

SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

“The PRIDE” of Southside

BAND PARENT 101

“A few things you may need to know about the next four years.”

WELCOME!!!

We are so glad you are
here, and we need you to
be involved!

TIPS FOR FRESHMEN PARENTS

**To help yours child have a
successful year with the band,
and to make your life easier.**

FRIENDLY TIP NO. UNO

- **Great “untruths” in life...**
 - “They didn’t tell me when to be there...”
 - “They didn’t tell me what to wear...”
 - “I don’t know when we are getting home...”
 - “I don’t know if we are eating or not...”
 - “I don’t know where we’ll be...”

A weekly schedule is prepared for all students and parents and is emailed out each week by Mr. Weaver & Ms. Palmer. This schedule is also posted to our blog at: www.thebridemusic.com

This blog is also texted out and shared on Facebook.

TIPS

- Check the band thepridemusic.com, and Facebook weekly...
- Have your child arrive early to all scheduled events...
- Prepare uniform parts the day before you need the,...
- Please **FEED YOUR CHILD** before performances....
- Read all emails from the directors and boosters...
- Send cash when needed...
- Despite what your kids might say....They **REALLY** want you there...be there for them!

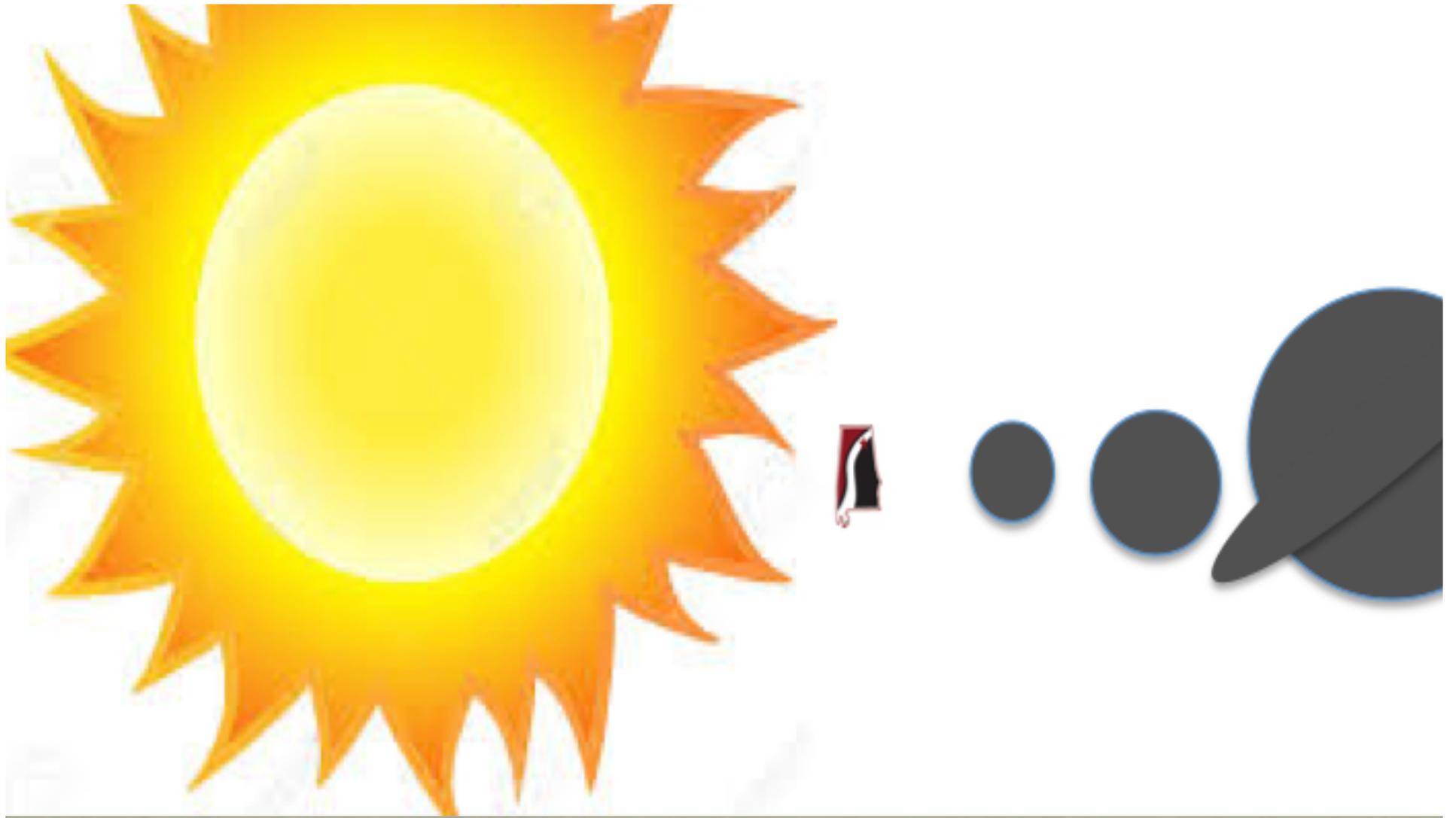
TIPS

- Dress your child for the weather...
- Think “total program” not “individual child”...
- Attend all Booster Meetings...
- Think ahead...you will be needed to step up and be a leader soon.

BAND CAMP TIPS



Bring on the Sweat!!



**PREPARE FOR THE
HEAT!!!!**

BAND CAMP TIPS

- **EAT BREAKFAST!** Every day before rehearsal. 90% of all students who feel bad during camp haven't eaten breakfast.
- Bring a **WIDE MOUTHED WATER JUG** to all marching rehearsals. (Should be labeled with student's name)
- Wear appropriate shoes. Flip Flops, sandals & Chocos are not allowed.
- Dress appropriately for the hot weather, yet still in dress code. (Appropriate t-shirt slogans / short length)
- Bring a hat & sunglasses
- **BE EARLY!** (Early is on time; on time is late; late is unacceptable)

BAND CAMP TIPS

- (No kidding) **TAKE A SHOWER EACH NIGHT!**
- **Wear deodorant EVERY DAY!** (It is okay to bring some with you to camp and re-apply)
- It's a good idea to have an extra **change of clothes** available in case of a sudden shower or too much sweat.
- Band Camp is required. Every rehearsal. Every day.
- Any absences should be emailed to matt_weaver@ecboe.org by a PARENT.

INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC INFO

When people think of the Southside Band, one of the first things that comes to mind is *The PRIDE's* trademark sound.

- One of the keys to building that powerful sound is the use of proper equipment. It is essential that your marching horn play in tune and be in good working order. Have your horn checked for leaks, and get those sticky valves or missing pads repaired *before* you show up the first day of camp.
- If you don't see your preferred mouthpiece listed, don't panic; just ask your section leaders about it. Generally, it boils down to how you sound when you play on that mouthpiece. Simply put, if you find that you're sacrificing tone for a few notes of extended range or a few more decibels of volume, it will not be accepted in *The PRIDE*. Tone, control, and intonation are everything!
- The band directors will have the final decision about any equipment not listed below. Remember, if you do have to get a new mouthpiece, it may take some time getting comfortable with it, so please don't wait until July to start playing on it!

INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC INFO

- **WOODWINDS**

- All clarinet & saxophone students **MUST** provide their own reeds. High School band members are required to have at least 4 reeds at their disposal at all times, and rotate the reed in use after every rehearsal in order to keep all reeds “broken in”.
- **NO RICO** reeds. VANDOREN reeds are preferred.
- **All instrumentalists (except percussionists) are required to have their own personal flip folder at all marching rehearsals and performances**

INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC INFO

• BRASS

- All brass players **MUST** provide their own personal mouthpiece.
- **Trumpet:** Bach 1.5C or 3C equivalent
- **Mellophone:** Blessing/UMI/King/Conn Mello 6, or Hammonds 5.
No Trumpet mouthpieces allowed.
- **Trombone:** Bach 5G or larger; Shilke 51D or larger. (Large-bore horns with F-attachment are preferred.)
- **Baritone:** Bach 3G or larger; Shilke 51D or larger.
- **Sousaphone:** Conn Helleburg; Perantucci 50 or larger; Laskey 30C or larger. Bach 18 or 24AW's are not acceptable!

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THEY CAN DO IT!!!

- Encourage your child to stick with it and stay tough!
- Don't let them give up or quite!
- Marching Band was hard for everyone when they started.

UNIFORMS

- Arrive early
- Student's should clean their own shoes before performances
- Keep everything clean
 - T shirts and gloves should be washed after every performance
- All members are dismissed as a group once their uniforms have been returned
- The band issues and collects the jackets. Students must purchase their own bibbers (pants) and shoes

UNIFORMS

- There is no eating or drinking in uniform (other than water). Feed your child before performances!
- The band is responsible for cleaning jackets. Students are responsible for storing and cleaning their bibbers and shoes.
- Bibbers and shoes should be taken home after every performance, not left wadded in a cubby at the band room.