



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
THE PRIDE OF SOUTHSIDE

## Second Semester Information

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Hello All!

Welcome to the spring semester! It's hard to believe that we're already more than halfway thru the 2020/2021 school year.

While we all remain unaware of how the following months will unfold in practical operation, we do not doubt that our program will continue to find new ways to adapt and innovate to meet the unique circumstances we are all facing.

We wanted to reach out and give everyone some information regarding upcoming events and other items. Please review the information below carefully, and let us know if you have any questions.

Looking forward to another fantastic semester with The PRIDE!

*-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Hammock*

### Important Information

1. **Bedsheets:** Bedsheet orders and backorders have arrived. We have asked that students please take all of these home by this Friday.
2. **Grading Policy:** This year has afforded us all more opportunities for reflection and self-assessment, and upon careful consideration, we as directors have decided that the time has come to make some changes to the current grading policy. This new policy's underlying purpose is to ensure that we operate a program that promotes personal responsibility, musical growth and achievement, and consistency in pursuing these goals. We feel that this policy will hold us all to a higher standard as we work together to continually improve our band's proud tradition of musical and personal excellence.

All students need to be enrolled in our [Google Classroom](https://www.google.com/classroom) account as this will be the primary platform used to submit assignments, including pass-offs and other playing tests. We also encourage parents to join the Google Classroom to help keep an eye out for upcoming deadlines. For detailed information about the new grading policy, please see the G Classroom, or visit our website at <http://www.theprideofsouthside.com/forms--handbook.html>

3. **Concert Attire:** Please be sure that you have paid for and received your concert attire from Tuxedo Inn. We will wear this uniform for our upcoming performances, including

State Music Performance Assessment (MPA) and our picture day, which will occur in class sometime this semester.

4. **Required Materials:** For our program and ensembles to reach their fullest potential, our students must have the best equipment that we can provide them with. To that end, Mrs. Hammock and I have put an increased focus on upgrading our school-owned instruments and equipment. However, each student also has some items that they need to be successful in class. Please see the following list of required items. Our first Materials Check grade will be January 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Required In-Class Materials**

**All students:** music folder (provided), pencil, and instrument in good working order (all moving parts *must* move). **All instruments must be in a case that is labeled in some way with the student's name.**

**Reeds** (double reeds, clarinets, saxophones): Student has 3 or more reeds in rotation that are broken in.

**Brass:** Student has their own bottle of a high-quality valve/rotor oil of an appropriate weight.

**Trombones:** Student has their own container of Pond's Cold Cream & a small plastic spray bottle of water.

**Percussion:** Student has their own concert drum sticks labeled with their initials on the butt end of the sticks.

5. **All-State Recording Day:** Students auditioning for All-State band are encouraged to attend our recording session Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 4 - 5:30 pm in the sanctuary of Rainbow Presbyterian Church (3220 Rainbow Drive, RBC, AL 35906). The directors will be there to help students prepare their virtual auditions. Thank you to RPC for letting us use their church as a venue!
6. **Possible Band Camp Dates (Summer 21):** While we are still awaiting the official school calendar for next year, we wanted to make tentative plans for next year's summer band camp. If the school calendar necessitates a change, we will let everyone know.

**Reading Band** – Mon. May 10, 2021

**Rookie Camp** – May 11 – 13, 2021

**Band Orientation Meeting** – Mon. May 17, 2021

**Reading Band** – Mon. May 10, 2021

7. **Band Fees:** A reminder that all membership fees are now due. The band fee for this year is \$150. Students who went on the Chicago trip only owe \$100. Profits from the bed sheet fundraiser are reflected in your monthly CutTime statements. If you have questions about your balance, please email the directors. We will also operate another fundraiser this semester to help families in need.

## **Southside High School Band Grading Policy**

### **Categories & Descriptions**

#### **Daily Rehearsal Grades**

In class daily preparedness and behavior (how the individual in contributing to the ensemble).

#### **Materials**

Equipment and personal responsibility (folder, cubby, instrument checks).

#### **Individual Performance Assessments**

Excerpt pass-offs, playing tests, etc.

#### **After School Rehearsals**

Attendance, preparedness, and personal performance at after school rehearsals.

#### **Performances**

Attendance and preparedness at required performances.

#### **Literacy**

Journals, self-assessments, short written assignments etc.

### **Grading System Break-Down**

Now that we are fortunate to have two class periods, the six grading categories will be split evenly among both classes.

#### **6th & 7th Period Ensembles**

Daily Rehearsal Grades – 45%

Materials – 45%

Literacy – 10%

#### **8th Period Full-Ensemble**

Individual Performance Assessments – 70%

After School Rehearsals – 15%

Performances – 15%

To view and download specific grading rubrics, visit <http://www.theprideofsouthside.com/forms--handbook.html>