

## **Information for 8th Grade Move-Up**

Hello All,

First, we want to congratulate the entire Advanced Band on a fantastic year! We are all VERY proud of you. Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about 8<sup>th</sup>-grade move-up. Dates & other info have previously been sent out, but this message is to give you some more details. PLEASE READ IT ALL & CAREFULLY.

- **1. Reading Band:** Reading Band is Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the high school band room from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. It is for **all** members of next year's band. This will be where we "read-through" next year's halftime and pre-game shows as well as a few other charts. It's a fun day and a great opportunity to get to know everyone. Make sure you have your instrument and a pencil.
- **2. Rookie Camp:** Rookie Camp is for all 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>-year marchers. Additionally, all student leaders, percussion, and colorguard members attend rookie camp. (\*Crimsonettes will have their rookie camp at a later date please check with Crimsonette Instructor Mrs. Wood for details). Rookie Camp is where new members will learn how to march. The following guidelines will help ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time.
  - **a.** It's hot in Alabama; we can't turn off the sun Wear appropriate, loose-fitting clothes.
  - **b.** You MUST have proper shoes athletic, close-toed shoes with good arch support. No sandals, flip flops, or converse style shoes.
  - **c.** We take frequent water breaks & encourage every member to bring their own, large-mouthed water jug. Be sure to put your name on it!
  - **d.** Bring a hat/sunglasses & WEAR SUNSCREEN!!!!!!!
  - **e.** We're all going to be hot and sweaty, but you're going to have a blast we PROMISE © Okay y'all...let's be real; bring deodorant & re-apply.

## **Info for Parents**

- **3. Tee Shirts Due @ Orientation:** Every instrumental member is required to have two band tee shirts (one red, one black). Shirts are \$10 each, and orders & money are due at our May orientation meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents and family members are welcomed to purchase shirts as well, but only instrumentalists are required to have them. Order forms are available online at <a href="http://www.shs-band.com/blog/2019-2020-band-shirt-order-forms-due-may-20th">http://www.shs-band.com/blog/2019-2020-band-shirt-order-forms-due-may-20th</a>
- 4. Other Costs (Pants & Shoes): Every instrumentalist (marching musician) purchases their own bibbers (pants) & shoes. Students are fitted during rookie camp. This year, all orders will be made directly to our supplier Marchmasters online. The band will not collect any money for pants & shoes. The online order link will be sent out after all students have been fitted & there will be a 2-week window to pay. Pants are \$50 & shoes are \$30.