

As of May 12, 2025

Changes or additions are highlighted in yellow

Dear BMB and Prospective BMB Members,

I hope this letter finds you well!

The purpose of this letter is to share some exciting information with you about the 2025 season.

As you may know, there are a few changes in store. I am eager to share what I know with you and am committed to facilitating a rewarding experience for all BMB members. Our Passion—Family—Excellence motto will guide us as we navigate the changes together!

Sincerely,

Darla McBryde – Acting Director of the BMB; dxm121@shsu.edu

BMB Faculty and Staff:

- Prof. Darla McBryde – Acting Director of the BMB and Assistant Director of Bands
- Dr. Boyce Jeffries – BMB Drumline Instructor and Lecturer of Percussion
- Tim LeBlanc – Colorguard Instructor/Drill Designer
- Kelley McCormick – Twirling Instructor
- Katelyn Seymour – Band Graduate Assistant
- Alex Mata – Band Graduate Assistant
- Tanner Tyler – Percussion Graduate Assistant

BMB Class Schedule:

Take note of our class schedule. We require students to be available for all practices. Enroll in your courses early so that you may schedule your labs and specialized classes around the BMB course times.

- Monday nights from 6:30-8:45 pm at Bowers (facing visitor side this year)
- Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5:45 pm at Pritchett

Leadership Auditions:

Thank you to everyone who auditioned for all leadership positions! Our applicant pool was stronger than ever!

Join me in congratulating our 2025 Drum Majors and Student Assistants (listed by position in alphabetical order by last name):

- Drum Majors - *Andrea Garcia, Baylor McDugle & Kynnady Sparks*
- Student Assistants – *Brandon Bashaw, Perla Espinoza Serano, Madalyn Gray, Beckett Guthrie & Cadence Rehbein*
- Visual and Music Techs are still accepting their positions. I will send an update once all the techs have committed.

Feature Twirlers:

Congratulations to the 2025 BMB Feature Twirlers, Jeannie Pruett and Mallory McDuffie!

Audition for Colorguard:

- Video submissions are due by June 1st
- info@shsuguard.org for more info

Join the 2025 BMB:

- 1) Enroll in the course
 - a. MUEN 1116 for Freshmen and Sophomores
 - b. MUEN 3116 for Junior and Seniors
- 2) Register for Summer Band - [2025 BMB Summer Band Registration](#)
- 3) STUDENTS – Join the 2025 Band App (college students only)
<https://band.us/n/a4afAbZ3L872p>
- 4) Follow us on Instagram - samhoustonbmb
- 5) All woodwind, brass, percussion, colorguard & twirlers must enroll in the course.

Music Migration:

In fall 2025, we will no longer post our music on the band website. We will be using the BEAM app instead. However, our music will be posted for a while longer. If you would like to start practicing, check it out! www.shsu.edu/bmb - sheet music - password is thembasses

2025 Games:

As you may know, our stadium is under construction and will not be ready for the 2025 season. Therefore, all “home” games will be played at Shell Energy Stadium in Houston. At present, we are planning to attend the following games. *All times are TBD. Weeknight games will most likely start between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.*

- Friday, August 29th

- Thursday, October 9th (Homecoming)
- Wednesday, October 15th (Tentative)
- Saturday, November 15th (Twirler Day)
- Saturday, November 29th (Saturday after Thanksgiving)

2025 Exhibition Performances:

- There may be a local exhibition opportunity on a Friday in September. We will publish information once details become clear.
- High School Band Day—It is very tentatively set for September 20th at Bowers (this event will look differently than it has in the past).
- UIL Area I Contest, Katy, Texas, October 25th

University Service Performances/Events:

These performances may include a portion or all BMB students.

- New Student Convocation – Thursday, August 21st
- SH Class Picture – Friday, August 22nd (All BMB Students)
- Family Weekend – Friday, October 3rd or Saturday, October 4th (tentative)
- Saturday @ SAM – Saturday, October 11th (only 4-6 table volunteers needed)
- Homecoming Parade – Tuesday, October 7th (date could change)
- Alumni Gala – Thursday, November 6th

Leadership Start Date:

- Graduate Assistants, Drum Majors, Student Assistants, Visual Techs, Music Techs, Drumline Captains, and colorguard captains (guard and drumline as available) will meet on Saturday, 8/16/25, from 9 am to 4 pm
- Leaders requiring a hotel room for the leadership day should note that in their [Summer Band registration forms](#).

Colorguard and Drumline Camps:

- Colorguard Camp – Thursday & Friday, August 15th & 16th
- Drumline Camp – Thursday through Saturday, August 15th through the 17th.
- Colorguard or Drumline students requiring hotel rooms for their extra camp days should note that in [Summer Band registration forms](#).

Early Move-Ins for Campus Housing:

- BMB woodwind, brass, and percussion members living in campus housing are eligible to move in (free of charge to you) on Sunday, August 17th, from noon-3pm.

- Filling out the [Summer Band registration](#) form allows us to provide your Sam ID to Reslife for a smooth early move-in day.

BMB Band Camp Schedule:

- [BMB Band Camp Schedule](#) (dates will remain the same, only times may change)
- Full Band camp starts on Sunday, August 17th, with orientation, move-ins, and our family dinner.
- Band camp ends on Friday evening, August 22nd.

Instruments:

- Members of the BMB march with the following instruments:
 - Flutes
 - Clarinets
 - Alto saxophones
 - Tenor saxophones
 - Trumpets
 - Mellophones
 - Baritones
 - Sousaphones
 - Battery percussion instruments
 - Flags/Rifles (as decided by our instructor)
- The BMB provides students with the following instruments:
 - Mellophones
 - Baritones
 - Sousaphones
 - Battery percussion instruments
 - A very limited number of tenor saxes to be decided upon during summer band
 - Flags
- Students wishing to march bass clarinet must provide their own instruments.
- The BMB loans instruments at no cost to the members, provided the instruments are returned in satisfactory condition. Repair costs for broken or damaged instruments will be the responsibility of the student.
- If you need help with instrument needs, email Prof. McBryde – dxm121@shsu.edu

Supplies Needed:

Use this summer to acquire your BMB supplies!

- Insulated water jug for practices
- Marching shoes – You may use your black shoes from high school (they must be flat black, not shiny or patent).
- Khaki shorts – no cargo pockets
- Short black socks for summer uniform
- Long black socks for formal uniform
- Black athletic shorts to wear under formal uniform
- Black belt to wear with khaki shorts for summer uniform
- We do have some flip folders for students that prefer to use paper music. However, you must provide your own lyre if needed. Since we are using BEAM, and you will access stand tunes on your phone, you may choose to purchase a phone lyre holder for your instrument. This is not a requirement.

First Year Students and Bearkat Kick Off:

- First-year BMB students will automatically participate in convocation, the class picture, and college day.
- Bearkat Kick Off, a program designed for first-year students, begins on Thursday, August 21st, and ends on Saturday, August 23rd. First-year BMB students should attend BMB practices on Friday and join BKO on Saturday (unless auditioning for the School of Music ensembles).

We hope you have a wonderful summer!

We will see you in August!

Eat ‘Em Up KATS!

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