

Mary Persons High School Band Program



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8.17.15

District and All-State Sign-Up

Greetings Students, Parents and Guardians,

It is time again to prove that Mary Persons has some of the most talented musicians in the district and state. District Honor Band and All-State is a great opportunity to gain experience with auditioning (which is a huge part of getting a music scholarship) as well as playing with some of the finest music students in the state. Students who are selected for All-State will have their picture placed on the "Wall of Fame" above the band office.

If you are interested in attending Janfest or being on leadership you must participate in district/all-state auditions. If you would like to participate there is a **nonrefundable** fee of \$30. Please make all checks payable to "**Monroe Band Boosters Association**". It is the student's responsibility to practice for District and All-State auditions, but there will be opportunities for help after school. You will be required to audition with a director before you attend this audition. The preparation must begin **NOW** if you are interested. If you go to WWW.GMEA.Org you can find your Band All-State etude and scales. The audition takes place on **Saturday, December 12th** in Warner Robbins. Return of the lower portion of this letter with a check attached by **8.21.15**.

Go Band!

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Things you need to know for the audition:

Etude: Prepared at tempo, with expression, and no missed notes.

Scales: 8 Major (9th-10th grade) 12 Major (11th-12th) from memory at tempo.

Chromatic Scale: From memory at the full range of instrument.

Sight Reading: Practice sight reading every day. Practice reading in 4/4 2/4 6/8 while noticing dynamics and expression.

Due August 21st, 2015

District and All-State Sign-Up Agreement

My signature and payment of \$30 for the intended purpose of my child participating in district and all-state auditions serves as a commitment that my child will put in the necessary out of school work required to audition. I also understand that this event will take preparation at home and is **not** the responsibility of the director to prepare my child for this event. I will ensure that my child practices regularly for this activity as they will be representing our school and community. I understand that my child must audition with a director before he/she may participate in the official audition and that there will be occasional Wednesday sessions for my child to get help.

My child _____ will be participating in the 2015 District/All-State auditions this year.

Parent/Guardian Signature