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Dear Warrior Family:

We are extremely proud of our Thompson High School Warrior Football Team for advancing to the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) State 7A Football Championship! We applaud Coach Freeman and his staff, the Warrior Football Team, the Marching Southern Sounds, and our cheerleaders! Kickoff for the 7A Championship will be Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. against Auburn High School at Jordan-Hare Stadium on the campus of Auburn University.

Alabaster City Schools (ACS) hopes to make the Warriors' fifth straight showing at the AHSAA Super 7 a community-wide event! We encourage everyone to attend this game and all activities associated with this exciting moment in time.

Pre-Game Send-Off:

- On Tuesday, 11/29, THS students, faculty, & staff will participate in a "send-off" for the team as they depart (12:10p-12:15p).
- Fans will line up along Warrior Parkway to cheer on our team when the buses depart for Auburn. The public is invited to attend and participate. Visitors should park in the baseball or softball parking lots. Balloons, shakers, and signs are encouraged.
- The buses will drive past TIS and TMS en route to Auburn, and students will be outside those campuses to cheer them on.

In order for all students, faculty, and staff to have an opportunity to safely travel to and from the game, system-wide dismissal and start times for Wednesday and Thursday will be as follows:

Wednesday, November 30, 2022:

- ACS campuses will operate on a three-and-a-half-hour early dismissal.
- Your student's school will communicate exact release times for car riders and bus riders.
- After-School Care and extracurricular activities will be canceled.

Thursday, December 1, 2022:

- All grades will start school on a three (3) hour delay.
- Buses will also operate on a three (3) hour delayed schedule.
- Breakfast will not be served (lunch will be served).
- Schools will operate on a normal schedule once we begin. After-School Care will operate as normal.

Gameday Activities:

- Warrior Walk: Wednesday, November 30 at 4:45pm/Jordan-Hare Stadium at the corner of Heisman Drive and South Donahue Drive.
- Tickets: Available for \$15 (+GoFan fee) via <https://gofan.co/app/events/710266?schoolId=AHSAA>
- Parking: No charge at stadium; however, parking is restricted to specific lots. See attached map and shuttle information.
- Stadium Entrance: Gate 4 (exit via Gates 5 and 6). THS will be the **visiting team** and fans should sit on the east side behind the visiting team bench.
- There is a CLEAR BAG POLICY at the stadium (www.auburntigers.com/clearbag). Artificial noisemakers are **NOT** allowed.

Please follow ACS/THS web and social platforms for any additional details leading up to the game.
GO WARRIORS! WIN STATE!

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