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## **East Bands Weekly Update 11/28-12/4**

Hello East Bands Family,

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and got to enjoy the time off with friends and family. As we get to the end of this semester there are some important dates and things happening over the next few weeks as we wrap the semester up. Please keep track of the calendar.

This upcoming weekend we have the Dallas Christmas Parade which the marching band will be performing in. The marching band members will need normal red Santa Hats for the parade. Please plan ahead. The itinerary is below, students will need to be dropped off at Oasis Family Church at 11 am. We do perform first in the parade this year so we should be done earlier than last year. At the end of the parade route the students will load instruments on the trailers which will follow us in the parade and then walk back to the beginning of the parade route to be picked up at Oasis Family Church where they were dropped off that morning. Any students taking the SAT or ACT on that day will have time to join us prior to the parade start.

Over the next few weeks we will also have 2 after school rehearsals in preparation for the Holiday concert which will take place on December 13. Those rehearsals will take place from 4-6 pm in the band room and are on the calendar as well as at the end of this email..

Our Text-2-Raise fundraiser is now in it's last week so it's time for one more big push over the next 5 days. This has been a huge fundraiser for us and has allowed us the opportunity to do some new things this year as well as to begin planning for the future. We need to start planning on buying some new instruments very soon as well as replacing older ones that have run their life span. Also, a big upcoming cost will be having to order more uniforms to add to our current supply as the program begins to grow. Please reach out to everyone that you may have contacted or may not have been able to contact in the initial call phase which we did in class 2 weeks ago. Let's make one more huge push! We will update all of the students on where we stand tomorrow in class. Remember there are rewards for the top 5 sellers!

Class Placement auditions will be taking place December 14-16. All of the members have now had all audition materials since November 7. This audition will also be graded as their Final Exam for their respective class, both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will audition during their class periods on those days..

Please continue to check the band calendar and emails sent by Ineke Hudson to keep yourself informed throughout the "off season"

Thanks for all of your support this season!



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## **Weekly Reminders:**

### **District/ All State Honor Band**

District Honor Band is quickly approaching! With this event being held at East Paulding High School we will need help from the student membership in hosting this event. We will need room monitors throughout the day to assist in moving judging sheets from room to room and to keep the audition process moving throughout the day. We will have sign up shifts available in class tomorrow. For any students that need service hours for other school organizations, this is a perfect opportunity to get them taken care of while helping that band program. We will have multiple shifts available in multiple capacities.

All District Honor Band Audition Fees were due **October 24!** All participating students should have now turned in all fees for this as audition payments were made last week.

There was an audition fee of \$5 for any student wishing to audition for the first round only. Any student wishing to be considered for 2nd round auditions will have an additional fee of \$25 associated with their audition.

**All members of the wind ensemble** will be required to audition for at minimum the 1st round of District Honor Band/ All-State. Auditions for District VII Honor Band will be held at East Paulding High School on December 10, 2022.

### **Band Fees**

At this time all band fees should have been paid.

### **Marching Band:**

- The final marching band payment was due Sept 2.
- For those students using school owned instruments there is a \$50 rental fee associated with those instruments and was due on August 15. This fee is used to help facilitate paying for repairs and normal wear and tear on those instruments. Music and Arts will come weekly on Wednesday (beginning in September) to make any repairs necessary.

### **Concert only members:**

- Concert only members fee is \$50 and was due on August 15.
- Any concert only member using a school owned instrument is also responsible for the \$50 rental fee associated with that instrument. That fee was due on August 15.



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**This Week's Schedule (11/28 - 12/4)**

Monday - Off  
Tuesday - Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm  
Wednesday - Off  
Thursday - Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm  
Friday - Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm  
Saturday - Dallas Christmas Parade (See Itinerary)

**Next Week's Schedule (12/5 - 12/11)**

Monday - Off  
Tuesday - Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm  
Wednesday - Off  
Thursday - Holiday Concert Rehearsal 4-6 pm (SYMPHONIC AND WIND ENSEMBLE)  
Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm  
Friday - Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm  
Saturday - District Honor Band Auditions

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory (including after school, Saturday rehearsals, and competitions). Please contact me about any possible conflicts via email as early as possible. Emails are the best way to communicate this for record keeping purposes and please return with a doctors excuse. Please try to schedule doctors, orthodontist, etc... appointments on Wednesdays or on an off day.



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## Dallas Christmas Parade Itinerary

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Downtown Dallas, GA

**11:00am**

Call-time at Oasis Family Life Church

210 Paulding Ln, Dallas, GA 30132

**1:00pm**

Parade Starts

**2:00pm**

Approximate Conclusion of Parade

Parents need to pick students up at Oasis Family Life Church

- Students are to wear their band uniform and a **regular** santa hat.
- Colorguard are to wear their band t-shirt, black pants, and wind suits.
- Uniform racks, Percussion, and Sousaphones will be loaded on the trailer on Friday, December 3 and brought to the church. All others will need to take their instrument home on that Friday and bring it with them to the parade.

**Important Upcoming Dates** (<https://www.eastbands.com/calendar>)

December 3 Dallas Christmas Parade (Mandatory for Marching Band Members)

December 10 District Honor Band Auditions

December 13 Holiday Concert

Thank you for your support of East Bands!

Josh Robichaux

Director of Bands

East Paulding High School