



Rising Raiders Band Newsletter



Rising 9th-Grader News

Hello Future Raider Band Families,

Congratulations to all the band students who participated in the annual Large Group Performance Evaluations this past week.

Now that LGPE is over we begin to turn our sights on the process of assigning band classes for next year. In doing so, we will offer the opportunity for brass and woodwind students to submit a video recording of them playing a musical etude. This is optional for the students, but it will allow us the opportunity to hear and assess each musician individually. We will also be taking feedback from the middle school band directors regarding best-fit band class placements for the next school year. As always if students have any questions regarding the transition to high school please let us know.

Also, we want to personally invite all of our middle school band parents to our **March 21st Band Kick-off meeting at AHS at 6:30 pm in the AHS Theater**. This meeting will hopefully be a great source of information regarding class band and marching band information for next school year. The High School band has a lot of moving parts and we want to help you along the way!

Musically,
Mr. Manson
Alpharetta High School, Director of Bands



Save the Date

AHS BAND KICK-OFF MEETING

- March 21st - 6:30 pm - AHS Auditorium

This will be a very important informational meeting for parents to learn about the transition from middle school band to high school band. We will share important dates, costs, and expectations for our program. We will also discuss our Marching Band and plans for the fall.



Marching Band Spring Training Camps

- April 27th - 9:00am - 1:00pm - Marching Band Spring Training Camp #1

We invite all wind, percussion, and colorguard students to attend this marching band experience camp at Alpharetta High School.

- May 11th - 9:00am - 1:00pm - Marching Band Spring Training Camp #2

This will be our marching band registration deadline for all winds, percussion, and colorguard members. All informational forms and payment for the marching band must be completed by this date in order for your child to be a member of the 2024 AHS marching band.

Additional Spring Rehearsals for Colorguard & Percussion

- April 30th - 5:30 - 7:30
- May 7th - 5:30 - 7:30
- May 14th - 5:30 - 7:30

Summer Marching Band Camp

- July 15-19 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- July 22- 26 - 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- July 29 - Aug 2 - Times and Dates TBD

Attention Percussion Students

Alpharetta High School is hosting the 2024 Georgia Indoor Percussion Association (GIPA) Championships on **Saturday, March 30th** at AHS.

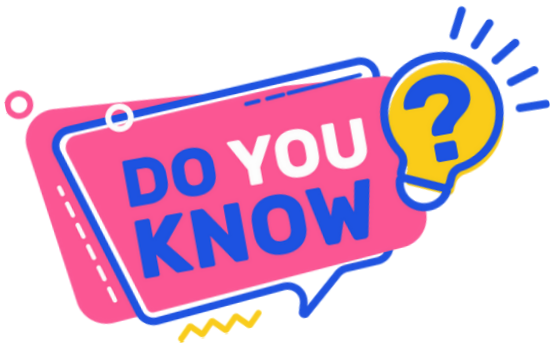
Every middle school percussion student will receive **one free ticket** to attend this event.

You will be blown away by the talent and skill of these percussion shows!



2023 GIPA Championships at AHS





The Alpharetta Band Boosters run a Cabana stand at Ameris Bank Amphitheater for all of their concerts.

Our band parents staff the Cabana stand for every Ameris Show, and it is the single largest fundraiser that we do for the AHS Band program earning \$40,000 to \$45,000 per year for our Alpharetta Band!

There are approximately 30 - 35 shows at Ameris Bank Amphitheater beginning in April and ending in October. We must staff our Cabana Stand with 9 parents for each show. Roughly 325 parent workers for the full season.

In order to keep this fundraiser, we require that all band parents choose a minimum of 3 Ameris shifts to work at our Cabana Stand. If every band family volunteers for 3 shifts, then we can staff our Cabana Stand with ease!

Ameris Sign-ups will be released at our Band Kick-off meeting on March 21st! If you have a rising 9th grader, we encourage you to look at the Ameris concert schedule to see what concerts you may be able to work! It is a lot of fun, and you get to hear some great music as you also raise money for our Alpharetta Raider Band!

