any testicular swelling or masses? _____</p>			<p>FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY – This Medical History form was reviewed by:</p> <p>Printed name _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>																																																																																																			

☐ An electrocardiogram (ECG) is not required. I have read and understand the information about cardiac screening on the UIL Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form. By checking this box, I choose to obtain an ECG for my student for additional cardiac screening. I understand it is the responsibility of my family to schedule and pay for such ECG.

-It is understood that even though protective equipment is worn by the athlete, whenever needed, the possibility of an accident still remains. Neither the UIL nor the school assumes any responsibility in case an accident occurs.

-If, in the judgment of any representative of the school, the above student should need immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given said student by any physician, athletic trainer, nurse, or school representative. I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school and any school or hospital representative from any claim by any person on account of such care and treatment of said student.

-If, between this date and the beginning of athletic competition, any illness or injury should occur that may limit this student's participation, I agree to notify the school authorities of such illness or injury.

-I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above are complete and correct. Failure to provide truthful responses could subject the student in question to penalties determined by the UIL.

X Parent/Guardian signature (required) _____ Date _____

X Student signature (required) _____ Date _____

COMMUNICATION GUIDE

Communication is vital to the success of the Ranger Band. Listed below are several important ways in which we communicate:

Website – www.svrangerband.org - this is updated constantly with new information. Updated information, forms and a Calendar are all located here, usually posted along with other forms of communication and reprints of Memos.

REMIND – email just isn't as fast and predictable as we'd like. The vast majority of information will be sent through Remind. This is a safe way to receive group text messages where everyone's phone number remains private and replies are only between myself and the person replying. ALL STUDENTS INCLUDING PERCUSSION AND COLORGUARD are required to be enrolled, as well as at least one adult per household. Please use your name when creating your account, as we sometimes will need to contact individuals. You can sign up with the instructions on the very next page. Through Remind, you will receive Memos regarding upcoming events; weekly during marching season and usually monthly for the remainder of the year. You will also receive links to important information and forms, last minute announcements or schedule changes due to weather, and travel communications if necessary to ensure smooth transportation.

If you are currently receiving emails from me, you are likely an incoming 9th grader, or new to the Ranger Band. Emails will continue for now, but beginning July 22nd, we will move completely to Remind for communication. Please be sure to sign up for Remind using the info on the next page as soon as possible.

CutTime - We will begin working with CutTime for many of our projects, but one aspect is to mass communicate. Once our system is up and running, we will have all parents and students create an account to provide additional coverage to ensure information is communicated effectively via text and email.

Email – Below, the emails of our Band Staff are provided. You may reach out to any director for any needs, but for the fastest response please email the Associate Directors who can either answer your questions or bring them to me ahead of my other literal hundreds of daily emails.

Mr. Childress - Director of Bands	Overall Logistics	michael.childress@comalisd.org
Mr. Duncan - Assoc. Director	Inventory/Attendance	scott.duncan@comalisd.org
Mr. Land - Assoc. Director	Percussion	travis.land@comalisd.org
Mr. Andrade - Assoc. Director	Color Guard/Uniforms	robert.andrade@comalisd.org



Sign up for important updates from M. Childress, R. Andrade, S. Duncan, S. Duncan, and T. Land.

Get information for **Smithson Valley High School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

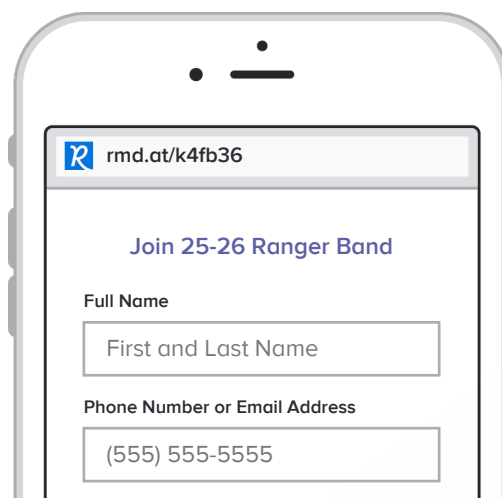
Pick a way to receive messages for **25-26 Ranger Band**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/k4fb36

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message **@k4fb36** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@k4fb36** to **(415) 749-9889**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/k4fb36 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

COMAL I.S.D.
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND INSURANCE FORM

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security # _____ Sex M – F Grade _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Work # _____

Mother's name _____

Cellular phone # or Pager # _____

Father's Name _____

Cellular phone # or Pager # _____

If parents cannot be reached, please notify _____

Cellular phone # or Pager # _____

Insurance company _____

Group # _____ Policy # _____ Phone # _____

Do you wear contacts? _____ Glasses? _____ Dental Equipment? _____

List all medications taken regularly and why - _____

Blood Type: _____

ALLERGIES (Circle all that apply)

Penicillin Aspirin Sulfa Novocaine Erythromycin Xylocaine Codeine

List any other known allergies _____

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY (Circle all that apply)

High Blood Pressure Thyroid Disease Back Injury

Irregular Heart Beat Mental Problems Colitis

Sickle Cell Disease Kidney Infections Hives

Head Injury Ear, Nose, Throat Disease

Other _____

In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the Smithson Valley High School Band Director to make the necessary decisions for the safety of my child's health.

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

I give permission for a band chaperone to give my child the recommended dosage of:

___ Tylenol (Acetaminophen) ___ Advil (Ibuprofen) (put yes or no in each box)

SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES

Membership in the Smithson Valley HS Band is an honor and a privilege. Participation comes with a higher standard of behavior than the Comal ISD Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation on adherence to those standards.

Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.

Extracurricular behavioral standards shall not have the effect of discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, ethnicity or national origin. Student's and parent's signature acknowledge they have read these behavioral standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in Smithson Valley HS Band.

Students who represent the Smithson Valley HS Band are expected to maintain very high standards in every respect at all times. They are expected to attend and be on time for all sessions and activities scheduled. In the event of overnight trips, they are expected to be in their rooms at the times designated by their sponsors. Each student will be responsible to one or more faculty sponsors who will supervise the activities of the student for the trip. Negligence in attending sessions, in meeting curfew requirements, or in failing to maintain our standards of conduct may make it necessary for the sponsor to send the student home at his/her own expense. Video/audio equipment is used for safety purposes to monitor student behavior on buses and campuses. Recordings shall be reviewed as needed by the principal, and evidence of student misconduct shall be documented.

Self-discipline is the key element when representing Smithson Valley HS and Comal ISD off campus or when on a school-related trip. Students who are involved in a serious disciplinary offense, such as the use, possession of, or being under the influence of illicit drugs, tobacco, or alcohol, stealing, violence, going in the room of a member of the opposite sex, or some other serious offense will face disciplinary action which may include one or more of the following:

1. The student will be sent home from the trip at the parents' expense.
2. The student will be held liable for damages to property.
3. The student may be removed from this school activity as well as other school co-curricular activities.
4. The student may be placed in In-School-Suspension (ISS), Off-Campus-Suspension, or Alternative Education Placement.

Student's attire during school activities outside the school day should be in good taste. While it is inevitable there will be differences of opinion regarding the appropriateness of a student's attire, the final decision lies with the directors. All adults on trips will serve as sponsors when traveling with a group. Students will be expected to treat them with respect at all times.

REMEMBER – Even though you will not always be wearing a shirt with a Smithson Valley logo, people will find out where you are from and what group you represent. You have the opportunity to make a tremendous name for Smithson Valley and for yourself. Be courteous and polite at all times. There is no way we can anticipate every possible scenario, so we ask for good judgment. Please use common sense. RULE OF THUMB: If there is any question in your mind as to whether you should do something or not...DON'T DO IT! It is better to be safe than sorry.

WE ARE CONFIDENT OF ALL SMITHSON VALLEY HS BAND STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND THEIR ABILITY TO BE GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR COMAL ISD. IF WE ANTICIPATED A PROBLEM, WE WOULD NOT TRAVEL.

I HAVE **READ** AND **DISCUSSED** ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE ABOVE "STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES" WITH MY SON/DAUGHTER, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THESE POLICIES AND CONSENT TO THEM AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, AND THAT OF MY SON/DAUGHTER, WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE SMITHSON VALLEY HS BAND COMES WITH A HIGHER STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR THAN THE COMAL ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND THAT MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IS CONDITIONED UPON ADHERENCE TO THOSE STANDARDS. MY SON/DAUGHTER HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRIPS.

Student Name (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date

**PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

Updated 2018

No student may be required to attend a marching band related practice for more than eight hours outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. **Exception:** For schools that begin instruction prior to the fourth Monday in August the limit of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week shall begin on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Schools under this exception shall be limited to eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic day per school week (12:01 AM on the first day of school of the calendar week through the end of the school day on the last day of instruction of the school week) until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of Activities Subject to the UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Passing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director and Student Led)
- Clinics for The Marching Band or Any of its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included in the Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time to and From Rehearsals and/or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: More information about Marching Band practice limitations can be found at:

www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.

Comal Independent School District

Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement

I have been provided a copy of the CISD Fine Arts Handbook. I understand and consent to the rules, responsibilities, and standards of conduct outlined in the Comal Independent School District Fine Arts Handbook. I agree to adhere to all of these rules and regulations.

Student (print)	SCHOOL
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Student Signature	DATE
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Parent Signature	DATE
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Consent and Agreement

We are aware that the Smithson Valley Band Handbook is available from the Band's Website (svrangerband.org) and that review of this document is necessary for participation in the band program at Smithson Valley High School. We have read and understand the Ranger Band Member Handbook, particularly all the rules and requirements and the Band Discipline Plan (BDP), and, as a condition of the Student's participation in the Ranger Band, consent to and agree to comply with all rules and requirements therein.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Student's Name (printed legibly)

Parent's Name (printed legibly)

Date

Date

This consent and agreement must be signed and dated, as indicated, and returned to the Band director before the student may participate in any Band function. Again, this document is available on the Smithson Valley Band website svrangerband.org or by hardcopy from the band director to students during class. Any failure to participate for failure to return this consent will be considered an unexcused absence.

RETURN THIS COPY TO THE BAND DIRECTORS.
FAILURE TO RETURN THIS DOCUMENT WITH SIGNATURE WILL
NOT EXCUSE A STUDENT FROM GOVERNANCE OF THE
HANDBOOK. ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION WITH THE
RANGER BAND IS CONSIDERED CONSENT AND AGREEMENT TO
ALL TERMS OF THE SVHS RANGER BAND HAND BOOK.

2025-2026 Smithson Valley Ranger Band Calendar

All rehearsals and Performances are required for all students involved

Summer Band Daily Schedule:

Week 1	-	7/21-7/26
		Percussion and Guard Camps - 9AM-4PM
		Student Leadership - 7AM-11AM
		Woodwind & Brass Camp - 12PM-4PM
		Full Band Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM
	7/26	Band Registration

Week 2	-	7/28-8/1
		Full Band Rehearsal AM Block 7AM-11AM
		Lunch 11AM-12PM
		Full Band Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM

Week 3	-	8/4-8/8
		Full Band Rehearsal AM Block 7AM-11AM
		Lunch 11AM-12PM
		Full Band Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM

Week 4	-	8/11-8/15
		Full Band Rehearsal AM Block 7AM-11AM
		Lunch 11AM-12PM
		Full Band Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM

July

Mon	21	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER BAND! (Everyone - See Summer Band Calendar)
Tue	22	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Calendar)
Wed	23	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Calendar)
Thu	24	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Calendar)
Fri	25	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Calendar)
Sat	26	2025 Ranger Band Registration

Mon	28	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Tue	29	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Wed	30	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Thu	31	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone) BAND OLYMPICS! 4:30-6:30
August		
Fri	1	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)

Mon	4	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Tue	5	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Wed	6	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Thu	7	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone) Pickle Ball Tournament! 4:30-6:30
Fri	8	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone) Band Picture Day!

Mon	11	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Tue	12	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Wed	13	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Thu	14	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
		Meet the Band Night 6:30-8:30pm (Everyone)
Fri	15	Opening of Schools Ceremony - TBA - @ TX State

Mon	18	Last Day of Summer - No Rehearsal
Tue	19	First Day of School - Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-7:50pm Everyone)
Wed	20	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-6:50pm Everyone)
Thu	21	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-6:50pm Everyone)
Fri	22	No Game - No Rehearsal - Enjoy it!

Mon	25	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm Everyone)
Tue	26	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-6:20pm Everyone)
Wed	27	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-6:20pm Everyone)
Thu	28	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-6:20pm Everyone)
Fri	29	Football vs Roosevelt @ Home 7pm (Everyone)

September

Mon	1	Labor Day (student/staff holiday) - NO REHEARSAL
Tue	2	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-7:50pm Everyone)
Wed	3	Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-7:50pm Everyone)
Thu	4	Football vs Brennan @ Farris 7pm (Everyone)
		Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Fri	5	No Game - No Rehearsal - Enjoy it!

Mon	8	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	9	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	10	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	11	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Fri	12	Football vs. Madison @ Homecoming! 7:00pm (Everyone)

Mon	15	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	16	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	17	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	18	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Fri	19	Football vs. Champion @ BISD 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	20	?TMEA Region Jazz Auditions? / Seguin Marching Festival?

Mon	22	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	23	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	24	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	25	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Fri	26	Football vs. Pieper @ Pieper 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	27	BOA Contest San Marcos @ TX State (Everyone) All Day - Prelims/Finals

Mon	29	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	30	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
October		
Wed	1	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	2	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
		Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30

Mon	6	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	7	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	8	District Marching Exhibition @ CLHS
Thu	9	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Fri	10	Football vs. Wagner @ Rutledge 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	11	Comal Classic Marching Contest @ Canyon HS (Everyone) All Day

Mon	13	Columbus Day (holiday) - Stadium Rehearsal 5:45-9pm (Everyone)
Tue	14	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	15	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	16	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Fri	17	Football vs. Seguin @ Matador 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	18	UIL Region 12 Marching Contest @ Heroes (Everyone) All Day

Mon	20	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	21	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	22	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	23	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Fri	24	Football vs. Newbraunfels @ Home 7pm (Everyone)

Mon	27	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	28	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	29	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Thu	30	Football vs. MacArthur @ Heroes 7pm (Everyone)
Fri	31	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)

November

Sat	1	Area Marching Contest (Everyone) All Day - Prelims/Finals
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Mon	3	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	4	Band Rehearsal 4:50-6:20pm (Everyone)
Wed	5	NO REHEARSAL - Take A Breather!
Thu	6	Football vs Victoria East @ Home 7pm (Everyone)
Fri	7	Bands of America Prelims @ Alamodome (Everyone) All Day
Sat	8	UIL State Championship Rehearsal / BOA Finals Possible

Mon	10	UIL State Championship Prelims (Everyone) All Day
Tue	11	UIL State Championship Finals (Everyone) All Day - Possible
Wed	12	NO REHEARSAL
Thu	13	NO REHEARSAL
Fri	14	Play-off Football Game (possible)

Thu	13	Play-off Game Rehearsal 4:50-6:00pm
		Booster Meeting 6:30
Thu	13-15	Play-off Football Game (possible)
	21	Play-off Game Rehearsal 4:50-6:00pm
	20-22	Play-off Football Game (possible)
	24-28	Thanksgiving Break
	27-29	Play-off Football Game (possible)

December

Wed	3	TMEA Region Band Auditions @ Pieper - Wind Ensemble Required
Thu	4	Play-off Game Rehearsal 4:50-6:00pm
	4-6	Play-off Football Game (possible)
Fri/Sat	5/6	Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert
Thu	11	Play-off Game Rehearsal 4:50-6:00pm
	11-13	Play-off Football Game (possible)
Thu	18	Holiday Concert 6:30PM
	18-20	Football State Championships (possible)
	12/22-1/2	Holiday Break

January

Thu	8	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Sat	10	TMEA Area Auditions if you make it
Thu/Fri	15/16	TMEA Region Band Clinic/Concert if you make it @ SVHS
Mon	19	MLK Holiday
Fri/Sat	23/24	TMEA Region Jazz Clinic/Concert @ New Braunfels HS

February

Thu	5	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Sat	7	UIL Region Solo & Ensemble - Mandatory for Wind Ensemble & All SLT
Tue	10	Midwinter Concert 6:30PM
Thu-Sat	12-14	TMEA Convention - TMEA All State Band Performance Saturday
Sat	28	TCGC Guard Contest - Mandatory for All - Mandatory for All Students

March

Tue	3	District Night of Jazz @ Canyon HS
Thu	5	Pre-UIL Concert 6:30
Thu	19	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Mon/Tue	26-27	UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest @ Seguin HS

April

Thu	2	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Wed	29	Comal District Fine Arts Awards Night @ Pieper HS

May

Sat	2	Percussion Ensemble Concert
Wed	6	Spring Concert 6:30PM
Thu	14	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Fri	8	Band Banquet - Tentative
	??	Graduation (2026 Fall Wind Ensemble Performs)
Sat/Mon	24 & 26	UIL State Solo and Ensemble

2025 RANGER BAND REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, July 26th

During registration, students will purchase and/or acquire a number of items, documents will be collected for the year, and final fittings for uniforms will take place. Expected fees for the 2025-2026 school year are on the final page of our packet. Please allow about 90 minutes for registration. See you on Saturday, July 26th at the Rotunda entrance of SVHS!

Registration Schedule:

SLT-8:00 a.m. **Seniors-9:00 a.m.** **Juniors-10:00 a.m.** **Sophomores-11:00 a.m.** **Freshmen-12:00 p.m.**

Registration Form Checklist: (please have these forms filled out prior to arrival for registration and printed to turn in)

- ☐ Completed Comal I.S.D. Emergency Information & Insurance Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ Signed SVHS Band Standard of Behavior Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ Completed Ranger Band Handbook Acknowledgement Form (distributed at Registration)
- ☐ Completed UIL Acknowledgement form (included in this packet)
- ☐ Completed C.I.S.D. Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ Completed Ranger Band Handbook Signature Page
- ☐ Checkbook, Credit/Debit Card or Cash

EXPLANATION OF BAND ITEMS

FAIR SHARE: Covers incidentals throughout the year including contest fees, show expenses (music, drill, consultants, props, etc.), water, uniform cleaning/maintenance, service subscriptions, clinician costs, awards, and band social functions.

Ultimate Drill Book App: A subscription app for marching season. Students use this app on their phone at rehearsals to learn drill for performances. It has many qualities that will enhance the experience and effectiveness of rehearsal.

UIL UNIFORM TOP/HAT: A custom uniform top and hat tailored specifically for our Competitive 2025 UIL Production: “JUMANJI”. These tops become property of the student when the competitive season concludes.

RANGER BAND T-SHIRT: This “dry-fit” t-shirt is part of the main Ranger Band uniform and is to be worn under the uniform at all times. This helps prevent heatstroke and wear and tear on the uniform and is purchased through TMF, our online provider.

SUMMER UNIFORM: The summer uniform consists of matching shorts, polo shirt, ankle or no-show socks, black belt, and tennis shoes. Shorts and shirts will be purchased through the TMF link on the Final Page of this packet. You will need to provide the remaining accessories. Gentlemen will be required to provide a plain black belt.

Rehearsal Uniform (NEW for 2025): The rehearsal uniform provides a more productive rehearsal atmosphere, and assists with identifying uniformity discrepancies in marching technique, drill accuracy and body movement. This uniform will be worn for our weekly long rehearsals (first day of the schoolweek) until showtops come in. At that point, showtops will be worn for long rehearsals, and the rehearsal uniform will be worn for our shorter rehearsals (usually Tues-Thu).

Hydration Backpack: This is required equipment at all rehearsals and performances, and is for all freshmen and anyone who needs a new one. They are considered part of our uniform, and must be uniform. I have secured a new brand for this season due to costs.

DISTRICT INSTRUMENT RENTAL FEE: This is a C.I.S.D. required fee for district-owned instruments, including percussion. This fee covers routine maintenance. Students who wish to utilize personal equipment will need Director permission prior to registration. This is to ensure everyone is performing on adequate equipment for the best experience. This fee does not cover repairs for negligence or intentional damages. In these cases, the \$80 is put toward the cost and YOU are responsible for the rest.

MARCHING SHOES: We will march the same style of marching shoes as last year. These shoes are specifically designed for marching band with a rolled heel to facilitate our technique. This is a required part of the Ranger Band uniform.

MEALS: Games and contests can go late and it is critical that students receive a good meal before performance time. The Booster Club provides meals for Games and Contests when needed. This works in your favor, as we annually spend nearly twice per student what the fee costs; and the Ranger Band eats well. For student safety, we must ensure every child eats, so meals are a required item for all membership. Options for dietary restrictions are available. Changes to diet must be communicated one week prior to the meal.

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Support the Band and Color Guard at SVHS by becoming a Booster Member! Be the backbone of your student's success and have a front row ticket to their experience with the Ranger Band. The membership comes in tiers: Basic Membership includes a vote at booster meetings, makes you a priority pick for volunteering, and comes with a Ranger Band car decal. Gold Membership adds a Ranger Band travel mug, and Platinum Membership adds an embroidered Booster Polo.

SENIOR BANNER: Senior banners are presented at the Senior Night football game.

STADIUM DINNER PRE-ORDER: Pre-order Stadium Dinner/Silent Auction tickets for your family and friends! Tickets are \$12 each and this year's event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 3rd. ****Student tickets are included in the mandatory fees.****

MEET THE BAND MEAL: A fresh grilled meal with a side and a drink for the Meet the Band performance on August 14th. Pre-order as many as you would like for \$8.00 each.

RANGER BAND MERCH: Your chance to order SV Ranger gear in preparation for football games, & band contests!

*****Please Read*****

While Ranger Band fees are between 50% to 80% less than other programs in our area, we understand it is still a significant investment, particularly for families who have multiple students in the program. We never want a student to be unable to participate in the band for financial reasons. Please contact both: michael.childress@comalisd.org and treasurer@svhsband.com for information on assistance with your student's fees.

2025-2026 SVHS Ranger Band Fee Checklist

Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Student Name:	Parent Name:	Parent Phone:
Student ID#:	Parent Email:	Student Phone:
Grade:	Instrument:	

REQUIRED FEES FOR ALL 2025-2026 RANGER BAND Winds and Percussion

	Total
Fair Share	\$ 325
Ultimate Drill Book App Subscription	\$ 22
Custom Tailored UIL Show Uniform Top (Owned by Student Post-season) **Still Negotiating Pricing for this Item**	\$ 73-85
Custom UIL Show Hat - Not for Tuba (Owned by Student after Competitive Season)	\$ 30
Meals - All needed student meals and snacks for all events (a \$225+ Value). <i>Any Dietary Restrictions will be adheared to. Changes in restrictions must be communicated one week prior to a meal</i>	\$ 155

REQUIRED ITEMS ORDERED THROUGH THE RANGER BAND (purchase as needed):

	Price	Qty	Total
Hydration Backpack*	\$21.00	1	\$
District Instrument Rental Fee (<i>school instruments & percussion</i>) Director approval needed during first week of Summer Band to use Personal Equipment	\$80.00	1	\$
Marching Uniform Shoes (<i>all freshmen and anyone who needs a new pair</i>) *	\$36.00	1	\$
Flipbooks, Extra Pages, and Lyres are instrument specific and will be priced and ordered during Summer Band			Sub Total:

REQUIRED ITEMS ORDERED THROUGH TMF (as needed): These items are for all freshmen and anyone who needs a replacement. These items are bulk priced and shipped to your home to save you money! Please make your purchase by going to the QR link below.

Our TMF store is NOW OPEN, and closes at 11:59pm on June 7th, 2025 - Store link available below!



Ranger Band Dryfit T-Shirt (<i>two shirts are recommended</i>) *	\$11.50
Summer Uniform Shorts*	\$22.00
Summer Uniform Polo*	\$34.50
NEW - REQUIRED - White Rehearsal Uniform Top*	\$13.00
NEW - REQUIRED - Rehearsal Uniform Shorts (Men's or Women's)	\$14.00 or \$17.00
Uniform Black Socks* (any calf-high or longer black socks are acceptable)	\$10.00

<https://stores.inksoft.com/smithsonvalleyhsbg/shop/home>

Elective items through the Ranger Band:

	Price	Qty	Total
Band and Color Guard Booster Membership (Basic: \$25) (Gold: \$50) (Platinum: \$75)	_____	x _____	_____
Senior Banner (<i>seniors only</i>) print desired name: _____			_____
Stadium Dinner Guest Ticket Pre-Order (TBA)	\$12.00	x _____	_____
Meet the Band Night Dinner Pre-Order (August 14th)	\$8.00	x _____	_____
Spirit Booth Merchandise (<i>purchased at band registration day</i>)			_____
Donations for Flamingo fundraiser			_____
Other payments/purchases (<i>specify</i> _____)			_____
Ranger Band TOTAL (without TMF purchase):			\$ _____

***Any issues regarding TMF products must be communicated to TMF Directly. *Shoes/hydration packs refundable only if unissued or returned unused. All other items are non-refundable as they will be ordered prior to Registration.**

SELECT PAYMENT METHOD:

Credit/Debit Card	Total Payment: \$ _____
Cash	
Check payable to SVHS Band Boosters # _____ (<i>returned checks will incur additional charges</i>)	
First Payment of Payment Plan (please fill out payment plan sheet at Registration)	Payment Date: _____

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We're here to provide a great experience for every student and their family.