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East Bands Weekly Update 11/3 - 11/9

Hello East Bands Family,

Words cannot begin to express the gratitude I have for everyone in this program. From every member, parent, volunteer, supporter, and fan. What these members and program accomplished this past Saturday was truly incredible. This weekend, we showcased the very best our community and school have to offer: 140 teenagers demonstrating their skills and talents in front of thousands of their peers with professionalism, pride, and selflessness. Through their art, they gave a gift to everyone watching and that gift was returned tenfold.

To all of the members, you gave of yourselves in every way this season. The end of a journey like this is never easy and is filled with many "last times." Final performances are always emotional, especially for our seniors. For them to finish this season in the same place they began with their "first last show" as freshmen is something truly special. I am so proud of them and hope they feel that the program is "in a better place than they found it" four years ago, I know I do.

We will take time to celebrate all of the amazing accomplishments from this season at our **Annual Marching Banquet Brunch** on **Saturday, November 15, at 10:00 AM in the EPHS Cafeteria**. This will be a potluck event, and **Ineke Hudson** will be sending out more detailed information..

There will be **no football game this week** due to the GHSA bye week before the playoffs begin. Our next game will be **next Friday at Langston Hughes High School**. It will follow our normal away-game procedures, but we will **only perform in the stands**. Students should wear jeans, this year's show shirt, and tennis shoes. We will **not perform at halftime**.

The schedule leading up to the **Veterans Concert** has been uploaded to the website. Please take a moment to review all dates and times for the times leading up to that concert performance. Percussion members have been informed which group they will join.

- The **Symphonic Band** will rehearse on **November 6** to combine percussion and winds.
- The **Wind Ensemble** will rehearse on **November 10** for the same purpose.

ALL HEALTH AND PE SLDS STUDENTS:

Please make sure all coursework is up to date; some students have not yet begun. Before Thanksgiving break, I will mark any incomplete assignments as missing to accurately reflect current progress. Once assignments are completed, grades will be updated. Although this is a self-paced course, waiting until the last minute to finish all coursework will not be successful. Please check your student's progress and review the course pacing guide.

Lastly, please ensure all **financial responsibilities** are current. We are now at the point of paying our writers and designers for the season. All members should be fully paid unless on an



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alternate payment plan. If you have any questions, please contact **Chris Evans** at chriseastbands@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students and this program. I look forward to seeing all marching members and families on **November 15** at the banquet brunch!

Weekly Reminders

- **ALL Marching Band Members should now be paid in full!**
- **Hydration:** Bring water jugs to every rehearsal and start hydrating the day before.
- **Rehearsal Attire:** All members must wear **black shorts, a plain white t-shirt, and athletic shoes.**
- **Attendance:** All rehearsals are **mandatory.**
- **Pick-Up:** Students must be picked up from the **band room parking lot** after rehearsal.

This Week's Schedule

- **Monday:** Off
- **Tuesday:** Off
- **Wednesday:** Off
- **Thursday:** Symphonic Band Rehearsal 3:30-6
- **Friday:** Playoff Football - Away (TBD)
- **Saturday:** Off

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- **Monday:** Wind Ensemble Rehearsal 3:30-6
- **Tuesday:** Veterans Concert (Call Time 5pm)
- **Wednesday:** Off
- **Thursday:** Off
- **Friday:** Playoff Football - Away @ Langston Hughes
- **Saturday:** Marching Band Brunch/ Banquet

REMINDER!

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.**



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District/All-State Honor Band

District and All-State Audition Fees were Due Nov 3

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.

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. These fees have been added to each student's Cuttime account and should be paid by the date in Cuttime in order to audition.

District Honor Band/ All-State Etudes & Scales

2025-2026 Epic Universe Trip **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

All trip participants have been finalized at this time, and anyone who was on the waitlist and was caught up was placed back on the trip and should be able to make trip payments now.

⚠ Important: East Bands does **not** collect any money toward the trip. All payments must be made directly through the **Super Holiday Tours portal**.

- **Trip Fee Payments:**
 - All trip payments must be made directly through the **Super Holiday Tours portal**.
 - East Bands does **not** collect or process trip fees.
- **Eligibility:**
 - This trip is for marching band members only.
 - All marching band fees (past and current year) must be current, and any payment plan must be up to date.
 - Students with unpaid fees or lapsed plans will be removed from the trip.
 - Families may forfeit a portion of prior payments, in accordance with the Super Holiday Tours refund policy. **No exceptions will be made.**



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Band Fees

ALL Band Fees should have been paid by now.

- Zelle is now available again. Payments should be made to treasurerdamoneastbands@gmail.com.
 - Paypal, Cash, or Check is still accepted.
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Cash or Check Payments

- **Place in “Black Box” in an envelope labeled with:**
 - Member's name
 - Purpose of payment
 - Total enclosed
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Marching Band Members

- August 1: \$200 payment (should already be made)
 - September 2: \$150 payment (final winds/percussion payment)
 - October 1: \$50 rental fee for students using school-owned instruments
 - This fee helps cover repairs and wear/tear.
 - A repair tech visits weekly for on-site fixes.
 - October 1: \$150/100 Final Guard Payment
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Concert-Only Members

- September 2: \$50 concert-only fee
- October 1: \$50 rental fee for any student using a school-owned instrument

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



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Veteran's Day Concert

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

East Paulding High School Theater

5:00 pm

Wind Ensemble Call Time: Seated and warmed up in the Auditorium

Symphonic Band Call Time in Band Room

(Students will begin their warm-up and rehearsal in the band room.)

5:45 pm

Symphonic Band Call Time in Auditorium

6:45 pm

Auditorium Doors Open

7:00 pm

Concert Begins

8:30 pm

Approx. Concert End

(Stage Must be Cleared Following the Concert)

Concert Attire:

**Students will wear school-appropriate Dress Clothes
(ex. Slacks, button-up shirts, dresses, skirts, dress pants, blouses, etc...)**

No Jeans, Shorts, T-shirts, Polos, Tennis Shoes, Crocs, etc...



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Away @ Langston Hughes Itinerary

Friday, November 14, 2025

3:30 pm

Call time in band room
Load Equipment

4:00 pm

Dinner
(Members fed by boosters)

5:00 pm

Approximate Departure for Langston Hughes HS

6:30 pm

Approximate Arrival at Langston Hughes HS

7:30 pm

Kick-Off

10:15 pm

Approximate conclusion of the game

10:30 pm

Approximate leave time

11:30 pm

Approximate arrival at EPHS