

Band of Gold

Pell City Band Program Newsletter

Special Edition!

Marching Festival

I want to thank everyone that helped make the Pell City Marching Festival a huge success! It was a long and hot day and we all worked together to make the festival a wonderful event for bands and directors. Special thanks to Whitney Hollis (Festival Director), Michael Glidewell (Booster President), Jeremy Haynes (VP), Wendy Davis (Booster Secretary), Amber Kay and Jennifer Owens (Concessions), Jay Hollis and all the others that put in the many hours it takes to make this festival successful.

Upcoming Marching Festivals

Parents, Our competition season is upon us. For the next few rehearsals we will extend practices to 5:30pm and add just two Wednesday rehearsal on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 (they will end at 4:30). After these two weeks we will go back to regular rehearsal times. After Fall Break (btw no practice on Fall Break), we will go to just Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals. We are going up against some stiff competition and need to be as focused as ever in the upcoming weeks. Please make sure your child drinks water! The dates of the competitions are on the right banner. I will be sending out an itinerary the week of for each competition.

Events (not including football games)

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BOOSTER MEETING

This months Booster Meeting is Oct. 9 at 6:30pm (Every second Tuesday of the month)

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ZAXBY'S SPIRIT NIGHT

Oct 9 @ 6:30pm. (Still in talks with school.)

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MARCHING FESTIVALS

Oct 6 & Oct 13



Football games

Upcoming games:

Sept. 29 Bye Week

Oct. 5 @7pm
Etowah Away

Sand Mountain Invitational Marching Festival- Oct. 6 @Boaz

Oct. 12 @ 7pm
Senior night Clay/Chaulkville

Chief Ladiga Marching Festival- Oct 13 @ Piedmont High

Universal Trip

April 3rd- April 7th

We have a wonderful opportunity coming up in April! Have you ever traveled with the Band of Gold to a Concert Band Competition? NO! Well, you will now have the chance! The Band of Gold will be participating in a concert band festival at Universal Studios in April and the entire band family is invited to go along. You will have to be in good financial standing, meaning band and auxiliary fees have been paid in full, to be able to go. It will be around \$525ish per quad occupancy and we will have a payment plan set up to make the expense comfortable. We will have a trip meeting on October 8th @ 6:00pm in the band hall for questions, itineraries, and payment plan details. Be ready for a deposit after Fall Break.

Band Fees

Using the Fundraisers

Its about that time in the year when the dust starts to settle that we look at where we are as a band and how we are financially. We had a very successful mum sale and soon we will be having our poinsettia sell. Our Instrument player band fees for this school year is \$300 for single students and \$150ea. for siblings. Many students have already paid their band fee with the mum fundraiser but others still have some distance to go. Remember that the fundraisers are there to help everyone with the band fee and what you don't raise will have to be made up personally. You do not have to participate in the fundraisers if you would rather pay the fee outright! If you have any questions or have a burden that was unforeseen please reach out to me privately. We are slowly updating your Charms portal to help you see how much you have raised and how much you owe. Don't let everything hit you at the end of the year and have to pay it all at once!

Note from the Director

Parents and Students,

Heat, Heat and more Heat! This has been the latest in a long time that the heat has lingered around. Normally in September we can start to break out those long sleeve tees and wear bluejeans. I worry about our students parents. Some of our children are not used to being athletes and what it takes to be safe in the heat. Please encourage (force them lol) to drink water when at home to stay hydrated. We are almost at the peak of our season and we need everyone to be safe when in uniform or on the practice field.

Musically yours,

Corey Tunderburg, Director of Bands

