Important Info
January 21, 2026
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To All Band Members & Parents,

The spring semester is well underway, and both of our major ensembles are in the thick of preparations for State MPA. We are also beginning to wrap up final preparations for our upcoming trip to NYC.

There are several announcements that need to be made. Please read the following carefully:

- **Percussion Classes:** All percussion students planning on being members of the Southside Band 2026-2027 will meet after-school on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm beginning January 27. Any and all middle school students are welcome to attend and learn. Any student, including 7th graders wanting to be 8th-grade marchers next year, should attend. Contact Mr. Gray, Percussion Director, at joshuatgray22@gmail.com for any questions you may have.

- **NYC Trip Meeting (Mandatory):** There will be a mandatory meeting for all trip participants on **Monday, March 2, at 6 pm**. This is when we will sign up for buses and get other important info. ***By mid-March, the average temperatures are highs 48° to 52° with lows of 34° to 38°.

- **Trip Payments:** We are working on entering fundraising credits and sending that info to ATC. Please make sure you are current with their payment schedule. ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY FEBRUARY 15.

- **Trip Practices:** We have three after-school practices to prepare for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:30 pm: Feb. 18, 25, & March 11.

- **State Music Performance Assessment:** State MPA is the week of March 3-6. We will publish the exact time as soon as we are assigned one from the Alabama Bandmasters Association's district chairman. Our MPA Preview Concert is Thursday, February 12, at 6 pm.

- **Outstanding Band Fees:** We are preparing statements for outstanding band fees. We ask for everyone's help in resolving these debts as soon as possible.

- **Spring Auditions:** More information will be published soon regarding auditions, but please be aware of the following dates:
    - All-State Band Auditions (at GCHS): January 31

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- Auxiliary Audition Student/Parent Meeting: March 20
- Drum Major Clinic: March 23-26
- Drum Major Auditions: March 27
- Crimsonette Clinic: March 23-26
- Crimsonette Auditions: March 27
- Colorguard Clinic: April 6-9
- Colorguard Auditions: April 13

Please contact us if you have questions.

-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Huckaby