

Band of Gold

Pell City Band Program Newsletter

Christmas is Upon Us!

Yuletide Reminders

Parents, what a wonderful marching season we had. It was filled with wonderful highs and some insightful lows. We had a season of straight ones at every competition/festival we went to and our percussion section left all the other competitors in the dust.

We will have a few after school rehearsal coming up for our Christmas Spectacular on December 11th. **Jazz Band** will be rehearsing on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school till 4:30 this week and **Monday** of the following weeks the **3rd and 9th**. High School **Concert Band** will rehearse after school till 5pm with the percussion on **Dec. 4th** and the **Wind Ensemble** will rehearse with the percussion on **Dec. 6th** till 5pm.

Christmas Parade

Since we will not be able to have our Christmas Concert until the second week of December, we will have to have a rehearsal on the Wednesday after our concert till 4:30 to work on music as a group. The Parade will be on that Thursday the 13th.

Events and meeting changes

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BOOSTER MEETING

This months Booster Meeting is going to be moved due to concert 6:30pm

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dec. 11th @ 6:30pm

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec. 13th Evening
(TBA)



Football games

Upcoming games:

WE ARE DONE FOR THE YEAR! It has been a great marching season! Go Panthers! Pride, Passion, and Perseverance.

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 \$525 at four per room occupancy. If you would like a room separately or without four people in it, it will go up in price. We still have about 25 spots left on our last bus and have over 75 signed up! We have paid the registration and the trip is set. If you are still interested on going email me or Amber Kay at amber.kay@keytotheworldtravel.com.

Band Fees and

Using the Fundraisers

ALL STATE REGISTRATION COMING UP

The Deadline for All State is coming up soon. We also have many Honor Bands inner state that are great learning opportunities for our students. Parents, please ask your student to speak with me about these great opportunities and see if they qualify to be considered for these bands.

Tuxes and Dresses and Concert Attire

Tuxes and concert dress are being order for student in Wind Ensemble. Please make sure you have paid at least 125 towards you band fee so we can cover the cost of ordering the attire. If your student is in Wind Ensemble or a percussionist they will need a tux or concert dress.

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. 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. Some fundraisers get a better profit margin than others! Try to participate in all of them. 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! **POINSETTIA ORDERS WILL COME IN ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 4TH.**

Note from the Director

Parents and Students,

In this time of remembrance and agape love for each other, we need to look at where we have come from as family and an individual. From blazing summer days to freezing evenings, we are tested and tried to see who we really have become. Many can talk the talk but walking the walk is a different story. We must continue to self-reflect on our days and learn from our experiences to become something greater. You are never too old to learn new tricks. Some of us have made great strides in buying into our band family and others are still trying to find their place. That is ok! Be patient with yourself and with others. Remember what this season is about, caring for each other and helping our fellow man. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and have a wonderful Christmas Season. From our family to yours,

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas,

Corey Funderburg, Director of Bands

