

Greetings from Band Camp,

Parents: Firstly, I want to say how incredibly proud of your children we have been this past week and a half. They have responded wonderfully to instruction and critique and we are quite pleased with their progress so far. It is a testament their raising.

Here is some important information to know as we approach the end of camp:

- **This Friday:** At the end of Friday's morning block at noon, we will host one of our most fun traditions – the SHAVING CREAM WAR!
  - This is a great way to celebrate students' hard work and its always a blast. Better buy those cans now – there won't be any this side of the Coosa after today. Parents are welcome to attend! Be sure to bring a towel. The fire department will be here to help us hose off.
  - **Preview Showing & Camp Awards:** At 7 pm Friday evening The PRIDE will host its first performance of the school year; a preview for parents showcasing what we've accomplished at camp. Afterwards, we will host the paper-plate awards and skits in the auditorium.
- **Band Fees:** The first two installments (\$75 ea.) of the band membership fee were due the first Fridays of June & July. There are two remaining installments of \$50 each due the first Fridays of August and September. Please take care of this in a timely manner. \*\*ALSO, a reminder that any student using a school-owned instrument at any point in the year (percussion, tubas, bass clarinets etc.) owe a \$50 rental/repair fee by August 14.
- **First Day of School:** The fall semester officially begins Thursday, August 10. **ALL HS Band students NEED THEIR CONCERT INSTRUMENTS ON THE FIRST DAY**. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period concert ensembles will begin work immediately on the first day of school. Students involved in another section or instrument for marching band will need to be prepared with equipment for both.
- **Normal After-School Rehearsal Schedule:** Our normal after-school rehearsal schedule goes into effect August 14. We rehearse Mondays and Tuesdays at the HS band field 3:15 – 5 pm; and Thursday evenings in Barney Hood Stadium from 5:45 – 8 pm. Thursday night rehearsals are open to the public and we encourage an audience!
  - **POST-CAMP Rehearsals:** We have two post-camp rehearsals before school starts. Thursday August 3, and Tuesday August 8 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

*Claw Out & Go PRIDE GO!*

Mr. Weaver & Mr. Waits