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East Bands Weekly Update 12/5-12/11

Hello East Bands Family,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. This week we have quite a few things going on with District Honor Band Auditions this weekend and our Holiday Concert coming up next week.

This upcoming weekend we will be hosting District 7 Honor Band Auditions. This is a huge event in which we will host 70 band directors and over 1,200 students from our GMEA district. This is no small task and we will need help from the students to make this work. We posted a sign-up this past week of the time slots needed which are Saturday from 8:30-12 and 12-4. If we have more students volunteered than the posted slots we can cut those times down as well. Leadership team will also need to help "set-up" the school on Friday afternoon. This is a huge event and our students not having to travel to audition is a huge help so, our ability to staff and make sure the day runs smoothly is very important.

Over the next 2 weeks we will also have 2 after school rehearsals in preparation for the Holiday concert which will take place on December 13. The first of those will take place this Thursday from 4-6. Next week we will have one on Monday from 4-6 with our concert taking place on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Call time for this concert will be at 5:30 for the students and dress will be dress bottoms with a Christmas sweater. "Ugly" sweaters are encouraged!

Our Text-2-Raise fundraiser is now complete and we raised a total of **\$16,320!** Thank you so much for all of your help and commitment to this fundraiser! This is the second year we have done this fundraiser and a big one for us, allowing us to prepare for the future and purchases that will be coming up. Please make sure to reach out to everyone that donated and thank them for their support of the band program at East! We could not continue to do what we do without the generous support of everyone involved! We will announce our top sellers at the Holiday Concert next Tuesday.

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. All students will audition regardless of class final exemptions.

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 year!



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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 have sign-up sheets in the band room. 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 already made.

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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Winterguard

Due to holiday concerts at the middle school and schedule conflicts at EPMS, we will be moving rehearsals over the next 2 weeks to Abney Elementary. Those rehearsals will take place from 6-8 pm. Thank you so much to Susan Rushing for helping us out and setting this up with her administration team! There is also **no rehearsal this Tuesday**.

Thank you to all members for getting all of the paperwork turned in quickly! We are now in the process of finalizing performance floor information so we can send out an order to be put on the production queue. The next step at this time is that we begin getting first payments in. All payments should be dropped off in the black box in the band room next to the director's office. Please do not give payments to directors, staff, or other members. All payments should be put in an envelope with the student's name, amount inside, and winterguard fees printed on the outside of the envelope.

The payment schedule is as follows:

Tuesday Dec 15 - \$250

Tuesday Jan 12 - \$200

Tuesday Feb 9 - \$200

Show dates for the winterguard are as follows:

Saturday Jan 21 - Kennesaw Mt HS

Saturday Feb 11 - River Ridge HS

Saturday March 18 - Creekview HS

Saturday April 1 - SAPA Championships Chattanooga TN

*These dates are subject to change based on any circuit changes and entrance availability.

This Week's Schedule (12/5 - 12/11)

Monday - Off

Tuesday - Off (No Winterguard Rehearsal)

Wednesday - Off

Thursday - Concert Rehearsal 4-6 pm, Winterguard Rehearsal 6-8 pm @ Abney Elem.

Friday - Winterguard Rehearsal 4-7 pm @ EPMS

Saturday - District Honor Band Auditions



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Next Week's Schedule (12/12 - 12/18)

Monday - Concert Rehearsal 4-6 pm, Band Booster Meeting 7pm

Tuesday - Holiday Concert 7 pm, Winterguard Rehearsal 6-8:30 pm @ Abney Elem.

Wednesday - Off

Thursday - Winterguard Rehearsal 6-8 @ Abney Elem.

Friday - Off

Saturday - Off

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 doctor's excuse. Please try to schedule doctors, orthodontists, etc... appointments on Wednesdays or on an off day.

Upcoming Dates:

December 10 District Honor Band Auditions

December 13 Holiday Concert

Jan 3 Classes Begin

Feb 4 Symphonic and Wind Ensemble Concert Camp

Feb 9-11 District 7 Honor Band Rehearsals and Concerts

Feb 28 Pre LGPE Concert

March 16-17 LGPE

March 23-24 County Honor Band

Thank you for your support of East Bands!

Josh Robichaux

Director of Bands

East Paulding High School