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### **Jonesboro HS Band Picked for the 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade®** *Majestic Marching Cardinals to participate in the event's 98th edition*

**JONESBORO** - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to announce that the Jonesboro High School (JHS) Majestic Marching Cardinals have been selected to perform in the 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®. The surprise announcement was made during a special assembly in the school's gymnasium. For the JHS band, who will represent the state of Georgia, this will mark their first Parade appearance.

As part of the announcement, the Macy's team presented the Jonesboro High School Majestic Marching Cardinals with a \$10,000 fundraising kick-off. The band will spend the next 18 months planning for their Parade appearance through rehearsals and creative fundraising events that will prepare the participating students for the march of a lifetime.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for this amazing group of musicians," said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Interim Superintendent. "The Majestic Marching Cardinals have proudly represented our school district with distinction and pride at multiple events for years. We trust that they will not disappoint on such a landmark event."

"The Majestic Marching Cardinals band program is built on creating opportunities and experiences for our students. It is those experiences that define who our students become," said Lynel Goodwin, director of the JHS Majestic Marching Cardinals. "Being invited to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the most unique experience we have ever been invited to and we look forward to being a part of this prestigious occasion."

#### **Parade Selection Process:**

Each year, the Macy's Parade Band Committee looks for bands that have the stage presence, musical and marching abilities to captivate millions of live spectators and viewers nationwide. The Jonesboro High School band was chosen from more than 100 applicants as one of ten selected bands to march in the 98<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual holiday spectacle.

"Lynel Goodwin and the talented students at Jonesboro High School consistently deliver show-stopping performances in halftime shows and events across the country," said Wesley Whatley, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade creative producer. "The Majestic Marching Cardinals are ready for the national spotlight, and Macy's is proud to welcome these amazing young musicians to New York City for their debut performance in the 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade!"

## **About the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade:**

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a national icon that has grown into a world-famous holiday event. For nearly 100 years, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has marked the official start of the holiday season. Growing in size and scale, the Parade features Macy's signature giant character balloons, fabulous floats, incredible marching bands, celebrities, clowns, dance and performance groups, and the one and only Santa Claus, spreading holiday cheer. For more information on the Macy's Parade, please visit [www.macys.com/parade](http://www.macys.com/parade).

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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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