Happy New Year!!

Can you believe it’s 2020? Time is just flying by and soon our great group of seniors will be graduating.

In the meantime, let’s talk about what’s coming up in January (besides going back to school on the 7th)!

* **Booster meetings** resume on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the high school band room
	+ January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12. Some dates may be adjusted due to concerts or other band events.
	+ So much good information is shared at the booster meetings for both middle school and high school.
* **Saturday, January 11** - 2nd round of All-State auditions for middle and high school – Perry Middle School & Houston County HS, respectively. Watch for Reminds and other info on departure/return times
* **Friday, January 17** – Middle School lock-in, 6:00 p.m. – midnight. Sign-up Genius coming soon.
* **Saturday, January 18** – if inclement weather postpones All-State auditions, they will be held on the 18th.
* **Monday, January 20** – no school (MLK day)
* **Thurs-Sat – January 23-25** – GMEA convention in Athens, GA (Mr. Wright & Mr. Garland)

There will be weekly rehearsals starting soon to prepare for LGPE and other performances, so make sure you are signed up for Reminds. To signup, download the app, go to [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com), or text the class code to 81010.

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| **Class Name** | **Class Code** | **Who should join?** |
| RMS Band | @rmsgarland | Students only |
| RMS Parents | @rmsadults | Class is full |
| RMS Parents2 | @rmsadults2 | Parents not in RMS Parents |
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| RHS Band | @rhswright | Class is full |
| RHS Band 1 | @rhswright1 | Students not already in RHS Band class |
| RHS Parents 1 | @rmtbparent | Parents last name A-K |
| RHS Parents 2 | @rmtb-l-z | Parents last name L-Z |
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| **Please do not respond or ask questions via Remind**. Any questions should be directed to Facebook messages, or the following email addresses:General questions: ringgoldtigerband@gmail.com Financial/fee-related questions: rmtbtreasurer@gmail.com |

**Charms** – remember that you can log into Charms at any time to check or pay outstanding band fees. If you have forgotten your password, email rmtbtreasurer@gmail.com and we can reset it for you.

Effective **February 1**, all students must have an email address associated with their Charms account in order to log in. Please make sure your student has a current email. It is best not to use their school email as the county firewall will not allow outside emails to students.

**Band fees (2020-2021)**  – did you know that as of January 2, there are 151 days until May 31? If you opt for **the pay-in-full discount of $425**, that is only **$2.82** a day! Start dropping a few dollars a day into a jar and by the time May rolls around, you’ll have those band fees covered! Of course, we will still accept payments on the current year fees.

**Color guard uniforms** – there are still several ladies who have not completed payment of their color guard uniform. Please get these payments in as soon as possible. Several emails have been sent to those with outstanding balances or you can check Charms.

**Fundraisers** – we are talking about new and exciting fundraisers for the second half of the year. Stay tuned for updates and come to the booster meetings for info.

**Band Booster officers for 2020-2021** – we have several positions that will be vacant next year due to the 2-year term limit. If you are interested in serving in an officer capacity, please email rmtbtreasurer@gmail.com.

The current MS treasurer is completing her second elected year and the HS treasurer her first elected year, but we would like to identify ‘apprentice treasurers’ for both roles before the crunch of marching season. While there are no specific job requirements, it is highly encouraged that potential candidates be great with spreadsheets (Excel/Google Sheets), excellent ability to multi-task and manage multiple accounts, logical and critical thinking and an up-to-date computer. The ability to maintain confidentiality is paramount.

If this appeals to you and you would like more information, reach out to rmtbtreasurer@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the Ringgold Band programs.