



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

"The PRIDE" of Southside

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2019 State MPA Preview Concert

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To All Students & Parents of The PRIDE:

Hello All,

We would like to remind our RMS Advanced Band and High School band families of our upcoming preview concert next **Tuesday, February 12th at 6 pm** in the SHS Biddle Auditorium. We also wish to invite all of our middle school band families to attend this concert, as it will be a great opportunity for you to see what to expect in the next few years.

As many of you know, the Advanced Band and both high school concert ensembles have been hard at work preparing a program for the upcoming Alabama State Music Performance Assessment or "MPA". Tuesday's preview concert will be a chance for you as parents to come and listen to their progress and for us as directors to receive helpful feedback from a panel of guest judges. The goal of this performance is to help give our students a "practice run" before going to state assessment at the end of the month.

Admission is free and the concert will begin at 6pm with the RMS Advanced Band. *A reminder, all students are expected to stay for the entire concert.

We hope to see you there!

Go PRIDE GO!

Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Hammock, & Mrs. D

What is MPA?

State Music Performance Assessment is an evaluation of a school's concert performance ensemble. Think of it as standardized testing for band. Bands perform a concert of 3 selections for a panel of judges and then go to "sight read" a piece of music which they have never seen before for another judge. Judges assign a rating based off of a state rubric with scores ranging from I (Superior), II (Excellent), III (Good), IV (Fair/Poor).