



## **SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

*"The PRIDE" of Southside*

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## **WELCOME BACK INFO & WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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*Read this information on our blog at [www.shs-band.com/blog](http://www.shs-band.com/blog)*

Welcome back PRIDE!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful break spending time with family and friends. The second semester is here and it's always a busy time for The PRIDE. There are lots of events happening; state assessment, concerts, honor bands, auditions and clinics...the list goes on and on, so please check the online calendar frequently. Dates and information are being published as soon as they are available.

Please read the following information and reminders carefully. Our weekly schedule and some other upcoming events are listed below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the band office.

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

-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Hammock

### **Important Information**

#### **1. State Music Performance Assessment (MPA) & Rehearsal Schedule:**

State Assessment or MPA is the most important part of our band year. Both the Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble will prepare a concert of three works to be performed for a panel of state-appointed judges to critique. In addition to the performance, both ensembles will be required to "sight-read" a piece of music for an additional judge that they have never seen before. The Southside Band has a long and proud tradition of musical excellence and has earned superior ratings at State MPA for the past 30 consecutive years. The importance of this event and the dedication that preparing it demands cannot be overstated. To prepare, we will have a small number of after school sectionals & rehearsals. A detailed schedule for both bands has been posted online and dates are listed on our calendar as well. For the full MPA rehearsal schedule, please look online at <http://www.shs-band.com/blog/state-mpa-rehearsal-schedule-2017-2018>

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- In addition to their normal prep for MPA, the Wind Ensemble has been selected as one of only four bands in the state to perform at the 2018 Alabama Music Educators Association's Professional Development Conference in Birmingham Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a tremendous honor for our band program! The Wind Ensemble will perform at 10:15 am on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the BJCC Concert Hall. This performance is free, and open to the public. Mr. Winningham has agreed to "principal's excuse" any student who wishes to attend our concert (although they will be responsible for their own transportation). Students who would like to attend the concert on excused absence should sign up with Mr. Weaver this week.

- 3. Concert Attire:** Concert attire was ordered and distributed to students before our Christmas Concert. If there are any issues with fit or missing items, please let Mrs. Hammock know immediately. Prices for concert attire have now been made available to view via Charms. We are asking that students and parents pay for their concert attire by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. "Panther Prowl" 5K Run:** The PRIDE Music Association is hosting a 5k Run Fundraiser on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please help us spread the word to secure more sponsors & participants. There will be an information meeting next Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the band room to make final preparations. Your attendance is appreciated! For more info & registration, please visit <http://www.shs-band.com/blog/5k-panther-prowl-on-saturday-feb-24-2018>
- 5. Save the Dates – Summer Band Camp Schedule:** A reminder that our summer band camp schedule was published and sent to all band members grades 8-11 before the break. Please check these dates and plan according as best as possible when scheduling family vacations. Those dates are available at <http://www.shs-band.com/blog/save-the-dates-the-pride-of-southside-tentative-schedule-2018> *\*The post camp rehearsal schedule has been corrected.*
- 6. We're looking forward to another GREAT semester with everyone!!!!**

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **MON 1/8**

**AMEA Full Wind Ensemble & Percussion:** 3:00 – 5:00 pm

#### **TUES 1/9**

**AMEA Full Wind Ensemble & Percussion:** 3:00 – 5:00 pm

#### **WED 1/10**

Open for All State Help

#### **THURS 1/11**

**AMEA Full Wind Ensemble & Percussion:** 3:00 – 5:00 pm

#### **FRI 1/12**

**AMEA Full Wind Ensemble & Percussion:** 3:00 – 5:00 pm

#### **SAT 1/13**

**All-State Band Auditions, Albertville High School:** Audition times TBA

### **Upcoming Events**

**District II Honor Bands:** Feb. 9-10

**MPA Preview Concert:** Feb. 22

**State MPA:** Feb. 27-March 2

**Disney Trip:** March 14-18

**Aux. Showcase, Student Leadership Interviews & Auditions, and Auxiliary Unit Auditions:** TBA