

Hey Boosters!

Welcome to 2024 and the last semester of the year! All the folks on the board hope you had a restful, relaxing holiday season and you are ready to finish this year strong!

All District Band Auditions this Saturday!

On Saturday, January 6th, NC East Central District Bandmasters Association will hold tryouts for All District Band. Students will be judged on their solos, scales and sight reading abilities. Please see details to get a feel for what to expect:

When?

This Saturday, 1/6. Make up day for inclement weather is 1/13. Each student who signed up to audition was given an assigned audition time slot by the NC East Central Bandmaster Association. They work hard to keep it fair by giving random slots. Your student's timeslot was communicated to your student by Mr. Townley.

Where?

Willow Spring HS
1704 Old Honeycutt Rd
Fuquay Varina, NC

What?

This is a formal event and there are protocols for the audition. You can find the score sheets your student has been working on and the Audition Scripts they must follow on the website of the NC East Central Bandmaster's website. There are also helpful videos demonstrating what the student is to perform:

<https://www.ncbandmasters.org/audition-requirements>

The students who make All District will participate in a two day clinic on January 26th and 27th. They will have intensive training and opportunity to learn from very prestigious collegiate band directors. A concert will be given for parents only at the culmination of the clinic.

Past mom's hints for a good day:

Last year the school who hosted sold snacks for students, but you may want to have your student bring some water and snacks. Depending on the time slot your student got (randomly) they may be in and out quickly, or it may take hours. Last year there was a fire alarm issue and it got everyone behind. Some students had to wait several hours to audition. Be prepared for the worst, just in case.

Tell your student NOT to wear anything that identifies the school they represent. No Sanderson shirts as they want to keep the auditions as fair as possible minimizing any Judges bias'. I think the judges are the band directors from our district high schools.

If your student has questions, have them reach out to students who have gone through the process before via the Band App. I know last year Aryia and Wyatt both went through the process.

Keep a watch on the parent band app group for any updates.

Other news:

The SHS Bands and Ensembles are going strong with after school rehearsals. Check out the calendar below for details!

Calendar

January(Ongoing) – Winter Percussion Practice – Mon & Wed 3:00 – 6:00

January (Ongoing) – Winter Guard Practice – Tues & Thurs 5:30 – 8:30

January (Ongoing) – Jazz Band Practice – Tues & Thurs 2:30 - 4:00

January 6 – All District Band Auditions

January 11 – Board Meeting

January 16 – Booster Meeting

January 18 – UNC-G Honor Band Auditions

January 26 & 27 – All District Clinic

January 27 – Winter Guard Competition @ Willow Spring

See full calendar on the website here: <https://www.sandersonband.com/calendar>

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