



Dear Colleagues:

I hope that you are having a great end to your spring semester. It has been busy and exciting on campus at the University of Louisiana Monroe. I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to our Sound of Today MIDDLE SCHOOL band day and provide some more information about the event.

The 2023 SOT Middle School Band Day is scheduled for **Friday, October 20 from 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.**, and will be held on the campus of ULM in Malone Stadium. You will receive a detailed map prior to the event. There will be parking available for buses. This is a **FREE EVENT**. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunches, and we will provide popsicles for all students in attendance.

All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us for this event. Band directors are encouraged to bring their entire middle school band program. Middle school students that are not involved in band programs are also welcome to attend. We hope that this event will inspire middle school students to join or continue in band!

Students will arrive at 11:30 A.M. and listen to performances by the SOT Drumline and other sections. Students will also have the opportunity to compete in field events against SOT members. The event will conclude with a performance of our halftime show and a meet & greet with current Sound of Today members.

To participate in our inaugural Sound of Today Middle School Band Day, please send Dr. Parrish an email with an estimate of how many students you will be bringing. I will need a more concrete count the week prior to the event. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you for reading this and we hope to see you on our campus this fall! Feel free to pass this letter on to others, we are hoping to have lots of students experience an afternoon with the Sound of Today.

Go warhawks!

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2023 Sound of Today Middle School Band Day

11:30 A.M.	Arrival and entrance (Malone Stadium)
11:35 A.M.	Drumline and section performances
11:55 A.M.	Sound of Today Pregame Performance
12:05 P.M.	Student Activity (race on the field, winners will compete against SOT members)
12:20 P.M.	Sound of Today Halftime Performance
12:40 P.M.	Sound of Today Meet & Greet
1:00 P.M.	Event Ends