

To All Band Members & Parents:

Hello! Our spring semester is in full swing and we are hard at work preparing for MPA. Please read the important information below.

## Things to Know

**D.C. Trip Updates/Fundraiser:** Our final payments are beginning to be due for the Cherry Blossom Parade trip. Please work to get current with [payments to ATC](#). Now that our roster has been finalized, fundraising credits have been added to reflect actual remaining balances. *\*The Coke Sale credits are still pending ATC approval as of 1-30, but should appear soon.* We will have one more school organized fundraiser (cookie dough) this weekend to help out. Additionally, there are sample donation request letters on the website under the ["Trip"](#) tab.

**Band Fees:** All out-standing band fees must be paid in full to Southside High School before the end of the school year. Statements will be sent soon. We want everyone to take care of the trip first, but please do not forget our commitments at home.

**State MPA:** Alabama State Music Performance Assessment will occur for our district (D2) February 27-March 1 at Gadsden City High School. Both the HS Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform for evaluation. This is an extremely important time for our program – parents, we need your help to encourage your child to practice regularly. Once we have been assigned a performance time, we will publish that information. Our MPA Preview Concert will be Thursday, February 15 at 6 pm in the HS Auditorium.

**Spring Auditions:** Information and registration for spring Drum Major, Colorguard, and Crimsonette auditions has been published on the website under the [auditions tab](#). Information TBA for major ensemble assignment evaluations.

**Band Camp Dates:** Mark your calendars; Band Camp dates: July 15-19 & July 22-26, 8 am-12 pm, 5 pm-9 pm.