



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
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## **Update on The PRIDE's Christmas Performances**

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Hello All,

First, we want to congratulate everyone on a very successful football season and a terrific Fall Concert! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the band, and a huge thank you to our PMA Boosters and local sponsors.

We want to update everyone on our Christmas plans as things this year look a bit different from normal. Firstly, the Gadsden Christmas Parade was canceled, and with it, our after-school parade rehearsals. Our regular "Southside Christmas Spectacular" program will not be possible in the auditorium, and as the weather can be quite unpredictable this time of year, we have decided not to hold this event as usual.

Instead, we are pleased to announce that we have two new and unique performances for the Christmas-season for a total of three after-school commitments. The Symphonic Band will perform at the Southside City Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, December 8th, and we are excited to announce our first ever Carol-Grams performances that will occur on December 10th and 15th. Every bit of preparation for the events is being done in class. More information on both of these events below.

### **Southside City Tree-Lighting Ceremony**

**Info:** Maynor Snyder has personally invited the Symphonic Band to perform for the Southside Tree Lighting Ceremony. She has requested that we play both background music for the event and has also agreed to help us market our Carol-Grams. The Mayor has also decided that some of the event will be dedicated to the band's performance in lieu of our canceled concert. The Symphonic Band will be split into two shifts that will each perform for a 2-hour block.

**Date:** Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** On the lawn of Southside City Hall

**Times:** 3:45 – 5:45 (Group 1), 5:45 – 8 pm (Group 2)

**What to Wear:** Fun and festive apparel, yet classy. Santa hats are encouraged! \*Mind the weather

**What to Bring:** Instruments, music (given in class), water.

## **Christmas Carol-Grams**

**Info:** Since we can't bring the community to our concert, we're going to take the concert to the community! The PRIDE is selling Christmas Carol-Grams this year. For \$25, members of the band will travel via bus to houses to perform a mini-concert of five Christmas Carols in their front lawns on either December 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> (\*students will not come into contact with occupants). The band has been split into three groups and each group will cover 10 houses on a pre-planned route. A teacher or band director will be present with each group.

**Date:** Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Location:** Meet @ SHS, bus will take students on a pre-planned route of houses (must be within 20 mins driving radius of the school)

**Times:** 4:30 pm – load buses; 8:10 pm – arrive back to SHS

**What to Wear:** Fun and festive apparel, yet classy. Santa hats are encouraged! \*Mind the weather

**What to Bring:** Instruments, water. \*Music to be memorized in class.

**How to Purchase:** Visit our website to sign up! We can only take the first 30 buyers per night, so buy now and help us spread the word! Visit us at <http://www.theprideofsouthside.com/christmas-carol-grams-2020.html>

We look forward to sharing these performances with you and our community! If you have any questions, please contact us.

***Go Panthers and Go PRIDE GO!***

-Mr. Weaver & Mrs. Hammock