

FALL 2019

From the Podium

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Congratulations & Thank You!

On behalf of myself, Mrs. Hammock, and all of our band's staff and boosters, congratulations to everyone on the completion of an AMAZING marching season!! We cannot say thank you enough to all of our parents and volunteers who have made this fall such a success. We could not do this without YOU!

I also want to thank our students, and especially our leadership team for making this semester so much FUN. Everyone has been so enjoyable to be around and The PRIDE's performances this year having been outstanding. Thank you all, and now let's keep up the good work!

Go PRIDE GO! , Mr. Weaver

Concert Success

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Fall Concert at the Gadsden Amphitheatre. It was a fantastic performance by both our band's concert ensembles and so much fun.

Our next upcoming concert is the annual "Southside Christmas Spectacular" hosted by the SHS Fine Arts Department. Featuring performances by the entire F.A. program at Southside High, this event will also be the first performance of The PRIDE's two (2) Jazz Bands!!

The Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm in the Biddle Auditorium. There is NO ADMISSION; however, guests are requested to bring a donation to Toys for Tots. Band students will wear their formal concert attire along with a red, Santa hat.

Save the Date!

Gadsden
Christmas
Parade

**Saturday,
Dec. 7, 2019**

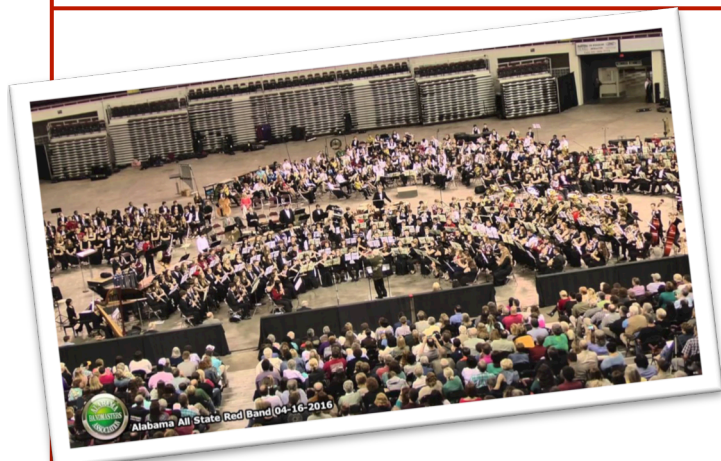
Southside
Christmas
Spectacular
Concert

**Thursday
Dec. 12, 2019**

Alabama
Bicentennial
Parade

**Saturday,
Dec. 14, 2019**





All-State Band

Why try? Auditioning for All-State teaches patience and discipline and only makes our entire program stronger!

How to Sign Up

Students wishing to audition for the 2020 Alabama All-State Band auditions should register with Mr. Weaver or Mrs. Hammock. Registration is \$15. Audition packets and materials are available outside of the band office in the extra music filer. **Deadline to pay & register is Dec. 2nd, 2019.**



Auditions

Auditions will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at Albertville High School. Results for both the District II Honor Band and the Alabama All-State Band will be released later that evening.

Bed Sheet Sale Orders

Orders from our bed sheet sale have been placed and should arrive by after the Thanksgiving Break. If there are issues with your order, please let us know immediately so that we can fix any errors in one order. Profits from the sheet sale have now been credited to students in CutTime.



Remaining Fees & Fundraisers

Please be sure to take care of any and all remaining memberships fees as soon as possible. The Chicago Trip is our highest priority right now. We can continue to collect fees in the spring semester if needed, but we want everyone to be able to go on our trip! Our next two upcoming fundraisers are a Yard Sale on Jan 25th & a sign sale beginning when we return from the Christmas Break.





What's Happening With The PMA? After a Great Fall, What Are We Looking at Now

Although we're done for the year slinging nachos, passing out water, or holding up props, the PRIDE Music Association is still VERY busy and we need **your** help!

There are several upcoming events that need volunteers including the Chicago Trip, the annual "Panther Prowl" 5K Run, and the Golf Tournament. If you would be interested in volunteering or could help secure sponsors, please don't hesitate to contact a booster officer!

In addition to these projects, the PMA board is also planning ahead, assessing our needs as a booster club and looking for ways in

which we can further aide the band program at Southside. Most notably, looking forward, we know that purchasing additional uniforms and securing larger equipment transportation is a huge priority for both the band directors and the PMA. There are always needs and the PMA is determined to help support and aide in the best music educations experience our children can have!

If you feel that you can help, please contact a board member today!

Go PRIDE GO!!!

All that Jazz!

We have 56 students signed up for our Jazz program!

Traditionally, our Jazz Band has had to meet after school once or twice a week as schedules allowed after marching band quieted down. However, thanks to our new schedule, we are able to meet during 8th period! This has afforded many more students the opportunity to participate in Jazz Band. In fact, so many have joined, we've had to split them up into 2 ensembles!



News & Reminders

Picture Day – Dec. 10th

Individual headshots and a group photo will be taken at school on Tuesday, Dec. 10th during 8th period and after school (from 8th grade alternates). All members will need to bring their FULL marching uniform to school that day. These will be the pictures that are used in this year's wall composite.



Parade Rehearsals

Please note that there are three parade rehearsals on the calendar to prepare for both the Gadsden Christmas Parade & the AL Bicentennial Parade. These rehearsals run from 3:15 to 4:30 pm, Dec. 4th, 5th, & 10th.



Santa Hats

All members of The PRIDE will wear a plain, red, Santa hat for both the Gadsden Christmas Parade and the SHS Christmas Concert. These are quite cheap at Dollar General. Be sure to get yours soon!



Formal Concert Attire

Tuxedo Inn will have our concert attire orders in when we return to school after Thanksgiving. Students will need to go to Tuxedo Inn & pay any remaining balance to retrieve their attire. Make sure everything fits **BEFORE** you leave.

Men's wear will already be altered; however, dresses will need to be hemmed prior to the Christmas Concert.



Alabama Bicentennial 1819-2019

Bicentennial Parade – Montgomery

The December 14th parade will be the finale to a yearlong celebration of our great state's 200th Bicentennial Birthday. The PRIDE is honored to participate in our local history by being selected as one of only seven bands from across the state to perform in the Capitol in the parade. The Southside Band remains Alabama's Musical Ambassadors.



Tee Shirts

The PMA Boosters are currently seeking sponsors to supply each student with a free, commemorative tee shirt for this special performance. Extras will be available for sale.

Transportation & Meals

Students will be bussed to and from Montgomery. A biscuit breakfast will be provided and we will make a lunch stop on the way home. More travel details TBA.



Our Community is Behind Us!

Be on the lookout for an article in the Gadsden Times about The PRIDE marching in the Bicentennial Parade. We are very honored to be a part of Alabama history and our community is very proud of our band's achievements.

The PRIDE Marches to Chicago! 2020 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade

We are extremely excited and honored to have been invited to perform in the 2020 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade! This is quite the accomplishment for our program and is something of which we can all feel proud of.

When we say that this is going to be an amazing trip, we mean it!! Having been on many a band trip, Chicago is simply one of the best cities to visit with large groups. Together with Burns Travel LLC, we have worked very hard to come up with a trip experience that is fun and exciting for everyone! The PRIDE received the invitation to perform based on the entire program, so we're counting on everyone to participate!

Most everyone has signed up to attend; yet we still need deposits from several families. Our bed sheet sale has been dedicated to the trip and two other fundraisers (sign sale, yard sale) will be dedicated to helping out for the trip in the spring semester.

What will we be doing?

Trip Packages include:

3 nights lodging in Chicago, transportation via coach bus, Trip t-shirt, **ALL MEALS** (including travel), Field Museum, Sears Tower, Hard Rock Café, Blue Man Group (backstage passes!), St. Patrick's Day Parade, and a private dinner cruise on Lake Michigan!

Trip Package Cost

*Trip costs are based on the number of people together in one room, students and chaperones alike.

Quad Occupancy - \$705 per person

Triple Occupancy - \$740 per person

Double Occupancy - \$770 per person

Final Balance is due Friday, February 7, 2020.



Calling All Volunteers! Band Room Workday

We're asking for volunteers to help with a brief workday in the band room **Friday, December 20th**. There are chairs and stands that need tightening, pictures that need hanging, and projects that will require drills and other power tools. If you can help, please contact the band office!



Southside High School Band
"The PRIDE" of Southside

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ALL-STATE Registration Due	3 RMS Christmas Concert	4 Parade Rehearsal 3:15 – 4:30 pm	5 Parade Rehearsal 3:15 – 4:30 pm	6 4th Annual Gadsden TUBACHRISTMAS & Coronation	7 Gadsden Christmas Parade
8	9	10 Individual / Group Picture Day Parade Rehearsal 3:15 – 4:30 pm	11	12 Southside Christmas Spectacular – 6 pm	13	14 Alabama Bicentennial Parade Montgomery, AL
15	16	17	18	19	20 Fall Semester Ends	21
22	23 Winter Break No School	24 Winter Break No School	25 Merry Christmas! 	26 Winter Break No School	27 Winter Break No School	28
29	30 Winter Break No School	31 New Year's Eve	1 Happy 2020!	2 Winter Break No School	3 Winter Break No School	4

INFORMATION

*ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Honor Bands / All State Band

All State auditions are next month! Are you ready? The key to practice even a little every day.

Christmas Parade

Once the City of Gadsden releases the date of the Christmas parade, the band office will publish info for students and parents.

We wear **SANTA HATS** for this parade ☺

Southside Christmas Spectacular

Join us December 12th for the Southside Fine Arts Department's Christmas Spectacular at 6 pm. A donation for Toys for Tots will be taken.

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