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Pearl Band Reminders 12/2/19

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Dear Parents and Students,

We have two required parade performances this week, the **Hudspeth parade on Friday during school and the Pearl Christmas parade on Saturday evening. Both of these events are required and graded performances.** Please see below for details on report times and locations.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who auditioned for the MS Lions All State Band. We had 13 students earn a callback audition and 5 students who have earned a position in the band!! Those earning positions in the band are: Justin Smith on Tuba, Cooper Giles on French Horn, James Washington on Percussion, Aden Jenkins on Percussion, and Michael Arevalo on Percussion. These students have the opportunity to travel to Hawaii this summer to represent Mississippi as members of the Mississippi Lions All State Band. Our own Ms. Allen will also be serving on the Lions Band Staff as Head Marching Director! Congrats to these individuals!!

Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13 the band staff will be attending our Mississippi Bandmasters State Band Clinic in Natchez. We will not be rehearsing these two days during 4th/8th block. **Attached you will find a dismissal form that will allow students to be dismissed from school during band these two days.** Please have this signed and returned by Tuesday, December 10. Students returning this form must leave campus at the beginning of 4th/8th block on these days. Any student who does not have this form returned will report to Mr. Craven during 4th/8th block.

Please see below for updates on upcoming events!

QUICK REMINDERS

- **Friday, December 6 – Hudspeth Center Christmas Parade – During School**
 - Students will report to the bandhall first thing Friday morning. We will depart by bus for the Hudspeth Center around 8:30 AM. We should return to school before noon.
 - Students will need all uniform parts as well as a **Santa Hat** for the parade.
- **Saturday, December 7 – Pearl Christmas Parade – 5:30 LINEUP**
 - **Report time 5:30 PM at the Trustmark Bank Drive through close to Bright Shopping Center. We will lineup for and end the parade at this location.**
 - **This is a required performance for all High School Band Students and will be counted as their exam grade.**
 - Students will need all uniform parts as well as a **Santa Hat** for this performance.
- **Monday, December 9 – Pearl Junior High Band and PHS Jazz Band Christmas Concert – 6:30 in the PAC**
- **Thursday-Friday, December 12-13: MBA State Band Clinic (Directors and selected students) - DISMISSAL FORM DUE TO BE EXCUSED FROM 4th / 8th Block**

- **STUDENT BAND ACCOUNT PAYMENTS ARE DUE (JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER)**
– Please get this up to date! We must make deposits on our Spring Trip!

Pearl “Pirate” Band – Important Dates/Events – FALL 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday, November 23	MS Lions All State Band Call-Back Auditions @ PHS
Saturday, December 6	Hudspeth Center Christmas Parade (during school)
Saturday, December 7	Pearl Christmas Parade
Monday, December 9	Jazz Band Performance in the PAC 6:00 PM
Thursday-Friday, December 12-13	MBA State Band Clinic – Natchez, MS (Directors and Selected Students)

UPDATED REMIND GROUP INFORMATION

Join the appropriate remind group for text updates. We will send updates and reminders through this system. Remind has changed their operating policy and we have had to adjust our classes. Please join your grade’s remind group using the code below. Some parents and students may have received invitations to these groups as well.

12th Grade (Class of 2020): <https://www.remind.com/join/ppb20> or text @ppb20 to 81010

11th Grade (Class of 2021): <https://www.remind.com/join/ppb21> or text @ppb21 to 81010

10th Grade (Class of 2022): <https://www.remind.com/join/ppb22> or text @ppb22 to 81010

9th Grade (Class of 2023): <https://www.remind.com/join/ppb23> or text @ppb23 to 81010

Dragonfly Max – Mandatory ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

ALL Pearl High School Band students now must have a Dragonfly account. This is a new requirement by the MHSAA to track eligibility. Our athletic department is also having to use this for all athletes. Attached you should find instructions as to how to create your account. Parents will need to provide the information required by the MHSAA for their student to be eligible to participate in band or any sport. The requirements are different for each group.

2019-2020 Band Parent Volunteer Form

At least one parent/guardian per student is required to fill out the Band Parent Volunteer Form. A large portion of our band’s success depends on parent support and involvement. Parents/Guardians are asked to volunteer to help in the concessions area for at least one home football game. We will also need ALL volunteers available to host our two major marching competitions in October. These are major events and

allow us to generate funds that help keep student band fees down.

Please fill out the following link to volunteer! <https://forms.gle/wL6tp2VzXarX7gM28>

Band Fees and Fundraising

Student Accounts:

Please see the attached/linked student band fee/account information.

To fund the Pearl High School Band Program each band member is responsible for their portion of the cost of the various activities that the band participates in each year. These costs include: entrance fees, travel costs, uniform costs, and other such items. The cost of each student account will vary from year to year depending on the events attended. The total amount of each student account will be announced towards the beginning of each school year and a payment schedule will be provided. The general band student account does not include percussion, colorguard, winterguard, or indoor percussion fees. We highly encourage ALL students to take part in the various fundraisers that we provide to cut down on the out of pocket costs to individual families.

Student Band Account Fees are accessed through our Charms System. Please check your Charms account and if you have any questions please let Mr. Rowan know. You should soon be receiving a statement from the Pearl Band regarding your student band account. Please check it carefully. Fundraiser monies will be added and applied once the profit has been calculated. Student Band Account Payments will have a scheduled due date. Please login to your charms account to pay these via credit/debit card. You may also send a check made payable to the Pearl Band.

Band Dues:

All band students are also required to pay band dues in order to participate in band.

Non School Owned Instruments = \$25 per Semester / \$50 per year

School Owned Instruments (French Horn, Oboe, Tubas, Baritones, Percussion) = \$60 Per Semester / \$120 per year

Important: We encumber many costs in advance on students' behalf. For this reason there can be no refunds due to ineligibility or change of schedule, as expenses are pre-paid. Please plan well in advance.

Parents of any student with financial difficulty must contact a director by email or phone in advance of any due date for an extension. **TOTAL PARTICIPATION in ALL FUNDRAISERS is required for anyone in this circumstance.**

CHARMS ACCOUNT – www.charmsoffice.com

Please login to your charms account. In Charms you can update your profile/email address, find several documents, and have the ability to make your band account payments online. The School Code is PearlBands. Your student ID is your First and Last name. Example: JohnDoe. Please make sure of capital letters. Should you have problems or questions please contact Mr. Rowan.

Kroger Plus Card - PLEASE ENROLL YOUR KROGER CARD!!

Please Enroll your card! – Simply login to your Kroger account at www.kroger.com and Search for the Pearl High School Band in the Community Rewards Section

All parents are highly encouraged to link their Kroger Plus Card to the Pearl Band as this is a wonderful way to

help the PHS Band earn money to help keep our overall costs down. After linking your card, you simply go to Kroger and shop. You will still receive all the benefits (such as fuel points) of using your Kroger Plus Card just like you always have. [Click here for instructions on how to link your card!](#)

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Pearl Pirate Band

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Pearl High School Band Parental Student Release December 12-13, 2019

Parent Name: _____

(Please Print)

Home Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

I hereby give my permission for _____ to be dismissed

(Student Name)

from Pearl High School on the following dates:

- **Thursday and Friday, December 12-13, 2019** during 4th/8th Block while the band staff and selected students are attending the Mississippi Bandmaster's Association State Band Clinic and Convention.

Any student remaining at PHS will report to Mr. Craven in the commons at the start of 4th/8th Block on the above dates.

(Parent Signature)

(Student Name - PRINT)

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