



## **Southside High School Band**

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## **“The PRIDE” of Southside**

### **ROOKIE CAMP & SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION**

Dear Students & Parents,

The end of the school year is almost here which means that its time to start planning for next year’s band! We know that there are always several questions, especially for new members moving up to Southside from RMS. Below is a description of our upcoming events for next year’s band. Please review them carefully, and as always, do not hesitate to contact the high school band office with any questions you might have.

***Go PRIDE GO!!***

Mr. Weaver & Ms. Palmer

### **Upcoming Events \*Descriptions Below**

**Reading Band – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Parent/Member Orientation – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Rookie Camp – May 23-25**

**“MINI” Camp – July 17-21**

**BAND CAMP – July 24-28**

### **READING BAND: Monday, May 22 - 3:15 -5pm**

Reading Band is the first event for our 2017 marching band. The PRIDE will read through our 2017 Halftime and Pregame shows for the first time. Other music and important information will also be given out during Reading Band.

### **Who Should Attend?**

*- All high school band students in grades 9-12 for the 2017-18 school year*

### **What Should Students Bring?**

**- A GREAT ATTITUDE**

**- Instrument**

*(The school provides the following instruments for marching band: percussion, f horns, baritones and tubas. These students should bring their own mouthpiece/sticks etc.)*

**- A Pencil**

**- A Three-Ring Binder**

### **2017 Southside Band Orientation Meeting: Monday, May 22 - 6:00pm – SHS Biddle Auditorium**

Our annual orientation is designed to give band members and their parents a clear understanding of their roles and expectations, as well as to outline the handbook and policies of the Southside Band program. This is a mandatory meeting for all band members and at least one legal guardian. We will complete all of our registration paperwork at this meeting as well as the mandatory ECBOE Drug Testing Policy. We will also sign up parents for volunteer roles with *The PRIDE Music Association* Booster Club.

### **Who Should Attend?**

*- Mandatory for all students & at least 1 legal guardian*

### What Should You Bring?

- A pen
- A smartphone, tablet or other electronic device
- \$12 per shirt for 2017 Show Shirt, \$15 for 2XL+, parents are encouraged to buy one as well!
  - For 1<sup>st</sup> year members, \$12 for "The PRIDE" Member Shirt, \$15 for 2XL+

### ROOKIE CAMP: Tuesday, May 23 – Thursday May 25 - 3:15 -5pm

Rookie Camp is where new members to our band learn how to march with The PRIDE. Rookie Camp is required for all 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year marchers. Students will be taught the basic marching fundamentals by our staff and student leadership team.

### Who Should Attend?

- All 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Marchers
- All Auxiliary & Percussion Members
- All Student Leadership Members

### What Should You Bring?

- A GREAT ATTITUDE
- SUNSCREEN!!!!
- Athletic shoes. (No open toe shoes allowed)
- A Wide-Mouthed Water Jug or Other Container
  - Hat (optional)
  - Instrument

### MINI & BAND CAMP: July 17-28 – Southside High School

Our summer camps are where we put all of our halftime and pregame productions together. Music and drill will be put together with our auxiliary members to create a fun, energetic and entertaining performance for all of our Southside fans.

### Who Should Attend?

- All MEMBERS REQUIRED

### What Should You Bring?

- A GREAT ATTITUDE
- SUNSCREEN!!!!
- Athletic shoes. (No open toe shoes allowed)
- A Wide-Mouthed Water Jug or Other Container
  - Hat (optional)
  - Instrument

### "The PRIDE" of Southside Attendance Policy

Because of the nature of our activity, and the number of members that we have to coordinate "The PRIDE" has a very strict attendance policy. All members must be at all rehearsals and performances. Members and potential members are expected and required to work their schedules accordingly. If any conflict arises, please let us know as soon as possible.

### Tip for Enjoying Marching Band

Marching Band operates outside. We live in Alabama. Alabama is hot outside. These are facts. We cannot change them. ☺

- Drink plenty of WATER
- Wear light color, loose fitting clothing
- Prepare ahead of time for the heat
- HAVE A GREAT ATTITUDE! Everyone else will be hot and sweaty too

*The PRIDE is an amazing group to be a part of and we guarantee that students will make memories here that will last them a lifetime. However, if students are not prepared for the heat and other realities of being outside during the summer months they will not enjoy band. We strongly urge everyone to spend some time outdoors before Rookie Camp to acclimate his or her body to the weather. We want everyone to enjoy band and all of the opportunities that it brings.*