



SOS WARRIORS
MARCHING BAND

LONDON BOUND 2023

Sounds Of Success Music Corporation Hand Book 2022-2023



Mission Statement

To create a musical community that is rich with cultural, social, and intellectual diversity while preparing each student with a solid foundation in music and an expansive education in the liberal arts. To advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all of our musicians to the end that they will be prepared to develop musical skills and understandings to the highest potential in their own future.

Guidelines

- The following guidelines have been set to provide clarity to our function and process. It is an honor and privilege to be part of the Sounds of Success Music Corporation. Each member must uphold the ideals, traditions to come, and the legacy that they leave behind.

Membership

- The Sounds of Success Music Corporation is open to any person regardless of musical experiences, with a passion for the arts of music; marching/concert band, Choir, Dance, and Performance Arts. Interested participants should live within the surrounding areas of Palm Beach County. Auditions are held strictly for placement and assignments within the community music corporation. Director(s) will conduct these auditions. SOS Music participants range ages 10-23 years old. **There will be a one time non-refundable registration fee of \$150.00 for each participant ages 10-23 provided with a school ID.** The registration fee will cover the first month as well as having members added to the insurance policy required by the School District of Palm Beach County. It's mandatory for all members to participate in fundraising twice a month as well as parent donations to the music program(s) once a month. The following items are required to be donated once a month:

(1) case of Zephyrhills Water.

(1) case of gatorade or powerade of choice.

(1) snacks, for example; (bagged chips, nutrition bars, honey buns, etc..)

Parents are asked to attend and assist with fundraisers and performances.

Band dues and monthly fees

- All payments are to be paid on each Monday before rehearsal. Members will not be allowed to attend rehearsal for the week if payments aren't made on Mondays before rehearsals. Payments will be paid through Square Dashboard. An invoice will be sent out each Sunday for payments to be made.

Family Monthly Rates with Instruments

\$40 a month/Auxiliaries (Dance)

\$35 a month/Percussion (Drummers)

\$25 a month/Instruments (Brass/Woodwinds)

\$20 a month/Tubas (Sousaphones)

Uniforms

- There is a one time fee of \$100.00 that will go towards each participating member's uniform but will only cover the marching sweatsuit and gloves. Members must have this fee paid in full before performing with the marching units. A replacement uniform or parts due to neglect or abuse are the responsibility of the participant. **The uniform fee will be due by Thursday, September 1, 2022.** A payment option is available, please see the band director to set up a payment plan. The full band's uniform will consist of:
 - A full sweatsuit (included with \$100 fee, Due ASAP. Payment option available).
 - Band gloves (included with \$100 fee).
 - Band shirt (\$20, due Friday, September 12, 2022).
 - Metallic Gold LED Light up shoes hightops, (order on Amazon by October 1, 2022).
 - Metallic Gold cap, (order on Amazon by October 1, 2022).

Additional Items (optional)

- *SOS Travel Bag (22"L 10"W 11"H) embroidered (\$40, due by September 1, 2022).*
- *SOS Book Bag embroidered (\$40, due by August 12, 2022).*
- *SOS Band parent and band member letterman Jacket. Starting price \$80.00, additional fees applied depending on detailing/add-ons.(due by September 23, 2022).*

Band shirts are to be worn under the uniform during performances at all times. Uniforms will be inspected before every event. Any student that does not meet this requirement will not be allowed to perform. Parts of the uniform include: *A sweatsuit, marching band gloves, band hat, band shirt, band shoes, band spats, all black long socks.*

All participants are required to wear SOS Music gear to every rehearsal beginning Monday, August 1, 2022. Our physical training or field shirts and pants are \$6 each or \$12 a set. Participants are to wear all black to rehearsals until practice gear arrives or if decided not to purchase.

All band parents/chaperones are required to purchase a band chaperone polo shirt. Only parents who purchase the chaperone shirts will be allowed to travel and stay with the marching units. These parents will also have full access to the band on away competitions or Battle of the Bands. The band chaperone fee is \$15.00 a month which will cover: SOS band parent chaperone shirt, entrance to band competitions and events, and access to ride the band bus on trips. The responsibilities include supervision of band members on away trips to ensure student safety.

Divas Elites/Warriorettes(grades K-5), Fabulous flyers (grades 3-Older) Fees

- There will be a one time fee of \$360.00 which will cover the one time registration fee of \$100.00 and the dance gear which is \$260.00. The Diva Elite dance gear will consist of:
 1. Dance uniform
 2. T-shirt (customized).
 3. Biker Shorts (customized) .
 4. Dance sneakers

Seansational Dancers Fee (grades 6-Older)

- There will be a one time fee of \$350.00 which will cover the one time registration fee of \$100.00 and the dance gear which is \$250.00. Sensational dance gear will consist of:
 1. Dance outfits (majorette and jazz uniforms) (2 uniforms).
 2. Dance Jazz Shoes (1 pair).
 3. Dance tights.

A payment option is available for both auxiliaries, please see dance directors. The first payment of \$100.00 will be due Monday, August 1.

Percussion/Drumline fees

- For tenor and bass drum players (Drum scrap \$55.00, mallets/sticks \$50.00)
Total \$155.00, due immediately!
- For snare and tom drum players (Drum scrap \$45.00), (drum sticks \$25.00) Total \$70.00, due immediately!
- Cymbal players, \$80.00 due immediately!

Brass and Woodwind players

- The only fee is the registration fee. First come, first serve on instruments. Once filled, members will have to purchase instruments on their own. Please see Mr. Miller for more information on how to purchase an instrument. ***Monthly fee for students renting a personal is \$15.00.***

Discipline and Attitude

- We expect all band members of SOS Music to follow procedures and rules of the band ***without question***. Remember that our rules are basically common sense and that each rule is set in place to allow the band and its participants to have a safe, enjoyable, exciting, and successful music educational experience. Repeated office referrals will result in removal from the SOS Music Corporation. Severe breaches of policies and procedures (those actions that disrupt a performance or that jeopardize the safety of other members or sponsors) will be removed ***immediately*** from the music program and will not receive the benefit of a warning. Remember that all Sounds of Success Music rules are in effect at all times when members travel with and/or perform with the band. As a member of the marching units, you represent the Sounds of Success Music Corporation, Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County. This includes anytime we are in uniform or with the band and away from our campus. The policies regarding personal conduct and dress code in the SOS handbook should be adhered to at all times. **NO CELLPHONES ARE ALLOWED IN REHEARSAL.** Cellphones are a huge distraction and will take away from learning show music, formations, and dance moves for performances. Band members whose attitudes are detrimental to the success of the program “WILL” be removed from the performing unit. There is ***ZERO*** tolerance for smoking or drinking around the band at all times. This includes; band practice, band fundraisers, band performances, or anytime the band is together as a whole representing Sounds of Success Music. There is **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DATING WITHIN THE SOS PROGRAM. DATING WILL LEAD TO REMOVAL OF THE MUSIC PROGRAM.**

Performance Responsibility/Stadium Procedure/Conduct

- Performance responsibility extends beyond the realm of the marching field or concert stage. Performances are defined as anytime the band is together as a group. This includes; *rehearsals, travel, social activities, and performances*. During performances, the full band uniform will be worn at all times unless notified by the band director, staff, or section leaders. If certain situations arise, travel uniforms may be worn. Do not remove any part of your uniform when coming off the field unless you are instructed to do so by a staff member.

Band Travel

- Traveling requires all members to act and behave with the utmost respect when traveling with the marching or concert band units. **MEMBERS WILL NOT TAKE ITEMS FROM HOTEL ROOMS WHEN TRAVELING WITH THE BAND.** Staff members will check all hotel rooms prior to leaving including parent rooms. Repeated violations of this rule will result in those members *losing their travel privileges*. When you travel, you represent the Sounds of Success Music Corporation to the public. Remember your responsibilities to the organization. Our public image is of vital concern, as is your ability to perform to your fullest potential. Consider the greater picture, and what a moment of indiscretion may do to the band. Each band member as an individual is responsible for checking in, and loading their own equipment on the bus or van. **IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SOS MEMBERS TO TRAVEL WITH THE FULL MARCHING BAND UNIT TO ALL PERFORMANCES.** Participants must remain quiet while the roll is being checked so that an accurate accounting of each member may be recorded. Before leaving the bus, staff members will check for trash, members will not be allowed to get off the bus until it is cleaned to the satisfaction of the bus driver. Great bands do not leave trash behind. Members will be given departure times and the projected time of arrival for out of town trips. Please be picked up in a timely manner after trips and allow a 30 minute window either side of the given arrival time. This will ensure that you should not have to wait any more than about 5 minutes. Sign-up sheets will be posted for housing attendance before any trip. Members who do not sign up for housing will be randomly assigned to a room by Directors. The Sounds of Success Community Marching Band trips are open to all families. Families are allowed to room together when traveling but must still cover the student cost in full. For example, if the trip costs \$100 per person and a family decides they would like the child in their room, they must still pay the \$100 plus the additional fees applied to the parent room or travel expenses. If parents aren't traveling with the band, females will room together and males will room together within their age range. For example, middle school will have rooms with middle school, high school with high school, and so on. All youths who are considered anyone under the age of 18, rooms will be located on upper level floors while adults rooms will be on the lower level floors of the hotel. All participants will have a curfew, anyone who violates their curfew hours **will lose their travel privileges**. Tape will be placed on the outside doors of participants rooms to ensure that members will remain inside their assigned rooms.

Daily Operations

- Rehearsals are held on Monday-Thursday, 4:00pm-7:30pm rain or shine. All participants are required to attend each and every rehearsal. Keep in mind, we are **ENTERTAINERS** which requires a lot of rehearsal hours. Proper preparation for rehearsal includes having a pencil, your music folder with clear protector sheets, drill charts, and your instrument at every rehearsal. Please take care of your charts and sheet music. *Band members must have the music with them at rehearsals, even if you've memorized the music.* It is required of all musicians that all music be marked with drill instructions IN PENCIL. Section leaders and staff members will check music throughout the week to see that it is properly marked. Please keep the facilities neat and clean. *No smoking, eating, or drinking is permitted in rehearsal or practice rooms.* Members attending rehearsal under the influence of alcohol or drugs are subject to immediate suspension from the SOS Band performance activities pending further review. ***This rule will be strictly enforced.*** SOS attire is a must. Dress for the weather. Good marching shoes and socks must be worn at practice. **No sandals or flip-flops**, you will not be allowed in rehearsal. **Come prepared to brave the elements!**

Daily Schedule

3:00pm-4:30pm	Homework Completion
4:00pm-5:15pm	Warm-ups for full band
5:15pm-6:15pm	Sectionals
6:15pm-6:45pm	Full band
6:45pm-7:00pm	Announcements

Fridays are utilized for sectionals if needed. Directors will notify members on Mondays for sectionals. All sectionals are mandatory just as regular rehearsals. Members jeopardize losing their show positions if not in all rehearsals and sectionals which are both mandatory. This is the year of London and we will look our very best. You are joining the most recognizable and televised marching band in all of Palm Beach County, excellence is the only option. Proper communication is required for all members who will miss any rehearsals. Proof of absence must be provided with proper reasoning for missing rehearsal. **ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY!!!

Academics

- All SOS participants are required to maintain a 2.0 (G.P.A) grade point average for membership. Once members fall below the required 2.0 (G.P.A), they will be placed on a weekly progress report to help improve academics. If placed on a weekly progress report, members must submit their report every Friday to maintain membership. The weekly progress report will inform staff members and parents if their child has any incomplete assignments throughout the week, behavior in class, class and homework assignments for the week, and most importantly their weekly grade. Members must have this form signed and completed by each teacher until grades improve.
- All report cards must be submitted to their staff member once received. We will keep a file of all students' academics to help build a band file for college enrollment and auditions. SOS Staff members will help arrange students auditions for college scholarships but it's the responsibility of both the parent and member to maintain great academics for scholarship considerations. Parents, we recommend checking your child's bookbag daily for homework and assignments. As mentioned, we do allow members the opportunity to complete homework once they arrive but staff members are not allowed to check members' bags for any assignments. Therefore, if a member says they didn't receive any work, we can only take their word. It's the responsibility of the parent to ensure all work is completed. Because rehearsals end at 7:30pm, each member must be reliable and dependent. They are guaranteed to be tired after rehearsals but must still have the strength and will to complete any assignments not completed during the homework time to maintain great academics.

London's Band Week Requirements

- Must maintain a 2.5 (G.P.A) all four nine weeks to qualify for London.
- No 1's or 2's in conduct.
- Must have passports no later than January 1, 2023.
- Must have perfect attendance for band rehearsals.
- No unexcused absences for rehearsals.
- Must have all sheet music and routines memorized.
- Must be approved by all SOS staff members and school teachers. Teachers will sign off on each band member.
- ***Must have perfect attendance/participation for all fundraisers.***

Instruments

- Sounds of Success Music are limited to instruments, drums, flags, and poms poms in which we own. We highly recommend participants to purchase their own instruments. Instruments can be purchased on Amazon, local pawn shops, or music man who has monthly payment options. **Members using SOS instruments at a first come, first serve basis will pay an additional monthly rental fee of \$5.00 as well as any damages that may occur during the year due to abuse or neglect.** All items are to be purchased through the SOS Music Corporation such as: reeds, cork grease, valve/slide oil, sticks and scraps for percussionists, music books or any other supplies needed for the marching and concert band. Members will complete the instrument rental form before receiving an instrument or drum. ***Monthly fee for students renting a personal is \$15.00.***

Homework Tutorials

- Tutors have been set in place by SOS music to help students maintain great academics. Tutoring will take place every Monday and Thursday from 3:00pm-4:30pm beginning August 29, 2022. Tutoring is optional, each session will cost \$10 which will be paid to each tutor. For example, if you decide to enroll your child into all three sessions a week, this will cost \$30.00, not including the required weekly fee of \$10.00. Our tutors are educators or currently studying education. This is highly recommended for all SOS band members but not required. Members can also use this time to complete any homework.

Attendance

- It is critical in any marching band that regular attendance habits be maintained. It is difficult to perfect music, marching drills, and formations when the band must deal with “holes” created by absenteeism. It is not fair to require members who are at rehearsals to go out of their way by accommodating those members who are missing. As such, members are urged to develop the habit of regular and punctual attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Regular attendance will be a requirement for all members of the SOS Band. Attendance will be taken and band members will have to sign in and out daily. Any band member who missed more than one rehearsal in a week (unexcused) will not be allowed to perform in the upcoming event or until approved by the Band Director only. **This is the year of London, we are very serious about all of our rehearsals and fundraisers.**

Band Leadership

- The Band's Staff or Section Leaders provides the necessary assistance in the operation to the department of music and band director. A complete discussion of the Band's Staff system is contained in this General Information Handbook. Band leadership is also an important aspect of the marching band. Specific positions have been created to help cover the unique requirements of a marching band for specific types of band leadership. The available positions and the requirements for selection are listed below.

A. ***Drum Major and Band Captain-*** The Martin County Community Marching Band will have between 1-5 drum majors (depending on the band's size). The drum majors are an integral part of the band's staff leadership team in the marching band. Drum Majors serve in that position for one season at a time. These positions are declared open each spring, and all interested candidates must audition for the positions regardless of previous standing as drum majors. The Marching Band Staff also reserves the right to require participation of the Drum Majors in summer clinics or leadership seminars as deemed necessary by the band director. Their function: Serve as "field commanders" of the band during rehearsals and performances. Be responsible to the Director, and work with him in leading rehearsals and performances. Possess the ability to put a great deal of "showmanship" into their performances, while at the same time commanding the respect of the entire organization. Lead by example **in all areas** of marching, musicianship and character. Auditions occur each spring. Interested members must be enrolled in the Sounds of Success Music Corporation, have been a member of the MCC Band for at least one year. All students petitioning for the drum major position will also complete a written application form available in the Band Office. Additional information is available from the administrative assistant in the band office.

B. ***Section Leader-*** Section leaders are responsible for a particular instrumental section of the band. This responsibility includes: training the section in the content and execution of the marching fundamentals, rehearsing music, warming up the section prior to every rehearsal, and maintaining proper rehearsal discipline. Instruction in the basic rules and regulations as contained in each handbook. Maintaining high standards of performance and serving as the spokesperson for the entire section while assisting the director in making personnel decisions in the section as well as policy decisions that will affect the

entire band. Reporting accurate section attendance to the band's assistant each week.

- C. Assistant Section Leader-** Assist the Section Leader with the duties outlined above. Assistant Section Leaders will be selected according to the same policies listed above for Section Leader.
- D. Rank Sergeant-** The band is divided into three/five-member ranks(depending on the band size). Within each rank, two individuals will be named as a Rank Sergeant per rank, left and right sergeants. This individual will be responsible for the proper execution of all marching and maneuvering commands within that particular rank. Rank Sergeants answer directly to section leaders. An Assistant Rank Sargeant (position last in the rank) will be selected by the Section Leader and Rank Sergeant in cooperation with the band director. The process for selecting Rank Sargeants will be the same as described above for Section Leaders.
- E. Auxiliary Dance Leaders-** The auxiliary leaders are the counterparts for their respective groups of the band and assume the same responsibility in their groups. Auxiliary leaders report to the respective *Auxiliary Director and Director of the Marching Band*. Responsibilities include: the instruction and maintenance of discipline in the respective auxiliary groups, assisting the auxiliary director in planning routines, instructing members of the respective groups in the execution of those routines, teaching members of the groups the basic marching fundamentals, and enforcing marching band policies. During the spring semester, interested students with at least one year of experience in their respective groups may petition for leadership positions. Candidates will be selected based on the results of a personal interview, a review of past performance, and a formal audition routine. The decision will be made by the band and auxiliary director.

Band's Motto:

"We strive for only excellence"

"We take full pride in our culture"

"Success is a MUST/failures are
choices"

"Excuses are only tools"

"Knowledge is Power"

"Perfection in Musicianship"

"Precision in Marching"

"Dedication to Service"

Agreement Statement Permission Slip

I _____ agree to pay for and replace any instrument/uniform/equipment that is not returned, lost, or destroyed by my child or myself (if over 18) _____ at the same expense. I also have filled out all personal information correctly on the Personal Form in the handbook. This also certifies that both my child/I have read the Sounds of Success Music band handbook and we both understand and agree to all terms mentioned in the SOS band handbook. This will also serve as a permission slip for the band's yearly travels.

Parent Signature

Date

Band Director's Signature

Date

SOS Music Medical Information Confidential

Member Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Contact Information to call In Case of Emergency: (Please include all relevant information)

Name: _____

Home Phone No. _____ Cell Phone No: _____

Wk Phone No: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Home Phone No: _____ Cell Phone No: _____

Wk Phone No: _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact (person to contact if persons listed above cannot be reached in emergency) If contacts listed above cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person is authorized to act in my behalf:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Physician Information:

Physician's name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Additional remarks: _____

Prescription Medications:

- Take NO medications on a routine basis.
- Take prescription/over-the-counter medications

*Please list Prescription/over-the-counter medications here. Please bring medications in pharmacy-issued containers:

SOS Music Medical Information Confidential

Member's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Allergies

Please list any known allergies, illnesses, injuries, possible conditions, or anything else that may affect the member's health & welfare during trips or rehearsals. Band Staff Personnel may offer over-the-counter medications (i.e aspirin, Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, antacids, motion sickness medication, etc.) if needed, unless you indicate a problem with allergies to certain medications, or prefer that medication not be given:

Health Insurance Information:

Please include a photocopy of the insurance card-front and back for claims instructions or photocopy of your driver's license if you have no insurance.

Insurance Company Name: _____
Contract Number _____
Subscribing Member Name _____
Insurance Company Contact Telephone No(s) _____
Group Name (If employer related) _____ Group No. _____

If the adult has no health/dental insurance coverage, please list the name and address of the financially responsible person and MI Driver's License Number as may be required for treatment:

Name: _____
Telephone number: _____
Address: _____
Driver's License Number: _____

Signature Today's Date

Sounds of Success Music
To be returned to the Band Director

Student Name _____ D.O.B _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parents Names _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Personal Instrument

Brand _____ Model _____ Ser# _____

Mouth Piece _____ Strap _____ Mallets _____

SOS Instruments

Brand _____ Model _____ Ser# _____

Mouth Piece _____ Strap _____ Mallets _____

Brand _____ Model _____ Ser# _____

Mouth Piece _____ Strap _____ Mallets _____

Date Issued _____ Date Returned _____

Student Initials _____ Parent Initials _____ Director Initials _____

Uniform

Coat Size _____ Pant Size _____ Shirt Size _____

Adult Set: Top(XS-6XL)/Bottom(XS-4XL)

Youth Set: (XS-XL)

Here are the COVID-19 procedures we have set in place.

- 1. Students temperatures will be taken before entering the building and will require a facemask (Supplies provided by participants).**
- 2. All students must enter and leave out of the front door located in the main building.**
- 3. Students must wash their hands and use sanitizer before reporting to the bandroom, rehearsal space, or anytime the band takes a break.**
- 4. No more than 2 students are allowed in the restroom at a time. Students must sign in and out each time they use the restroom.**
- 5. No parents are allowed inside the school. Parents must call the band room phone for their child to be dismissed before scheduled dismissal time.**
- 6. Staff members will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as but not limited to: classroom doors, students desks, music instruments, etc.**
- 7. Parents, please understand the importance of keeping children home when they are sick or showing signs of a cold.**
- 8. To help stop the spread of germs: we will inform both staff and students to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw used tissues in the trash (bag changed frequently. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands, wash immediately. I humbly thank you for your time. For any questions, please call (561)-331-5038.**

