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November 21, 2021

Dear Phenix City Community,

Congratulations to the Central High School Red Devils on defeating the Auburn Tigers Friday night by a score of 28 to 17! This year is the third year of the last four that our Red Devils have participated in the State Championship and the first time any high school team has done so at [Protective Stadium](#) in Birmingham.

As in previous years, Phenix City Schools' desire to make this a community-wide event and encourage all to participate in the many activities. Supporters are encouraged to secure tickets for this extraordinary event at the [Central High School Go Fan Page](#). It is suggested that fans purchase tickets before November 30, 2021, at 11:59 PM, as game-day tickets may cost more. The kickoff against Thompson High School is set for 8:00 PM EST on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. We are the visiting team. Other items to consider are as follows.

- A clear bag policy and walk-through metal detectors will be used at Protective Stadium.
- Seating is general admission.
- All guests must have a digital ticket except for children under the age of five (5) who will not occupy an additional seat and sit on their parent or guardian's lap (infant in arms).

### **Early Dismissal and Late Start**

To support safe fan travel and to accommodate transportation routes and meal service, Phenix City Schools will adjust school hours.

- On Wednesday, December 1, grades PreK-7 will dismiss at 11:30 AM. Students in grades 8-12 will dismiss at 1:00 PM. Meals will be provided for all students.
- School will resume on Thursday, December 2, at 10:00 AM for grades K4-7 and 11:30 AM for grades 8-12. Meals will be provided for all students.
  - Student attendance at school on Wednesday and Thursday is expected. School attendance, in general, is important but also recall that it is being used to determine the status of face-coverings highly recommended.

## Known Activities

- On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 12:15 PM EST, the public is invited to attend a “send-off” at Central High School. Students in grades 9-12 will line the school roads for bus departure.
  - The City of Phenix City has granted special permission for the public to line Dobbs Drive and Opelika Road.
  - The public will be allowed to enter and park in student parking up until 11:45 AM EST.
  - Balloons, noisemakers, and signage are encouraged.
- On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 6:15 PM EST, players will disembark buses for the “Blazer’ Walk.”
  - Please know that additional event times, tickets, parking, and other information are expected to be released, and you will receive notice.

It is great to be part of Phenix City Schools’ family and be a Red Devil or future Red Devil! We hope to see you soon! A follow-up letter will be sent on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



William R. Wilkes  
Superintendent