



Message to All Band Members & Parents

Thursday, July 8, 2021

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SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND
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Hello PRIDE,

I hope that this letter finds everyone doing well and taking advantage of the summer break! I know that Haley and I certainly have. We have been off-traveling and enjoying our boys all month. Now that July is here, I am beginning to return to school to prepare for camp.

There are several items of importance in this letter, and I urge everyone to please read this information carefully and thoroughly.

First, it is with great pride and sadness that I announce that Mrs. Hammock will be leaving us this week. She was sought after by Gaston High School and has accepted the position as their new Band Director. I am sure that all of you, like me, are sad to lose such an excellent teacher, mentor, and friend but are happy for this wonderful opportunity for Mrs. Hammock and her family. For my part, I want to say just how incredibly proud I am of Mrs. Hammock and the work that she has done here at Southside. In the past four years, we have grown to be close friends as well as colleagues. So while I hate to see her leave, I am nonetheless happy to see my friend advance in her career. I know that she will do great things at Gaston!

This of course means that we are searching for a new assistant band director. Mrs. Tucker and I are actively engaged in this hunt, and I am extremely thankful that she has graciously allowed me to be a part of this process. We do hope to have someone in place by camp if at all possible. We are also searching for a percussion instructor for both camp and our regular fall marching band rehearsal schedule. There are some promising leads we are working on, and I will, of course, let everyone know as soon as I am able. Please rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to find the best people possible and that we continue to make this upcoming school year the best it can be!

Please read the items on the next page for more information about camp.

Can't wait to see everyone again,

Mr. Weaver

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Important Information – July 8, 2021

1. **Tuesday, July 13 Student Leadership Camp 9 am to 3 pm:** Mr. Pat Stegall is coming this Tuesday to work with our section leaders from 9 am to 3 pm. Leaders, please wear your red PRIDE shirt (from previous years) and comfortable shoes. There will be some presentations, discussions, and other activities, so come prepared. Also, be sure to bring a pencil!
2. **Pre-Camp Meeting – Tuesday, July 13 6 pm:** Our pre-camp student/parent meeting is Tuesday at 6 pm in the Biddle Auditorium. This will be a QUICK meeting, and students can pick up their shirts, bibbers, shoes, and water jugs from the band room afterward. Orders have been placed in students' cubbies. Mr. Weaver will send out a map for cubby assignments before the meeting and someone will be able to help you in the band room that night.

New this year, we do NOT have to have a physical signed copy of the ECBOE Drug Testing Agreement – **this is done through the online school registration portal**. Be sure to select that agreement when registering for school

3. **Band Camp Schedule Reminder:** Please be sure to check the online calendar for band camp dates. They are also listed below for convenience:
 - **Aux/Percussion Camp** (Guard, Danceline, & Percussion)
July 19 – 21: 8 am to 12 pm / 1-3 pm
 - **Mini Camp** (All Members)
July 22 – 23: 8 am to 12 pm / LUNCH PROVIDED/ 1-3 pm
This is a recent change. Due to the immense amount of new music that we have to learn this year, we need have added a block to the first two days of Mini Camp

July 26 – 27: 8 am to 12 pm
 - **Full BAND CAMP** (All Members)
July 28 – 30: 8 am to 12 pm / 6-9 pm
August 2 - 3: 8 am to 12 pm / 6-9 pm
Shaving Cream War & Skits: August 3 TBA
 - **Post-Camp Rehearsals** (All Members)
August 5: 6:00 – 9:00 pm
August 9: 6:00 – 9:00 pm
August 10: 6:00 – 9:00 pm
 - **Regular Fall Rehearsal Schedule**
Mondays (Aux. & Percussion) 3-5 pm
Tuesdays (All Members) 3-5 pm
Thursdays (All Members) 5:45 – 8 pm @ Barney Hood Stadium

4. **Water at Camp & After School Rehearsals:** Alabama is hot, y'all, and everyone needs to stay hydrated! That is why the PMA boosters have provided every student with a lovely, new, fancy water jug. We have always asked students to bring a wide-mouthed water jug with them to all rehearsals, and now, there's no excuse not to have one.
Please come to camp/rehearsal with jugs *already* filled. Coolers of iced water will be available for refills. The booster-provided official water jug will be an inspected and graded required piece of equipment for all football games this year.
5. **Tents for Band Camp:** Every year for band camp, we encourage sections to set up and decorate tents. This year's theme is.....SPACE! So have fun, and please do not spend too much money on this (cough cough Danceline). The section with the best tent (to be judged by the staff) will be awarded the coveted *Golden Butterworth* award and some extra break time. Tents may be set up beginning the weekend of the 24th. TENTS MUST BE REMOVED BY AUGUST 5TH.
6. **Music and At Home Practice:** Okay, guys, its July, which means it's time to knock the dust off those chops and PRACTICE! Music has been uploaded to <http://www.theprideofsouthside.com/music--resources.html> Get to it please!
7. **Parent Band Shirts for Sale:** Parents, we temporarily lost the site that handles our online orders; however, we are now back in business! If you would like to purchase a 2021 Show Shirt (students receive one for free), you may do so now through July 30.
8. **Band Fee Payments:** Please remember to be making your band fee payments. It may take longer to see your payment reflected in CutTime as I get used to entering information in the program (that was Mrs. Hammock's thing, and I am learning).

Again, I can't wait to see everyone at camp!

Go PRIDE GO!

Mr. Weaver