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East Bands Weekly Update 8/8 - 8/14

Hello East Bands Family,

I hope this email finds everyone well and getting some rest after the first week of school. This update is not very long as we are now into the normal flow of rehearsals and classes. I am hoping all of the members are getting settled into their classes now, we were able to start this school year with only 4 schedules of band members that did not have the correct band schedule and a few more that transferred in or joined us late following the beginning of the school year! For those families and members that are new to the program, welcome! We are all here to support each other and the program so if there are any questions please feel free to reach out.

Weekly Reminders:

- We are now into our normal marching band rehearsal schedule. That schedule is Mon, Tues, and Thursday from 4pm - 7pm. All after school rehearsals are mandatory. Please refer to the absence policy outline in the band handbook which is located on the homepage of the East Bands website.
- There will be a band booster meeting on Monday evening @ 7pm in the Auditorium. Please attend these meetings, it is the best place to be able to receive information and be able to have any questions answered. Also, the more people involved the more hands we have working together on our team to support these wonderful members of East Bands! Everyone plays an important role! Please plan on attending.
- We have noticed some members are bringing very small water bottles or very small water jugs to rehearsals. It is HOT outside and we are giving water breaks every 15 minutes most of the time, especially at the beginning of rehearsal when it is hottest and we are noticing those students are running out of water very quickly in those situations. Please make sure they have large water jugs, I would suggest a full gallon or larger. We do not have access to water at our field so the contents of that jug will need to last a full rehearsal. The bigger the jug the better!

This Weeks Schedule 8/8 - 8/14

Monday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm, Band Booster Meeting 7:00pm in Auditorium

Tuesday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm

Wednesday - Off

Thursday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm -7pm

Friday - Off



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Next Week's Rehearsal Schedule (8/15 - 8/21)

Monday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm
Tuesday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm
Wednesday - Off
Thursday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm
Friday - Football vs Woodland HS (Itinerary to come)

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.

Marching Band Competition Schedule:

We have locked in our competition schedule and is as follows:
October 15 - Sprayberry High School
October 29 - Rockdale High School
November 5 - Newnan High School

* Performance times are normally released approx. 2 weeks prior to the performance.

CUTTME:

We have added all of the students into CUTTIME and added information such as locker number, combos, school owned instrument serial numbers, email addresses, and cell numbers. Please accept the invite to join our group and finish entering any other information for the members including addresses and medical information.

When accepting the invite please do not create an entirely new profile. There is a link in the email where you will be able to access the profile I have created for each student and parent. In that link you will create a username and password. We will continually be adding more functionality on our end to maximize the use of CUTTIME.

District/ All State Honor Band

District and All State Etudes will be released soon. A lot of what we are doing in classes is geared towards the skill sets needed to audition especially in the Wind Ensemble. That being said, Wind Ensemble members will be required to audition for District Honor Band this year. The Wind Ensemble membership represents the highest level of musicianship within the East Bands program and those students deserve to and should be able to showcase those skills surrounded by the best in Georgia. There will be more information sent out following the etude releases by GMEA.



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Band Fees

Please make sure you are staying current on band fees. There are a few fees that new members may not be aware of if information given out in class last week did not make it home. -

Marching Band:

- The most recent marching band payment (\$200) should have been made on August 1. The next payment (\$200) is due September 2.
- For those students using school owned instruments there is a \$50 rental fee associated with those instruments and is 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 to make any repairs necessary.

Concert only members:

- Concert only members fee is \$50 and is 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 is also due on August 15.

Sheet Fundraiser

The deadline for orders is tomorrow August 8. You can place your order form and collected money in the black box. Don't forget to hold on to the yellow copy for your records. Please participate and make a purchase or a few sales! Every sale goes a long way in helping the program and helps us provide the students with every opportunity we can in their growth as musicians.

Important Upcoming Dates

August 8 Normal Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule Begins: M,T,T 4pm - 7pm

August 8 Band Booster Meeting

August 19 First Football Game Home vs Woodland HS

August 27 All Day Rehearsal: 8am - 8pm

September 10 Paulding Meadows Performance: Time TBA (mandatory for marching band)

Again, I hope everyone has had a great weekend and thank you for your support of East Bands!

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