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East Bands Weekly Update 9/11 - 9/17

Hello East Bands Family,

Thank you for all of the help this past week at the football game vs PC and throughout the weekend at Paulding Meadows! Both of those events were a huge success because of all of the help throughout the entire weekend. Thank you to the parents, families, and students that did so much work to help support the program! The members did a fantastic job representing themselves and the program during their performance both Friday night and at Paulding Meadows on Saturday! I heard so many positive remarks and compliments about the students and couldn't be prouder of them and what they have accomplished so far this season.

A reminder about the marching band rehearsal this Saturday from 9am-9pm. This rehearsal is mandatory and it is of the utmost importance that each and every member is on time for the start of this rehearsal. We will be putting on the rest of the competition show this weekend and it will be a very busy day. With competition season quickly approaching we will not have time to go back and teach set to set in the style we will do this weekend and students that are missing will easily be over a week behind. The rehearsal blocks will be as follows:

9-11:30 - Staging Mvt 4/5
11:30 - 12:30 - Lunch (Student Provided)
12:30 - 4 - Continue Staging Mvt 4/ 5
4:00-5:30 - Dinner (Booster Provided)
5:30-9 - Music Block

Weekly Reminders:

- 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.
- Payments for concert band only members and members that are using school owned instruments were due mid August. Both fees are \$50 each. If those fees have not been paid please make sure to pay them as soon as possible.
- At this time all marching payment should have been made except for the final color guard payments which are due on October 1.
- This Friday we will have a Raider Rally, we will meet at 8am and travel to the Raider Rally at the front of the school. Please join us!
- Students have now been signed up for district honor band auditions which will take place at EPHS on December 9. A schedule for the day will be sent out as we near the event.



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Text-2-Raise Fundraiser

The Text-2-Raise Fundraiser is off to a great start over the first 2 weeks and we are currently up to \$20,000! Please continue to reach out to people that you can see in your player profile over the next few weeks. If you have not started with us because you were not at the Saturday we started please get started and send the initial text out and contact those people that support you and what we do at East Bands!

A few things as we move on:

- I asked the students to personalize the message that they text out to people when asking them to donate. This will help alleviate any confusion and help people from assuming that this is not a legit fundraiser.
- When texting out the info please make sure to follow up with a phone call. Again make this personal when reaching out to people. There are a lot of people out there who want to support our members so please reach out to them the right way.
- This fundraiser will go on for the next 2 weeks. Each Saturday a mass text reminder will go out to people that the students have entered in their player page if they have not donated as a friendly reminder that we are still running the campaign.
- Members can continue to add to their player page and reach out the same way that they did on Saturday throughout the entire campaign.
- Anyone who was not able to do this the last Saturday All-Day has been through the set up process and needs to start at this time.
- Please share the QR code which is available on the player page on Social Media! This is probably the easiest and most effective way to reach out now that we have started the campaign.

This can go a long way! Continue to reach out to everyone over the next 3 weeks. The first week was a great start! Imagine if we keep this momentum going, what we can do if we all work together on this fundraiser!

New York Trip

Registration for the New York Trip is now closed. At this time everyone should be up to date on payments for the trip. Anyone that is behind or just signed up at the registration deadline needs to have the first 3 payments paid as soon as possible. Plane tickets have already been purchased and more items are being purchased at this time and we must be up to date to pay for all of those. Please contact Mark Drury at mdrury@superholiday.com with any questions regarding payments.

Information regarding chaperones and chaperone meetings will be set up following marching band season.



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District/ All State Honor Band

District and All State Etudes have been released and are available on the band website under the current members tab. Sign-ups have started via a QR Code available in the band room and the band room hallway or this link. Students auditioning for District Honor Band Only will be required to pay the \$5 audition fee. Students that would like to be considered for the All-State Round will be required to pay an additional \$25.

Once students are signed up they must pay for the audition regardless if they eventually decide to audition or not as we must pay for the entire auditioning group from the program at one time.

Band Fees

Please make sure you are staying current on band fees. All fee information is available at www.eastbands.com.

Marching Band:

- The most final marching band payment (\$200) should have been made on Sept 2. The final colorguard payment (\$100 or \$150) is due Oct 1.
- 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.

This Week's Rehearsal Schedule (9/11 - 9/17)

Monday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm

Tuesday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm

Wednesday - Off

Thursday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm

Friday - Football @ SPHS (Itinerary to come)

Saturday - Marching Band Rehearsal 9am - 9pm

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. Please try to schedule doctors, orthodontist, etc... appointments on Wednesdays or on an off day.



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Away Football vs South Paulding HS

Itinerary

Friday, Sept 15, 2023

1364 Winn Rd, Douglasville Ga

3:30pm

Call-time in band room
Load Equipment

4:15pm

Dinner
(Members fed by boosters)

5:15pm

Approximate Departure for SPHS

6:15pm

Approximate Arrival at SPHS

7:30pm

Kick-Off

10:00pm

Approximate conclusion of game

10:30pm

Approximate leave time

11:00pm

Approximate arrival at EPHS



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Next Week's Rehearsal Schedule (9/18 - 9/24)

Monday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm
Tuesday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm
Wednesday - Off
Thursday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm
Friday - Off
Saturday - Off

Marching Band Competition Schedule:

We have locked in our competition schedule and is as follows:

October 14 - Allatoona High School
October 28 Carrollton High School
November 4 - Newnan High School

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

Marching Band Saturday Rehearsal Schedule:

Sept 16 - 9am-9pm

9 - 11:30 - Rehearsal
11:30 - 12:30 - Lunch (Student Provided)
12:30 - 4 - Rehearsal
4 - 5:30 - Dinner (Booster Provided)
5:30 - 9 - Rehearsal

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept 1 - Band Fees Payment #3 Due
Sept 15- Football Away @ South Paulding
Sept 16 - Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-9pm
Sept 29 - Football Away @ Newnan
Oct 1 - Remaining Color Guard Fees Due
Oct 6 - Football Home vs Langston Hughes
Oct 9 - Paulding County Exhibition @ PCHS
October 13 - Evening Stadium Rehearsal
October 14 - Allatoona Competition

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