

The Sycamore Community Band is a group of approximately 55 dedicated semi-professional and accomplished amateur musicians that has been active for over 40 years. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30- 9:00 at Sycamore HS on Cornell Rd. The Band plays a wide variety of music, from marches, overtures, classical transcriptions, and serious wind literature, to big band swing, pop and musical theater medleys.

The band plays several concerts in the late fall, a couple in the spring, and over the summer we play a series of park concerts. The band takes breaks from rehearsals and concerts: the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January, and the end of summer, resuming the second week of September. There are other periodic breaks for holidays (Easter, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc.). Members are dedicated to each other and are consistent in attendance, but we understand that family comes first, and simply ask for an email notice when a musician needs to miss a rehearsal, and advanced notice for a concert (so that we can bring in a sub if needed).

Musicians interested in the Sycamore band should prepare two short selections, one technical and one lyrical (about 16-32 measures each) to play for the music director as an audition. Musicians are welcome, after contacting the music director, to come to a rehearsal and sight read with the group to see if it feels like a good fit before auditioning.

Following an audition and/or sight reading at a rehearsal, probationary membership may be granted at the discretion of the Music Director. Membership will be based on the perceived musicianship of the applicant and needs of the Band for that applicant's instrument. If there is no opening, the applicant may be placed on a waiting or substitute list.

After a successful probationary period (generally one "season"- a series of 8-10 weeks of rehearsals leading up to a concert) full membership is generally granted by the Music Director, with consultation from the section leader. Full membership will be granted based on the applicant fulfilling all expectations of band members, including regular attendance, positive attitude, proven musicianship, and, if necessary, a second audition.

The Sycamore Community Band prides itself on its excellent musicianship and supportive, family feeling. We encourage you to join us!