

INCOMING 9TH GRADERS AND PARENTS!

Join us at one of two opportunities in the the SVHS Ranger Band Hall for an informative meeting about your Freshman year with the Ranger Band!

March 20th @ 6:30PM
And April 3rd @ 6:30PM



Meeting Agenda

- ✔ What HS Band has to offer you!
- ✔ Q&A with current Ranger Band Kids!
- ✔ The 24/25 Calendar and Dues!
- ✔ Info Regarding our 2025 Spring Trip!
- ✔ Meet the Ranger Band Staff and get the Answers to ALL your questions!

Joining the Ranger Band:

Joining any activity is a big decision and can be a tough choice doubting you made the right one. With the Ranger Band, you gain once in a life time opportunities, more experiences than any other group, and we work with you to allow you options to continue with other SV activities; Even Athletics! Allowing you the most opportunity for a great high school experience through our program!



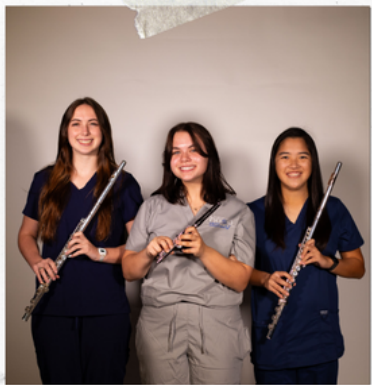
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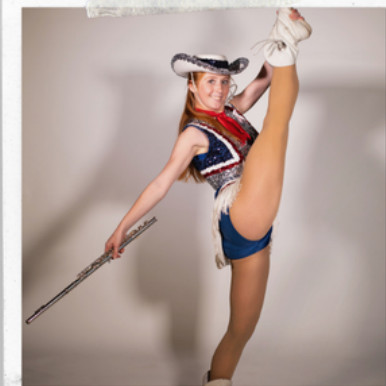
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and Medical Courses



Varsity Football



Basketball



Silver Spurs



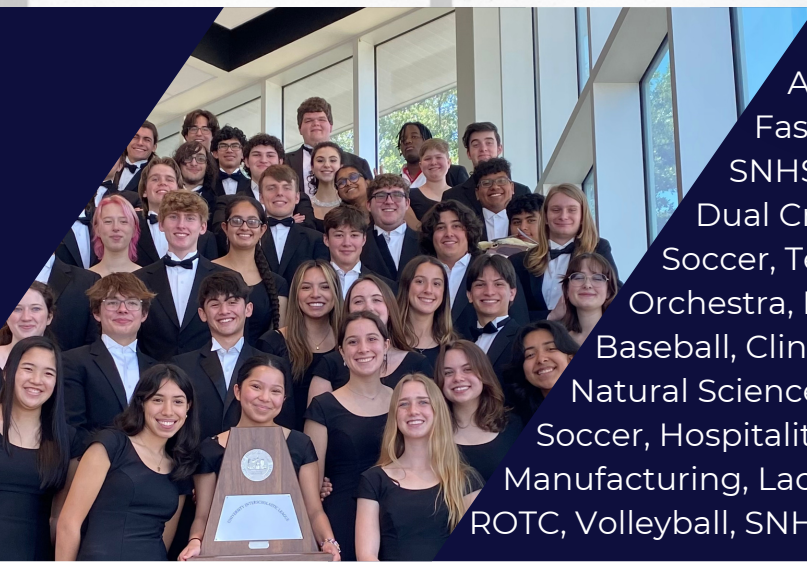
Wrestling

AT **SVHS**

YOU CAN

BE IN

BAND!
AND...



Football, Basketball, Cheer, Dance, AVID, Law, NHS, Aquatic Sciences, StuCo, Piano, Debate, Theater, AV, Fashion, XCountry, Track, FACS, Welding, FFA, Softball, SNHS, Criminal Justice, Wrestling, Public Safety, Art, AP, Dual Credit, Athletic Training, Engineering, Robotics, FFA, Soccer, Tennis, Video Game Design, Communications, Choir, Orchestra, HOSA, **✓ ANYTHING!** Baseball, Clinical, Natural Sciences, Advanced Courses, Construction, Logistics, Tech, Soccer, Hospitality, Automotive, Tourism, Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Manufacturing, Lacrosse, Distribution, Health Sciences, Business, Art, ROTC, Volleyball, SNHS, AP Music Theory, Design, Cyber Security, SPUD,

IT'S EASY!

Nearly all Freshman schedules fit our Freshman Band Class with Athletics, Fine Arts, and other organizations together perfectly. If your schedule does have a conflict, we simply place you in one of our other band classes where you will have a great experience! We have always been able to make it work! If anyone tries to tell you it can't be done,

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Smithson Valley High School

RANGER BAND

Greetings 8th Grade Students and Parents of the SBMS and SVMS Bands!

I want to make sure Parents and Students have accurate information to make decisions about their high school experience. As a parent myself, I would be disheartened for my son to miss out on great experiences because of misinformation. 8th graders are often told they cannot be in the Ranger Band and other organizations like athletics. **That is FALSE.** So long as I am Director of Bands, it will *NEVER* be true. My staff and I work tirelessly for every student to be part of the Ranger Band, and **ANY** other activities they wish! In twelve years as Director, I have always made it work. It is important to me that every student can experience all their interests.

The Ranger Band has 9th-12th graders involved in every campus activity and every athletic organization SVHS offers, even Varsity Football! For schedules outside of the school day students either split time between rehearsal and practices or come to us when their other obligations are finished. Nearly all Freshman schedules fit band, athletics, fine arts, and other organizations together perfectly, putting them in the 3rd period Freshman Band! If a student's ideal schedule conflicts with Freshman band, we simply place them in one of our four other band classes that fits. This is easily coordinated with our counselors and is commonplace at SVHS. **DO NOT LET ANYONE TELL YOU THIS CAN'T BE DONE.** Just give us a call or email us. We'll take care of it!

We also help our students manage practice and rehearsal schedules. For example: One of our strongest athletic groups is baseball. My first chair trombone player practices with baseball and comes to the remainder of our band rehearsal when baseball ends. On game days, he does not rehearse with band. He is a Senior this year, having been in baseball and band every year of high school. The time and scheduling have not been overwhelming, and he is also in advanced courses with fantastic grades!

Nearly every Ranger Band member is in advanced classes, with students in the top 15 every year! Recently, a third of the top 15 were in band, and in the last five years, we have had a valedictorian and two salutatorians. It is not just possible for students to be involved in many organizations, it is good for them to be more involved, and the Ranger Band makes every effort to make that possible.

Even with the flexibility we make for these students, the Ranger Band has had stellar achievements including qualifying for State two years in a row! **Every Ranger Band member is in the Varsity Marching Band. There is no bench, and everyone makes our team.** Find us on YouTube and see for yourself! We provide an amazing experience, Parents love our organization, there are leadership and travel opportunities (Disney last year, another big trip next year!), and we pride ourselves on creating the opportunity for students to experience band AND other activities. If you were misinformed and did not select band, it's not too late! Please let your middle school directors know and I will personally see to it that you are signed up for The Smithson Valley Ranger Band!

Thank you.

Michael Childress
Director of Bands