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## **East Bands Weekly Update 8/11 -8/17**

Hello East Bands Family,

I hope everything is off to a great start with classes. A huge thanks to all of the parents and volunteers who came out to support the kids and the program at the scrimmage on Friday night. It felt more like an actual game than a scrimmage, including the crowd response and support for the band and football team. This Friday we have off before our first game against North Paulding on the 22nd, followed by a rehearsal day on the 23rd. We will need all volunteer hands on deck in the concession stand for the North Paulding game! Please sign up to get those volunteer credits covered and support the program.

Please read all the way through this email, **especially the trip information and fundraiser information.**

### **Weekly Reminders:**

- Please remember to bring water jugs to rehearsal days and hydrate a day in advance.
- All members must wear black shorts, a plain white t-shirt, and athletic shoes to each rehearsal.
- All rehearsals are mandatory for all members. Please review the band handbook regarding absences.
- Students must be picked up from the band room parking lot following rehearsal.
- Payments for concert band only members are due September 2. Concert-only fees are \$50 each and should be turned in with the appropriate paperwork, which is available on the band website.
- School-owned instrument fees are \$50. This is for any student playing a school-owned wind instrument or percussion instrument. This fee is due Oct 1.
- Please make sure that you are current on all band fees. At this time, the following payments should have been made:
  - May 17 - \$100 Deposit and Volunteer Check (returnable)
  - July 9/11 - \$200 (All Marching Members)
  - August 1 - \$200 (All Marching Members)



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### **This Weeks Schedule**

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

All upcoming rehearsals are mandatory (including after school and Saturday rehearsals). 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:**

October 11 - Northgate High School  
October 25 - Carrollton High School  
November 1 - Newnan High School

\* We do not have times for any of these dates yet. Performance times are normally released approx. 2 weeks before the performance. I will have a more detailed itinerary at that time.

### **Band Fees**

Please make sure you are staying current on band fees.

- **Zelle Payments:**

- Online payments should be made using Zelle and sent to:  
[treasurerdamoneastbands@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerdamoneastbands@gmail.com)
- Please include in the payment memo who and what the payment is for.

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- **Check or Cash Payments**

- Check or Cash payments should be in an envelope and labeled with the member name, purpose of payment, and total enclosed.

**Marching Band:**

- The most recent marching band payment (\$200) should have been made on August 1. The next payment (\$150) is due September 2.
- For those students using school-owned instruments, there is a \$50 rental fee associated with those instruments, and it is due on October 1. This fee is used to help facilitate paying for repairs and normal wear and tear on those instruments. A repair tech will come weekly to make any fixes that are able to be done on-site.

**Concert only members:**

- Concert-only members' fee is \$50 and is due on Sept 2.
- Any concert-only member using a school-owned instrument is also responsible for the \$50 rental fee associated with that instrument. That fee is due on Oct 1.

**2025-2026 Epic Universe Trip**

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

As we finalize plans for our February trip, it is essential that we have an accurate list of all families traveling with us. **All travelers must be registered by September 1**; registrations received after this date will be canceled without exception.

**Being in good financial standing is non-negotiable.** All marching band fees must be **fully paid and up to date** before a student will be allowed to participate in the trip. This includes any outstanding balances or fees. If you have previously contacted us about a payment plan, that plan must be up to date as well. Additionally, **all trip payments must be made directly through the Super Holiday Tours portal**—the East Bands program does **not** collect any trip fees.

Any student or family who is not current on their financial obligations by the September 1 deadline will be **immediately removed from the trip** and **may forfeit a portion of prior payments** as outlined in the Super Holiday Tours refund policy. No exceptions will be made. It is your responsibility to ensure your account is fully settled to secure your place on the trip.

If you have not yet registered and plan to attend, please review the trip PDF linked below for all important details regarding dates and payment schedules.

**[SUPER HOLIDAY TOURS ORLANDO TRIP INFORMATION](#)**



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### **Sheet Fundraiser**

The deadline for orders is August 22. 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.

Fundraising is a huge part of being able to sustain band programs. The more money we raise, the more opportunities we can present for the students and allow the band to function as we have all become accustomed to. Every little bit helps, and we appreciate you taking your time to help us!

### **Text-2-Raise Fundraiser**

We've given each student a call sheet for our **Text-2-Raise Fundraiser**, which is a **major opportunity** to support our program! Our goal is to run just **four big fundraisers a year** to meet our budget needs and maintain the quality our program is known for—meaning fewer fundraisers overall, which we all prefer!

Each student has been given an information sheet to create or rejoin their member account and register on the platform that we use.

This fundraiser breaks away from the usual cookie dough and basket sales by reaching supporters beyond our local community. Each student will list **30 supporters**—family, friends, neighbors, or anyone, anywhere! We encourage parents to help their students identify these people.

On **Saturday, August 23**, during rehearsal, we'll have a "call blitz" where students will contact their supporters with help from the owner of Text-2-Raise. No worries about spam—supporters will only receive one friendly text per week as a reminder after the initial call. The fundraiser runs for 4 weeks.

This fundraiser can be a game-changer. Nearby programs have raised over \$85,000! With about 160 members, if each connects with 30 people donating just \$15, we could raise around **\$72,000!**

Plus, donors giving **\$30 or more** get a digital Discount Card for local businesses (like the football team's cards), sent by email—no delivery required. We'll also award **VISA Gift Cards** to our top fundraisers!



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Our goal is **100% participation** so we can reduce the number of fundraisers families juggle each year. Together, let's make this fundraiser a huge success for East Bands!

### **Paulding Meadows Performance and Volunteers**

The East Paulding High School Band is excited to perform at Paulding Meadows this year on **Saturday, September 6!** This is a **mandatory performance** for all marching band members. Even better—the band's food booth is in a prime spot where you can **watch and listen to your kids perform while volunteering!**

After the performance, band members are encouraged to help out at the booth throughout the day, just like in past years. It's a great chance for the students to hang out, have fun, and connect with parents and boosters who do so much for the program. Plus, I will gladly sign off on these hours for club service credit if needed.

We will also need **parent volunteers** to help with the gate, food booth, and parking. Filling these roles is crucial—it's how we keep this fundraiser going! Without enough adult volunteers, especially for parking and gate duties, we risk losing this valuable opportunity. Please be ready to sign up when Ineke Hudson sends out the volunteer info.

**Important:** Band directors and performing students do not need tickets for entry. However, all others—parents, siblings over 12, friends, etc.—must have an advance ticket or pay at the gate. You can save money by purchasing tickets through East Bands instead of paying full price at the gate!

Let's make this event a success for our band and have a great time together!

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

The District and All-State etudes are now available. All students wishing to audition must sign up using the link below by **October 1**.

While all members are encouraged to audition, **wind ensemble members are required to audition** as part of their class curriculum. Leading up to the audition date on **Saturday December 13**, we will hold pre-auditions to assess each student's preparedness. Students who are not adequately prepared will **not** be permitted to audition.



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The fee for the district round audition is **\$5**. Students wishing to be considered for the All-State round must pay an additional **\$25**, for a total of **\$30**. Please note, there are **no refunds** if a student chooses not to audition or is deemed unprepared to participate.

### [District Honor Band/ All-State Sign-Up](#)

#### **Next Week's Rehearsal Schedule (8/18 - 8/24)**

Monday - Marching Band Pictures 4 pm - 7 pm  
Tuesday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4 pm - 7 pm  
Wednesday - Off  
Thursday - Marching Band Rehearsal 4 pm - 7 pm  
Friday - Football vs North Paulding  
Saturday - Marching Band Rehearsal 9 am - 8 pm

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, orthodontists, etc, appointments on Wednesdays or on an off day.

Thank you everyone for your support of East Bands! Please see below for itineraries.

Josh Robichaux  
Director of Bands  
East Paulding High School



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## Home vs North Paulding Itinerary

Friday, August 22, 2025

**5:00 pm**

Stands Tunes Rehearsal

**6:00 pm**

Get dressed

(Full Uniform, remember long black socks and marching band shoes)

**6:30 pm**

Line up in the hallway and walk to the stadium.

**6:45 pm**

Perform in front of the concessions

**6:50 pm**

Enter Stands

**7:10 pm**

National Anthem

**7:15 pm**

Set-up Pregame Tunnel

**7:30 pm**

Kickoff

**10:30 pm**

Approx Conclusion of Game



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## Paulding Meadows Itinerary

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

Earl Duncan Park at Paulding Meadows  
472 Paulding Meadows Dr. Dallas, GA 30132

### **8:00am**

Call Time at Paulding Meadows

We will load the trailer following the game on Friday, September 5  
Students are to wear this year's black band show shirt, khaki shorts (no holes), and tennis shoes.

### **9:00am**

Performance

### **9:30am**

Approximate Completion of Performance

\*Please plan on leaving early enough to allow plenty of time to get the members to the performance. Traffic is usually very bad and can back up.

\*All equipment trailers, trucks, vehicles, etc., will be required to use the Northside Elementary School entrance. Band trailers and all other vehicles with equipment will be directed on State Route 61 (by deputies) to continue to the Northside School entrance. There will be directional lighted signs. We are also requiring all band students and their parents also use this entrance as well. Please do not use the main entrance.

\*Band Directors and students will not be required to have a ticket for entry, **all others** (parents, siblings over 12, friends, etc.) will be required to have an advance ticket or pay at the gate.