



Ashworth Band

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Dear Band Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are approaching a busy season for the band. Below are some items to be aware of. This is just general information. In most cases, you will receive a more detailed letter soon. Thanks for letting me teach your kids! You have good ones and it's a blast making music with them!

ALL BAND STUDENTS

- **Band Uniform** – Our band uniform for formal concerts is concert black: black shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes. With our concert a month away, make sure you swing by and get these for your child. If you are financially unable to do this, please make sure I know in the next week so we can take care of that ASAP.
- **Christmas Concert** – This will be Monday, December 2nd, at 7pm in the Gordon Central High School gym. We will wear concert black. Attendance is required, as per the syllabus.
- **Six Flags Trip in May** – To make up for our canceled Orlando trip, we will be going to Six Flags in May. The cost for this trip will be around \$50.00.
- **PRACTICE** – Make sure you're practicing your instrument at a daily or every-other-day basis. It makes playing your instrument much more enjoyable and fun if you know what you're doing...pretty much like anything else in life. And it creates discipline that will carry over to other aspects and areas of your life both present and future.

7th & 8th GRADE STUDENTS

- **Christmas Parades & Practices** – The Plainville Christmas Parade is Monday, December 9th, and the Calhoun Christmas Parade is Thursday, December 12th. Students will stay after school for these. They will wear band t-shirt, jeans, and comfortable tennis shoes. They may also wear whatever warm clothing is necessary for the weather, as they will also receive the band pullover to wear for each event to put on over that. We will eat at school, ride a bus to each event, and you will pick up your child back at Ashworth. We will have **one marching practice** for these events on **Wednesday, December 4th**, after school until 5:00pm. We need all students present.

ORLANDO TRIP STUDENTS

Refunds for the canceled trip to Universal Studios started going out last week. The rest should go out by tomorrow (Tuesday). These are in the form of an Ashworth Band Boosters check.

DISTRICT HONOR & ALL-STATE STUDENTS

Your audition is one month away (Saturday, December 7th). Please make sure you're practicing your music. I'm available to help! If you signed up for All-State, make sure you've paid your \$20.

Best,

Mr. Rodriguez