

# THE PROGRAM

The Parkway South High School Band Program has an established commitment to educational and musical excellence. It offers students an opportunity to learn and grow - as musicians, as individuals, as members of an organization that counts on the contribution of each member, and as citizens of the Parkway South High School community.

The Parkway South High School Bands are under the direction of Mr. Chris Becker, who is beginning his 16<sup>th</sup> year as Director. He is also recognized as a Jazz educator and is director of the Washington University Jazz Band. Mr. Becker has been assisted for the last six years by Mrs. Lisa Kinworthy, who helps manage the program, teaches music theory and specializes in percussion.

## BAND IS...

- Fun
- Musical Excellence
- Improving Grades
- Building Friendships
- Demonstrating Leadership
- Learning Teamwork
- Parent Participation
- Fun

## The Parkway South Band Program Includes:

The *Symphonic Band*, made up of Symphonic I, II and Symphonic Percussion. During the fall this group, along with members of the Color Guard, performs as the "Spirit of '76" Marching Band. The "Spirit of '76" performs a competition show at home football games and participates in numerous marching festivals each fall. They also take a trip to a major bowl game every other year. They have participated in the Bands of America Regional Festivals in St. Louis and Indiana and have been to the Gator Bowl, Alamo Bowl, Outback Bowl and Orange Bowl.

The *Cadet Wind Ensemble* is offered to freshmen who are looking for an alternative to the "Spirit of '76"/Symphonic Band. This ensemble allows students to continue with their music education without the rigorous demands of the Symphonic Band.

The *Concert Band* provides an opportunity for developing musicians who are in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade to continue improving their musical skills while performing challenging and interesting music.

The *Jazz Band* provides students with an interest in jazz an opportunity to explore jazz and commercial music. In addition to concerts at South High, the Jazz Band has opportunities to perform in settings away from school as well. The band also participates in festivals with other high school jazz bands.

The Parkway South High School Band Program, Commitment, Learning, Excellence ... with Pride.

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# PARKWAY SOUTH BAND

## CATCH THE SPIRIT



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## Education is a social process... Education is growth... Education is life itself. Band: a great value in Education.

### VALUE TO STUDENT

Participation in the Parkway South Band Program provides students with the foundations for success in high school that continue into adulthood. It has been shown that students who are active in music ensembles have improved math aptitude, as well as improved reading comprehension and writing abilities. Participation in Band allows students to interact with students of all grade levels and is particularly beneficial to freshmen, providing the foundation for life-long friendships. Practice and rehearsals instill teamwork and create strong work ethics. The opportunity to travel and perform at competitions is also a highlight. Trips to Disney World and Bowl Games as well as visits to cities like Chicago and Indianapolis are experiences that are never forgotten. Whether performing in a marching, concert, or jazz setting, the students are always proud to exhibit their hard work and dedication. Alumni of the Parkway South Band program are quick to agree that this is one of the most rewarding experiences of their high school careers.



SPIRIT NIGHT



SOUTH AREA CONCERT

### VALUE TO PARENT

Having a positive group to belong to can make the difference between a good high school experience and a great one. Parents will witness their child becoming more responsible and capable of managing their time. Over 75% of band students earn a 3.5



grade point average or better, with many participating in honors classes. Band provides opportunities for leadership and teamwork. The Parkway South Band Program has an active parent organization and is recognized as one of the largest in the school.

Volunteering is a great way for parents to stay involved and to become better acquainted with their child's friends. Parents enjoy their involvement with other band parents and the opportunity to provide support for this worthwhile program.

### VALUE TO SCHOOL

The Parkway School District was recently recognized as being in the top 100 best communities for music education in the country by the American Music Conference. Criteria for this award included instructional time, enrollment, facilities, and support for the music program from parents and the school board. Several thousand school districts applied for this recognition, so it is an honor to have been chosen among the finest. The Band is recognized throughout the school as being one of the most well-respected and cohesive groups at Parkway South. Band members provide school spirit by performing at football and basketball games as well as pep rallies. The band plays at graduation and members of the band join with orchestra members to perform in the Drama Department musicals and the Orchestra Department's yearly Pops Concert. The band represents Parkway South with dignity and pride.

### VALUE TO COMMUNITY

The Parkway South Bands have been very active in community involvement. The Spirit of '76 Marching Band has participated in the Miracle Field Dedication, a Party Lives Convention, the Olympic Torch Run, and the annual Manchester Homecoming Parade. The Jazz Band provides the entertainment for the annual Parkway Senior Citizen's Dance. Some South band students participated in the Murry Opera's 2004 production of the Music Man, while most recently the Marching Band was featured in a Goedecker's television commercial. Local businesses often hire band students due to their strong work ethics. A solid music program is key to a well rounded high school and a great high school is the key to a thriving community.



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