Sparkman High School Band

Concert Season FAQs

Band Calendar: https://sparkmanband.com/bandcalendar/

1. **When does concert season begin?** Officially, concert season begins in January when the second semester of the school year begins. However, we start working on music for our Christmas concerts as soon as marching/competition season ends.
2. **What is the ensemble set up for concert season?** We have three concert ensembles - Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band. Students are placed in one of these three groups based on placement auditions held late in the Fall semester.
3. **What is the rehearsal schedule for each concert season ensemble?** Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band rehearse at school during their class period AND after school on Tuesdays until 5:30pm. Concert Band rehearses during their class period AND after school on Thursdays until 5:30pm. After-school rehearsals are the only times during the week that our percussion students can be with the concert ensembles, as they have their own class period separate from the rest of the Band.
4. **Are after-school rehearsals mandatory?** Yes. As previously stated, after-school rehearsals are the only times during the week that our percussion students can be with our concert ensembles, as they have their own class period separate from the rest of the Band. We understand that doctor appointments and other necessary life things happen after school from time to time. However, please make every effort to minimize absences as much as possible. Students should inform a Director of any absences as far ahead of time as possible. Absences are excused at the discretion of the directors. Following the absence, a doctor's note (for medical appointments) or email from a parent to all 3 Directors must be provided. Grades will be negatively impacted by unexcused absences.

5. **What attire is needed for concert season?** All three ensembles are required to wear concert black (tux or dress) for all Spring semester performances. Tuxes must include black jacket, black pants, white tux shirt (pleats or plain), black bow tie, black cummerbund, and long black socks. Dresses must be all black, hemmed to the floor with shoes on, and a string of pearls should be worn. Earrings are optional but must be pearls if worn. ALL students must wear closed-toed black dress shoes.

6. **Does the Band provide concert attire for students?** No. Each student is responsible for acquiring his/her concert attire. Links for online ordering are below. Concert attire may be purchased elsewhere but must have all required components in the correct colors. (See item 5 for specifics.)

    - Denise Dress: https://www.concertattire.com/products/denise-sweetheart-neckline?variant=42365828432041
        - This dress comes unhemmed. It should be hemmed to floor length with shoes on.
    - Pearl Necklace and Earrings: https://www.concertattire.com/products/strung-pearl-necklace-set
    - Tux: https://www.concertattire.com/collections/tuxedos-ensembles/products/hugh-style-3002-polyester-tuxedo-package