



# **SOUTHRIDGE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND DANCE ENSEMBLES WELCOME LETTER | INSTRUCTIONS | MARCHING BAND FORMS**

## **2021 - WELCOME BACK!!!**

Dear Southridge Band Students and Families,

It is with great happiness and joy that we are able to welcome you all back to the 2021-22 school year. It has been very challenging over the last year and a half as we have navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the impacts it has had to our students, families and communities. We have missed seeing all of your smiling faces (students and families alike) and are very eager and excited to be able to see you all again as we move back toward normalcy. The 2021-22 school year will be the beginning of a rebuilding process as we jump start our program after a year and a half of remote learning. However, we do expect that this year will contain excellent in-person curricular and extra-curricular performing arts for students in the Southridge High School Music and dance programs.

For our new students and families, SIMDE is the acronym for Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles which encompasses Southridge High School's many music and dance ensembles, as well as the booster organization which supports those ensembles. The SIMDE booster organization is comprised of parents that have students in the band/dance program. All parents are encouraged to become active SIMDE volunteers, as the program would not be able to function in its current state without them.

Planning is already well underway for the 2021 fall Marching Band season. The Southridge Marching Ensemble is a competitive field show band and is an optional, but **highly recommended** part of Southridge's band program. Southridge's musicians and color guard perform an approximately 9-minute show, competing at several sanctioned competitions during the fall season. Southridge band students, middle school 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and students who live within Southridge's boundaries but attend option, private or home school are eligible to join.

As part of our preparation for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, we would normally meet in person and go over this material with you during our General Meeting in June. However, due to lingering COVID-19 concerns, we are not quite yet able to bring everyone together and our General Meeting being held on June 9<sup>th</sup> is being conducted over Zoom. As such, this packet contains all of the forms and information for this upcoming year that you would otherwise receive in person. We do anticipate being able to bring everyone (students and parents) together in person on August 14<sup>th</sup> prior to the start of Marching Band Camp to complete registration, go over additional details, fit the students for their Marching Band uniforms and answer any questions you may have at that time. In the meantime, if you have any questions about these forms or information contained in this packet, please contact Cameron Jerde, Director of Bands at [cameron\\_jerde@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:cameron_jerde@beaverton.k12.or.us), Nick Garcia, Dance and Guard Director at [dance\\_guard@simde.org](mailto:dance_guard@simde.org) or Eric French, SIMDE President at [president@simde.org](mailto:president@simde.org). This packet will also be available for download from our website at [simde.org](http://simde.org).

Thank you for all that you do. We truly appreciate your support of your students and the SIMDE program as a whole, as none of this would happen without the support of parent volunteers. We look forward to seeing you this summer and fall!

Warmest Regards,

Cameron Jerde - Director of Bands  
Nick Garcia - Dance and Guard Director  
Eric French - SIMDE President

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