

# ALL STATE BAND AUDITION INFORMATION Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Parents,

If you are receiving this email, then your child has been registered to audition for the Alabama All-State Band this Saturday. Auditions are held at Albertville HS in Albertville, AL. ALL students must be registered at AHS no later than 10:00 am.

## **Transportation**:

Students and parents are responsible for their own transportation to this event; however, we do encourage you to carpool and have fun! Please let us know if you need help setting up a carpool! Also, there is no food available at the audition site, so students will need to plan on travelling off campus to get lunch, or bring a lunch! Below are some nearby restaurants:

1. Tacos El Paso
504 Baltimore Ave,
Albertville, AL 35950
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504 Baltimore Ave,
Albertville, AL 35950
3. Sandwich Host
212 E Main St,
Albertville, AL 35950
4. Mater's Pizza And Pasta
Emporium
108 E Main St,
Albertville, AL 35950

Taqueria Guanaguato

 515 Baltimore Ave,
 Albertville, AL 35950

 Novedades La Reina

 133 E Main St,
 Albertville, AL 35950

 Jamokas Coffee

 110 E Main St,
 Albertville, AL 35950

 El Sol King Pollo

 113 Main St,
 Albertville, AL 35950

9. Chocolate Moose
700 Horton Rd,
Albertville, AL 35950
10. China Chef 2
611 E Main St,
Albertville, AL 35950
11. McDonald's
7375 US Highway 431,
Albertville, AL 35950
12. KFC
7285 US Highway 431,
Albertville, AL 35950

\*\*Please review the following pages for information regarding the audition process.

PLEASE NOTE: These auditions are NOT for unassigned middle school students or High School String Basses. Those auditions will take place on January 26 at Sparkman HS.

#### **Student Instructions:**

- Students should be familiar with the audition requirements. Each student auditioning for All-State should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- Audition times will be emailed to each band director by Monday, January 7.
- Registration procedures:
- Registration is in the AHS Coliseum from 8:00am and 10:00am.
   All students must register by 10:00am.
  - Go to the registration desk (Coliseum) to sign in. Students will receive audition cards and a 4digit student ID number on a label that must be worn on the student's shirt throughout the audition process.
  - All MS students (with the exception of percussion) will need to show their Rubank book at the registration table. No copies from this book will be allowed in the auditions.
  - BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR AUDITION CARDS!!!! Do not fold or write on the card. Any damage to the card may prohibit the scanner from reading it properly or reading it at all.
- Warm-up: a warm-up room (cafeteria) will be provided. Do not play in the hallways at any time.
- Audition:
  - Arrive at your audition room before your scheduled audition time. Upon arrival, a runner will escort you in to the audition room. Realize that you may be ushered directly in to the audition room or you may have to wait a few minutes but the audition times should run close to the published schedule. (TIMES MAY VARY drastically if multiple students that have registered do not attend the auditions. For this reason, students DO NOT need to leave campus once they have registered.)
  - o The runner will match the number on the name tag with the number on your audition card.
  - SCALE/SIGHTREADING ROOM (NON-PERCUSSION): DO NOT SPEAK WHILE YOU ARE IN THE AUDITION ROOMS. All communication will be between the runner and student.
    - No music or scale sheets are allowed in the scale room. You may leave any items with the student runner in the hall.
    - The student will begin playing the scales when they receive a signal from the runner.
    - Students should perform scales according to the following written order: C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, B, E, A, D, G. A scale order sheet will be provided on the stand in the audition room.
    - MS students will be informed by their judge of their start time with the scales. MS students will have 4 minutes to complete their scales. The judge will inform the student when the time is up.
    - Students that do not pass the required number of scales will be notified by the runner that their audition is over and the student will not progress to the second room. High school students must pass 7 pairs of major scales and their associated arpeggios. Middle school students must pass 5 pairs of major scales and their associated arpeggios.
    - If the student passes the scale requirement, they will then sight read in the same room.

### EXERCISE ROOM (NON PERCUSSION)

- After the student completes the scales and sightreading they will move to the second audition room.
- HS students may bring their own music into this room or the exercises will be provided on the stand.
- MS students are required to bring their own Rubank Method book into the room. Copies will NOT be provided on the stand.
- The runner will verify that the number on the student's shirt matches the number on the audition card.
- Students will perform the "Lyrical" exercise first followed by the "Technical" exercise.
- Upon completion of the prepared exercises, the runner will excuse the student and the audition is complete.

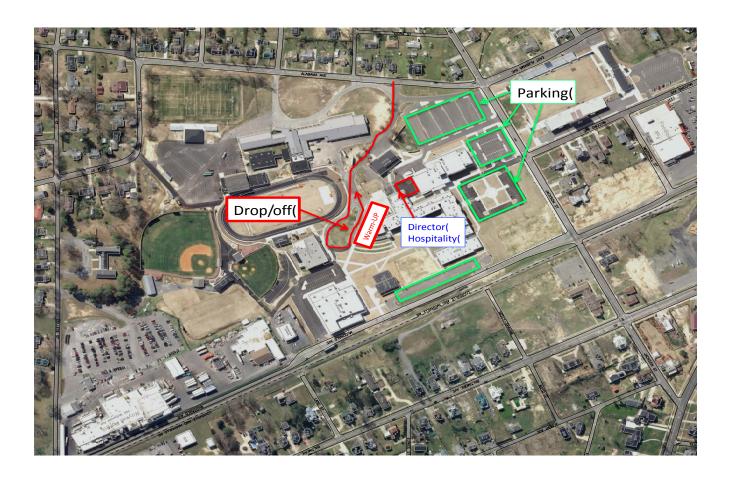
#### o PERCUSSION

- Percussion students will audition in two rooms. The first room will be the mallet audition. Upon passing the mallet scale requirement, they will play the mallet exercise and mallet sightreading. After completion of the mallet room, the student will move to the Snare Drum/Timpani audition room. A maximum of two judges will be in each room to communicate and guide the percussion student through the audition process.
- Results: Results for All-State and District 2 Honor Band will be posted online at www.abafest.com.

#### **Directors**

- Audition times will be emailed to each participating director by Monday, January 7th. Please share the audition times and other information with your students.
- Meeting, 8:30am:
  - o Arrive on time. We will meet in the new addition (South Hall) behind the bandroom. We have quite a bit to accomplish before the 9:00 audition start time.
  - We will spend the bulk of time reviewing judging procedures including bubbling information, point spread, no talking to students, etc.
- Fees: all fees must be paid before your student can audition for all-state; district participation fees and all-state registration fees are *past due*. Bring your checkbook and be ready to pay any outstanding fees including the \$50 late fee; there will be someone at the audition to write receipts.
- Your all-state audition Certificate of Attendance will be in your packet on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- PLEASE NOTE THE TWO MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN AUDITION PROCEDURES—MS students
  (not percussion) must have his or her OWN copy of the All State exercises with their Rubank Method
  book. PLEASE check with each student to ensure this is the case. Your student will show their book at
  registration. Also, ALL MS scales are all only one octave. However, their scales must be completed
  within 4 minutes. Please ensure that you have expressed all of this new information to your students.
  THANK YOU!

## ALBERTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS MAP



## **Parking**

Enclosed is a map indicating our main parking area. If you are traveling by bus, it is suggested that you park in the big parking lot to the right of the Fine Arts Center.

# **SCHOOL BUILDING LAYOUT (2 Floors)**

Registration/Warm up — Cafeteria
Director Hospitality/Meeting — Band Room new addition
Tabulation — Yearbook Room (notated on map)

