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Hello all!

You are receiving this email because your student has signed up to audition for the **Alabama All State band** this Saturday! Here is the information that I know:

Who - See this list.
What - This audition is for the **Alabama All State Band** (Festival will be April 10-12 in Mobile, AL) as well as the **District 1 Honor Band** (Festival will be Feb. 21-22 at Grissom HS).
Where - Huntsville High School; See this logistics sheet.
When - See this list for individual audition times.
Why - This is the highest honor/recognition in band! Your student is preparing supplementary things for a class that's already high achieving and lots of work. Go out for ice cream (or something warm?) after and encourage them for even just trying out! What a feat! They are remarkable kids. We will have a donut party for these kids closer to Spring Break. They have worked hard on something they didn't have to do! Even if you made them tryout (lol, thank you, btw!) you've got GREAT kids. Thank you for supporting them!

Notes:

- Please be sure to bring your own instrument and music. You do not need to dress up, these are blind auditions. No need to wear anything DMS related.
- You MUST have your own copy of the book to show when you register. See this overview if you have questions about which book(s) you need to show.
- Have your students practice playing scales for you in the order on their scale sheet with a **4 minute timer**. They only get 4 minutes to attempt all and must pass 5 to move on to the music portion.
- When you arrive/register, you should mark the box for auditioning for both ALL STATE and DISTRICT **both**. They rank everyone and then go from top down, with more students selected for District. For example, if 10 oboes auditioned, they would take the top ranking "oboe #1" into All State and then #1, #2, #3 into District. If that makes sense. If you check "All State only" and make it, they will seat you in All State band, but not District - that will go to an alternate.

  >> Unless you are unable to attend one of the All State or District dates; Then, please only check what you can attend.

Make sure you've all read the All State Audition logistics sheet listed above for parking and location info!

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