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Southside Wind Ensemble AMEA Information & Schedule

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To All Wind Ensemble Members & Parents,

The time is finally here. Our AMEA performance is exactly two weeks away! Again, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of this performance. Being selected to perform at the state convention is a tremendous honor that not many groups will ever receive. We owe it to ourselves and to the bands that were not selected to give our best performance possible. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication that you have already put into this concert. Keep it up!

Below is a list of important information and a tentative schedule for AMEA. Please <u>read</u> <u>everything</u> and review it carefully and contact us if you have any questions. Congratulations again on being selected to perform at the 2018 Alabama Music Educator's In-Service Conference.

Go Panthers & Go PRIDE GO!

-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Hammock

Important Information

- 1. Remaining Rehearsals: Coming off of a break, every single rehearsal that we have must be treated as sacred! We cannot afford to have absences for any reason. We know things will come up, but we ask that you please sacrifice when possible for the good of the entire group. If these rehearsals were not absolutely necessary, we would not have them. *Percussionists: you must make sure that every single part is covered in any circumstance. A full calendar can be found online at http://www.shs-band.com/calendar.html
- 2. Hotel Arrangements: Because our performance is so early on the 18th, we will be traveling to Birmingham on Wednesday, the 17th to spend the night. This will allow us to not be as rushed on the morning of the concert, although, we will still keep a tight schedule. The hotel rate for each member is \$45, which includes a full buffet breakfast. We ask that all members have their hotel room paid for by Tuesday, the 16th at the latest. Checks should be made payable to Southside High School. More details below.
- **3. Concert Attire:** Make sure now that you have all the pieces of your concert attire ready to go and neatly pressed. No member will be allowed to perform with a missing element or unapproved items from their attire. Rules for concert attire are
 - **a. Gentlemen:** Must wear black socks, with clean black dress shoes, white under shirt (NO GRAPHICS!), tuxedo shirt & bow tie, tux jacket and pants.
 - **b.** <u>Ladies:</u> Must wear black hose, close-toed black dress shoes (flats preferred or small heel), provided black concert dress with pearl necklace. Absolutely no sports bras or visible undergarments. Small, stud earnings only, no other jewelry or wrist wear. Hair should be combed and makeup should be tastefully subtle.
- **4. Actual Performance:** The concert will begin at 10:15 am in the BJCC Concert Hall. The performance is free and open to the public. We HIGHLY encourage all parents and other family members to attend. We ask as always, that audience members display proper concert etiquette by holding applause until the end, refrain from talking during the performance or using flash photography, and finally, please dress appropriately for a concert of this magnitude.

Tentative Schedule

A complete and final schedule will be posted closer to the event.

Wednesday, January 17th

Load charter bus: 5:00 pm (approx.)

Dinner (on your own) at the Galleria Mall in Hoover, AL: 6:30 pm

Check into the Embassy Suites Hotel in Hoover: 8:30 pm

2960 John Hawkins Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35244 Phone: (205) 985-9994

Lights Out: 10:00 pm

Thursday, January 18th

Breakfast / Check Out: 7:00 am

Depart for BJCC Concert Hall: 8:00 am

Warm Up on Stage: 9 am

Performance: 10:15 am

BJCC Concert Hall

Post-Performance: Students may have time to visit the exhibit hall and vendors.

Lunch at the Galleria Mall: 1:30 pm

Return to Southside: 3:30 pm