



Info for 8th-Grade Marchers

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To All 8th-Grade Marchers,

Firstly, please allow me to congratulate every one of you for being selected as 8th-grade alternates! We are incredibly proud of all of you and are looking forward to beginning this new journey in your band career! You stand ready to commence an extraordinarily transformative period of your life, which will, in many ways, help to solidify the person you will become.

Being a part of The PRIDE will test you in ways, but will also help to give you experiences and memories that will become a tremendous value to you long after your graduation. You're in for a lot of hard work, but also a whole lot of fun!

After reviewing the orientation video, there are some crucial items that we overlooked.

Please read the information below and contact us if you have any further questions.

-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Hammock

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- 1. Membership Fees:** While you have been selected to perform with the high school band, you are still members of Rainbow Middle School and thus, your financial obligations are to that school. This means that 8th grade marchers **do not** pay the \$300 HS membership fee, but rather pay their normal band fee to RMS. However; you **are** responsible for purchasing resale items such bibbers & shoes. **Any 8th grader using a HS owned marching instrument (percussion, sousaphones, etc.) *should* pay the \$50 instrument rental fee to Southside High School.
- 2. Bibbers & Shoes:** While the band provides the coat and shako (hat), individual members purchase and keep their own bibbers (pants) and marching shoes. These items will be purchased online and delivered to your house once we are able to meet in person and size everyone. Hopefully, this will be at our July 16th Pre-Camp meeting.
- 3. Marching Videos & Music:** Unfortunately, we weren't able to have rookie camp this year and teach everyone how to march; however, we do have a great recourse on our website from the University of Alabama's Million Dollar Band. These three videos contain the basics that we use through our halftime show. Additionally, you can also download and practice our pregame show, and traditional music.