



Clayton County Public Schools

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CCPS Hosts 2023 Marching Band Exhibition at Hines Ward Field

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) Department of Fine Arts hosted its annual Marching Band Exhibition Tuesday, October 24, 2023, on Hines Ward Field at Tara Stadium in Jonesboro, and it was nothing short of AMAZING!

We were able to welcome over 1,200 stakeholders on a Tuesday evening in a music inspired, good energy environment, with scholars from our middle and high schools. The exhibition featured performances from nine CCPS high schools with HBCU-style Marching Band Programs, providing an atmosphere for the Clayton County and Music Education Community to enjoy and celebrate the collective talents of our student's hard work to achieve mastery in their musical and visual presentations.

The event featured the Star Spangled Banner as performed for the first time by the CCPS Combined Middle School Band with students from each middle school in the district! More than 400 performers stretched across the field. Also in attendance were the Valdosta High School Marching Band from Valdosta, Georgia, and the Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands as the event's special guests. Both groups SHOWED UP and SHOWED OUT.

Additionally, each high school band received constructive feedback from a seven-person adjudication panel consisting of four highly respected music judges, a percussion judge, a Drum Major judge and an auxiliary judge. Trophies were awarded to each program and two special recognitions were presented to the Riverdale High School Band and the Jonesboro High School Band.

Building a better tomorrow, today is about exposing our students to the MANY possibilities that await them today in preparation for their respective tomorrows. The Annual Marching Band Exhibition accomplished this mission. Please join CCPS as we extend our appreciation to the district's Fine Arts Department, under the leadership of Director Dr. Prince Bowie, and to Dr. Isaiah Bell, CCPS Fine Arts Instructional Specialist; Ms. Leslie Jackson, Fine Arts Instructional Specialist-Art; Ms. Tamara Rainwater, Performing Arts Center Technician; and Mrs. Savina Taylor - Administrative Assistant, for organizing this event. A huge thank you also goes out to the support organizers, volunteers, and participants who made the exhibition a reality!

To view pictures of this amazing event, please use the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ygDfA8QH1uh3W1BVgpbA0rW2Ra_5d15N?usp=sharing

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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