



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
THE PRIDE OF SOUTHSIDE

## Important Announcements

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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[www.theprideofsouthside.com/shs-blog](http://www.theprideofsouthside.com/shs-blog)

To all members and parents of The PRIDE,

The directors and staff want to thank and congratulate everyone on a successful (if not unusual) band camp. Thank you for your maturity, your understanding, and above all, your wiliness to be problem solvers.

There are a few rather important announcements below. Please read them carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

### ***Go Panthers & Go PRIDE GO!***

Mr. Weaver, & Mrs. Hammock

1. **Calendar & Rehearsal Schedule:** Our online calendar is current and available to everyone. Please go to [www.theprideofsouthside.com](http://www.theprideofsouthside.com) - SHS Band – Calendar. Since school will begin on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, we will only hold two rehearsals next week on Tuesday & Thursday night (8/11 & 8/13) from 6 to 9 pm. This schedule helps students retain and build upon what we have learned during camp in the coolest part of the day. The normal rehearsal schedule will resume once school starts on the 17<sup>th</sup>. (\*We will **not** rehearse on the first day of school). ALL members will attend after school rehearsals as usual regardless of the staggered schedule.
2. **Alternate Uniforms & Spirit Packs:** While our uniform is a large part of The PRIDE's identity and brand, we do not feel it safe to measure and fit students for uniforms this year. So, we will wear an alternate uniform this fall. All instrumentalist members will be required to purchase a "spirit pack" containing a matching polo shirt. This spirit pack will be available through the band's online store and will include additional, optional items including this year's show shirt. Additionally, instrumentalists will be required to purchase khaki shorts. These will **not** be available online or through the band at all. Auxiliary members will wear their pep-rally uniforms this fall.

- a. **Fit options:** The polo shirt comes in both a male and female cut option. Males will be required to wear the shirt “tucked in” with shorts with a belt loop for a **black** belt. Females who would prefer to wear the male cut shirt may do so, but will also be required to wear the shirt tucked in. Females who do wear the female cut shirt will not be required to tuck in their shirt.
  - b. **Socks, Shoes, & Belts:** Students must wear athletic shoes (school colors are preferable) with short socks and a black belt.
  - c. **Pants:** Students who feel uncomfortable wearing shorts may wear khaki pants.
3. **Reduced Membership Fees:** Because we ask everyone to purchase an alternate uniform this year, and due to the reduced operational cost associated with uniform cleaning, membership fees will be reduced from \$300 to \$150 for every student. Additionally, students who attended the Chicago trip will receive a further \$50 reduction in fees.
4. **Virtual Students:** Students who will be attending virtual school will come to campus for 8<sup>th</sup> period band.
5. **Other Questions / Ideas:** We do not have any further information at this time. You all have excellent and valid questions, and we will continue to answer these questions as we become informed ourselves.
6. **Social Distance / Testing Reminder:** While everyone has observed protocol at rehearsals, we want to encourage you to maintain your social distance and safety outside of band and school. Additionally, any tested student will need to contact the directors and produce proof of a negative test result before returning to campus.