



JanFest Nomination Letter

Congratulations! You have been ***nominated*** to participate in the 2025 JanFest Band Festival held at the University of Georgia (UGA) January 16-18th, 2025.

The University of Georgia January High School Band Festival (AKA "JanFest") is a three-day event for high school band musicians. Students are nominated for participation by their band director because of excellent performance and behavior. The University of Georgia staff selects students to participate based on the instrumentation needs of the festival bands. Typical festival attendance is approximately 1000 students from 150 schools.

Students are placed in festival bands based on the video audition of the All State Etude. These bands rehearse five times before a final performance on the final afternoon of the event. All parents are invited to attend the concerts held on January 18th, 2025. This is a nomination! Unfortunately not all students that are nominated will be accepted to the Honor Band as acceptance will be dependent upon the instrumentation needs of the festival bands as deemed by the University of Georgia.

We will spend 2 nights in Athens. All students will be monitored and supervised at all times during this trip by parent chaperones and UGA staff. We will also need parents to travel and assist with supervising and transporting our band students. All parents will need to attend the concerts on Saturday and pick your student up at the conclusion of the concert. All Cobb County School District, Pebblebrook High School, and PHS Band policies will be enforced during this event.

The cost of this enlightening experience is estimated at **\$225-\$295**. This includes the registration fee and hotel cost. Not all students that are nominated will be accepted. Students will need money for lunch and dinner as the hotel will provide a full breakfast. The deposit of **\$95** will be due in early December once the students are formally selected by the University of Georgia JanFest Committee. The final portion of the fee will be due in early January.

**For information about JanFest Festival please visit <http://bands.uga.edu/janfest/> This is a very valuable experience that will add to your child's musical development and memories. Musically yours,*

Mr. Kirtdoll & Mr. Jenkins