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Good Morning,

I hope everyone is doing well and thawing out after the last week of cold weather we have had. I have not sent out an update in a while as our band life has mainly been revolving around our class time with the students but, have been updating the calendar with information as well as the website. There is information for the program as a whole and for those member attending the trip to New York.

Tomorrow, January 23, the EPHS Winterguard will again be hosting a fundraiser night at Panda Express in Hiram. A percentage of all receipts from people that let them know they are there to support the winterguard will go directly back to that program. In order for them to receive any funds from that night we must have at least 100 receipts of people go that night and support them. Please help our winterguard and join us tomorrow at Panda Express Hiram.

### **New York Trip**

At this time everyone should be current on payments for the New York trip. Super Holiday has been reaching out via email for information over the last few weeks in regards to food and legal names for flight information. They have also reached out to families that were very behind on payments about cancellation if they were not current. Please make sure that you stay current on these to avoid any possible issues with participation.

### **Chaperone Training**

- All adults attending the New York Trip should have completed the Paulding Co. Chaperone Training. If you have not done so please complete it as soon as possible.
- <https://bib.com/secure-volunteer/PAULDING-COUNTY-SCHOOLS/home>

### **Room Sign-Ups**

- We will begin room sign-ups today with the students, we spoke with the students last week about having their room decided on before signing up. Parents/families that are also going on the trip need to send me their room sign-up information as well. We need to get these to the hotel this week so please let me know asap.



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### **ID/ Passport**

- Anyone who is 18 or older the day of travel will need a state issued ID (Real ID). Students under the 18 will not since they will be accompanied by an adult/ chaperone. I would suggest they bring a school ID if they have one, just in case it is needed for any reason.

### **Rehearsals and Trip Meeting**

- There are a few rehearsals for the trip that were added to the calendar when we got back from break:  
Feb 29 - 4-6pm , March 5 4-6pm, March 12 4-6pm

There will also be a mandatory meeting for everyone going on the trip on March 5 at 6:15 pm in the band room.

### **East Bands LGPE Concert Camp**

On Feb 3 from 9-4 we will again host our concert camp at EPHS. This event is mandatory for all members of the concert programs, wind ensemble and symphonic band. The student will be working in small groups with professional musicians on their instruments learning and working on LGPE concert literature as well as working with a full band clinician on their concert material as a full group. Students will be responsible for their own lunch on that day.

### **Band and Winterguard Fees**

At this point **ALL** fall band fees should be paid including marching band fees, shoes, gloves, etc, Winterguard should have their first 2 payments made with the 3rd payment due on February 5.

Ashley Gibbs has been updating the students Cuttime Accounts with current information regarding remaining fees and has sent out paper invoices/ reminders prior to Christmas break. She will also be sending out invoices electronically through Cuttime. You may also check remaining balances at any time on Cuttime as parents are linked to their child's account when logging in to their own.



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Please check to ensure you are up to date. At this time we have a large number of outstanding fees that must be paid in order for the program to continue to pay off invoices from the fall and continue to function in the seamless fashion we have become accustomed to. If you have any questions involving fees please reach out to [Ashleyeastbands@gmail.com](mailto:Ashleyeastbands@gmail.com). I do not handle the money that flows through the program, number one rule of band directing. So if your child asks me about a payment I will not have that information. Please reach out to Ashley with any questions.

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

- District Honor Band acceptance payments of \$10 should all be in at this time as well as payments for the hotel for the event. Students are responsible for their food and transportation while at the event.
- All-State acceptance payments of \$25 should be turned in at this time. All State students are responsible for their lodging, food, and transportation while at the event.
- Janfest acceptance payment of \$95 should have already been submitted prior to the event. If they were not please submit at this time.

### **Paulding County Honor Band**

- We will begin signing up for Paulding Co. Honor Band later this week and more information will be given to the student at that time once we have received it from the honor band organizers. This is a great opportunity for students that have not participated in an honor band event to have the opportunity to do so. Each band will be given a certain number of slots to be able to fill with students that are interested based on ability level and desire to participate. Auditions to participate will be by submission.

### **East Music Institute Private Lessons**

- We will begin private lessons again in February. A QR code sign up will be placed in the band room this week. All private lessons will be held at the school weekly as this is a great way to study privately without having to transport your child somewhere else following classes during the week. We are excited to be



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able to offer this opportunity again. Information regarding private lessons is available on the East Bands website at <https://www.eastbands.com/emi>.

### **Upcoming Dates of Importance**

Jan 23 - Winterguard Fundraiser Night @ Panda Express Hiram

Jan 27 - Winterguard Comp @ Cass HS

Feb 3 - East Bands Symphonic Camp @ 9am-5pm

Feb 10- Winterguard Comp @ Marietta HS

Feb 27 - Pre LGPE Concert

Feb 29 - New York Rehearsal

March 2 - Winterguard Comp @ Harrison HS

March 5 - New York Rehearsal, Mandatory Trip Meeting @ 6:15

March 12 - New York Rehearsal

March 19-20 - LGPE

March 23 - Winterguard Comp @ Kell HS

March 30 - Winterguard Comp @ Etowah HS

April 6 - SAPA Championships