

"From the Podium"

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Meet "Mrs. D"

our new RMS Band Director

We are VERY glad to welcome Mrs. Jill DeGaetano of Gadsden to our family as the new Director of Bands at Rainbow Middle School! Mrs. D comes to us from Albertville Middle School, but has also taught at Gadsden City HS & Crossville HS. She is an extremely talented saxophonist and performs with the Alabama Winds. Mrs. D also currently serves as the District II Chairman of the Alabama Bandmasters Association. She and her husband Brian (a percussionist) live in Gadsden with their 6-year-old daughter Kate.

Welcome to The PRIDE

A Message From the Directors

Hello PRIDE!

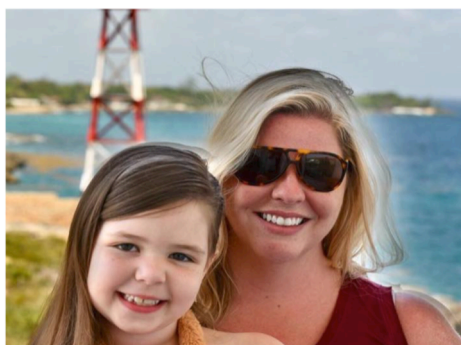
We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break! We can't wait to see everyone and hear all of your stories about your summer vacation!

This newsletter is a quick guide to some important information for both members and parents. Please review it in addition to our handbook to understand all of our responsibilities and goals. Please remember to turn in all registration and information forms, which can be found online at: www.shs-band.com

A great deal of planning by our amazing staff has already gone into this year's show. We're all very excited about this show and the band. This year is going to be AMAZING!!

See everyone at Mini Camp!

-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Hammock



Upcoming Dates

PMA Meeting
July 16

All members &
parents
7:00 pm

Min Camp
July 23 - 27

Guard 2 - 7pm
Horns/Aux: 3-7pm
Drumline: 2-7pm

Band Camp
July 30 - Aug. 3

All members
8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Tips from our Band Momma

Theresa Payne, PMA VP Chaperones

- ALL students need a large, wide-mouthed water jug at every outdoor rehearsal. It should be labeled clearly with the student's name. COME TO CAMP/REHEARSAL WITH YOUR JUG ALREADY FILLED. This is extremely important as it helps volunteers get everyone water, quicker.
- Frog Togs & Camel Packs are great for camp.
- Having a change of clothes is a good idea.
- No black shirts or skimpy tops. Wear appropriate shoes.
- Sunscreen is a must for everyone!
- Deodorant is awesome & should be re-applied often
- ***Above all, come with a good attitude & have FUN!***

Marching Technique Review

Each year, how well our band marches and moves counts greatly toward our overall scores in competition. Make sure to do your part and practice the marching basics taught during Rookie Camp. A GREAT resource for any student regardless of experience are the Marching Technique videos used by University of Alabama Million Dollar Band found online at: www.southsidebandcamp.com

Please watch these videos and do your part to make our band better by practicing your marching technique



2018 Halftime Production: "LEGACY"

The PRIDE's 2018 halftime show entitled "LEGACY" is dedicated to our band's Diamond Anniversary. Selections include: "My Home's in Alabama", "Spirit of the Bull", "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend", "Yesterday", "The New World Symphony" & the Southside High School *Alma Mater*. You're going to love this show!!

The music is available online at: www.shs-band.com

Check out our Band Camp website! There you will find lots of information to help prepare you for camp.

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Information & Reminders for Parents

- **All rehearsal and performance dates are listed on the calendar (<http://www.shs-band.com>) Additional dates will be provided as they become available.**
- **July Booster Meeting – July 16, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Biddle Auditorium. All students & parents are asked to attend.**
- **Water and Gatorade – Each member is asked to donate 2 cases of bottled water and 1 can of powdered Gatorade mix (flavor is your choice) for rehearsals at the beginning of band camp. Make sure to write student's name on donated items so that you receive credit for turning them in. Please bring these items to our July 16th meeting**
- Band Fee payments are due the first Friday of each month. (Any financial hardships should be made known in private)
- **PICTURE DAY is July 25th at 10 am at Barney Hood Stadium. Ads for Fall Media Guide (football program) may be purchased at this time from the Southside Athletic Foundation. Ads are \$100 for seniors, \$300 for everyone else. Amanda Morgan from the S.A.S. will be there at the stadium to collect money and answer questions. Please DO NOT send media guide money to the band office.**

- **SENIOR POSTERS** for the stadium may also be purchased on the 25th from Mrs. Morgan. These posters will be hung in Barney Hood Stadium for the 2018 football season. Posters are estimated to cost around \$50. Please contact Mrs. Morgan with any questions at 256-499-0236

The PRIDE Music Association Executive Board

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Charms Accounts

Keep up-to-date with membership fee payments through Charms at:

<https://www.charmsoffice.com>

Our school code is: *pridemusicassociation*

If do not know, or have not received your individual password, please email a director and they can provide it for you.

About Fees

All Fee Checks should be made payable to **Southside High School.**

Checks or cash should always be placed in an ENVELOPE.

Always indicate the student's name and purpose of payment on the outside of the envelope when not mailing.

Include student's name on the memo line

COMMITMENT ♦ DISCIPLINE  EXCELLENCE ♦ TRADITION

Summer Camp Schedule

MINI CAMP (All Members) July 23 – 27

Colorguard **2pm-7pm** / Hornline & Aux. **3pm-7pm** / Drumline **2pm – 7pm**

Goals: Learn and memorize the halftime & pregame show music, review stand tunes, review basic marching, learn to read drill charts and coordinate sheets.

BAND CAMP (All Members) July 30 – August 3

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Goals: Learn and be able to perform the entire halftime & pregame productions of "The PRIDE" of Southside!! Learn and

be familiar with the Game-day Procedures for football games.

**Lunch will be provided. Students may bring their own meal if they wish. Members are not allowed to leave campus during rehearsal.*



Items Needed for Every Rehearsal

- Water Jug with wide mouth
- Hat / Sunglasses
- **Sunscreen!!!**
- Music
- Instrument
- **Pencil!!!!**
- Flip Folder, Coordinate Sheets & Poker Chips (Assigned during camp)
- Rehearsal Aprons (Assigned during camp)

A GREAT Attitude!!!!



Attendance Policy

All rehearsals are vital to our success this season. It is your responsibility to arrange your schedule to accommodate your band commitment.

***Appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken for unexcused absences. Please consult the band handbook for our full Attendance Policy.**



Possible Competition Dates

Saturday, September 29th, 2018 (MID-SOUTH)

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

**Keep these dates in mind when planning ACT tests & family getaways*

Parents

The PRIDE Music Association Needs YOU!!!

Concession Stands

The band derives the largest amount of its income from concessions. We cannot function without the help of parents working during football season. It is vital that once you are assigned to a stand that you plan to stay in that stand and work the entire evening. Please be willing to pitch in and do your part!

Behind the Scenes: There are deliveries, clean up and set up before the stands can be opened that evening. If you are available to work, please let Morgan Smith know.

- There are 4 home games this year. Parents should sign up to work 1 game in the concession stands.
- SENIOR PARENTS DO NOT WORK SENIOR NIGHT!
- There will be signup sheets for every game at the July 11th meeting.
- When you arrive to work, go to the Pass Gate (first gate between garage and restrooms) and sign in. Pick up your nametag and report to the assigned concession stand.
- Please try to arrive between 5:30-6:00.

Chaperones

When *The PRIDE* travels to away games, competition and trips, it takes an army of hard working staff, chaperones & volunteers to ensure the timely and safe arrival of our students. There are props to assemble, loading and un-loading the equipment bus, seat covers to be put out, water to be dispensed, and the list goes on.

Parents who wish to travel on the band busses should be prepared to help out in all of the logistical tasks of preparing the band.

A limited amount of parents are allowed to travel with the busses. Sign up sheet will be available at the July 16th PMA meeting.

Band Camp Traditions

TENT THEME:

Each year, every section is allowed to set up a tent on the sidelines of our rehearsal field as a place to cool off during breaks. Sections are challenged to decorate their tents according to a theme that usually correlates to our show.

This year, the theme for tent decorations will be: **DECADES!**

Since this is the Diamond Anniversary of *The PRIDE*, each section will choose a different decade to portray from the 1950's through today.

Near the end of camp, the staff, instructors and directors will judge the tents based on: creativity, presentation, and entertainment. The section with the best tent will receive a special award!

Sections may begin work on tents on Saturday, July 28.



SHAVING CREAM WAR

Another fun band camp tradition is the annual SHAVING CREAM WAR!!!

This is a fun and optional way for members to blow off steam after a long week of rehearsal.

On Friday of Band Camp, members will meet on the field with as much shaving cream as they can hold and declare war on one another! It's a fun and messy free-for-all. You're not going to want to miss this parents!

Some reminders:

- This is an optional activity.
- Bring a towel
- You **MUST** wear shoes to participate
- No mentholated shaving cream is allowed



GO PRIDE GO!!!



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

"The PRIDE" of Southside

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