

Shawnee Mission South High School offers a good, basic band program. The Boosters and our school account are the sources for all enhancements beyond that foundation. We've grown to consider many of these "extras" as expected parts of the program, but in truth, we must fund them.

Things like Drum Major Camp for student leaders, percussion instruction, busses, marching band design, guest soloists, hosting the German students, many of our marching instruments, projection and sound systems for the band room, etc, etc. have been provided, in part, or entirely by the boosters. As you can see, the band program would not be the same without this non-district financial support!

There are many ways for you to support our program! The Band Boosters sponsor a number of projects each year. Check out their part of the website for details! Of course, another option is to simply give a tax-deductible donation to the SMS Band Boosters or the SMS Band school account.

Listed below is my current wish list for the band. Thank you for your continued support!

-Steve Adams

- Replace or improve marching and concert percussion equipment
 - Sound System to modernize our Front Ensemble during marching season
 - Digital sound board, 1000 watt amp, wireless systems, speakers, cables
 - Outdoor Marimba Frame
 - Auxiliary Rack for front ensemble – enables safe and efficient use of lots of "extra" percussion instruments, enhancing our ensemble sound
 - Professional quality concert snare drum
 - 5-octave marimba – expands literature options for percussion ensemble and serious percussion student solo works
- Fund a clinician to work with the marching band – specialist in marching technique
- Upgrade through replacement aged concert instruments with aid of district
- Use coach busses for contests that are more than two hours away
- Enhance the look and personality of the band room: display cases, artwork, ???

GRANTED WISHES

- ✓ Purchase silver frumpets and marching baritones
- ✓ Purchase silver sousaphones
- ✓ Purchase Audio System to allow bands to evaluate their performances and hear professional models
- ✓ Purchase video system so marching band can evaluate their performances, rehearsals and drill charts as a class