

10-13-16 Rehearsal Notes

NOTICE

The Rehearsal Notes for 10/20 will not be posted until Tuesday 11/25 at the earliest.

REPORTING ABSENCES

On the Commitment page portion of the Registration you were to indicate known absences. However, the director cannot possibly be expected to remember all those details. Rather, she would still like an email reminder sent earlier in the week in which the member(s) will be absent.

Also the director needs to know a.s.a.p. whenever plans change and a musician finds they will not be able to make any of the three rehearsals prior to dress rehearsal, the dress rehearsal itself and/or concert.

THE UPDATED 2016-2017 HANDBOOK AND AGREEMENT is now available on our [Forms/Documents](#) webpage. We refer to the handbook frequently for details which will not be duplicated in the notes. *Every family must read/review the Handbook and return the signed agreement at the front table by 11/03.*

BOOSTER JOBS OPEN FOR OCTOBER 20

There are rehearsals on Thursday October 20 and there remains 1 job opening in SR and 2 in SYM which still need to be filled by volunteers. Use this link to sign-up → [Sign-Up Schedule for 10/20](#)

BAND DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTED

On 10-13-16 one child from every family received a copy of the 2016-2017 Band Directory in their music folder. **Parents**, please ask your child for the directory and **KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE FOR THE YEAR. IT IS THE ONLY COPY YOU WILL RECEIVE.** Closer to the end of the year the director receives many, many requests for phone numbers, email addresses, etc., all of which are in the directory. Please help avoid this by knowing where your directory is and using it. **This is a confidential list.** Read in the Handbook regarding the proper use of this contact information. **Since email is an important form of band communication; if you change your email address please be sure to let us know. The same is true for any phone number change.** Also, we apologize if your band or level is listed incorrectly in the directory. Do not contact anyone about this.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 20 – Added back - Regular practices at Resurrection. Borow family plans changed.

Read above about open Booster jobs needing to be filled for that evening.

November 15 – Tuesday evening, **7:30 – 8:30 pm** – Black uniform pants for all and Symphonic blue jacket fitting/exchange at the Borows.

You must sign-up in advance. See Rehearsal Notes for more info.

November 24 – **NO BAND** in observance of Thanksgiving Day - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

November 25 – **FRIDAY evening – Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade**

Gather 5:00pm in parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner Wesley St. and Wheaton Ave.) Step-off 6 pm.

November 28 – **MONDAY- Winter trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.**

Sweeping/Trash Assignments for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/20 – Mary Claire T, Peter T

SECTIONALS FOR 10-20-16

Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Perc. and remaining winds RHYTHMS	Cornelius Hall
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Clarinets	Kitchen
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	French horns	Hall
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Tubas	Utility Room
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Low brass, bassoons	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Trombones	Hall
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	NONE	Utility Room
Junior	7:10-7:25pm	Those recommended for RHYTHMS	Kitchen
JR and SR	6:45-7:00pm	Percussion	
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	NONE	Hall
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Tubas	Utility Room
Senior	8:10-8:25pm	Those recommended for RHYTHMS	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Flutes	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Trombones	Hall
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	NONE	Utility Room

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

SECTIONALS – **5:00-5:15pm** CORNELIUS HALL – All Percussion, remaining winds with Mary Claire
 KITCHEN – Clarinets w/Mrs. Draper
 HALL – **Do not stand on stairs or landing!**
Use only the area under the stairwell.
 French horns w/Mrs. Meecham
 UTILITY ROOM – Tubas, Jordan C w/Will B

FOR HOMEWORK –

1. Work on page 9, Ex 37 & 38, also pages 10 and 11 [play along with recordings](#). Adjust tempo if you are able.
2. All Cadets should play the "Notes in Review" in the yellow box on page 6 - 10 times a day.
[QUIZ for all on Notes in review](#)
3. Page 42 - rhythm lines 13 and 17
4. **Practice these songs daily for the Cadet Performance on December 8.**
PLAY ALL SONGS WITH RECORDINGS
 14 Rolling Along
 18 Go Tell Aunt Rhodie
 25 Lightly Row
 22 Split Decision, (*repeat one time, although not written that way*)
 A-Woodwinds
 B-Brass
 24 Listen to Our Sections
 30 London Bridge
5. As stated in the Rhythm Class item in General Notes, all Cadets should printout ALL 32 pages (double-sided if possible) of the book Winning Rhythms using this link → [WINNING RHYTHMS](#). Staple the pages together and write your name on it. Bring it with you to band each week.

NOTE TO BRASS: [It is imperative for brass players, to play with the recordings!](#) It would be helpful if you can set your player on "repeat." Whether you can or not, play all the odd exercises (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) and do each one separately for several minutes. Focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening). It will take regular practice to reach the notes. Parents please listen while your student plays, to hear whether or not they are hitting the right pitch.

TIPS FOR REACHING HIGHER NOTES

For brass players, the difference between hitting a lower note and reaching a higher note with the same fingering /slide position is the force and speed of air being blown. Higher notes are reached by using a faster air speed and using more force to push the air through the horn harder.

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

CHECK YOUR FOLDER

Wheaton Light-Up Parade participants. Be sure to check your folders for Christmas music, before you take your seat.

VALVE PLAYERS- Before you come to band do all oiling of valves and adjusting at home.

BRING TUNERS - If you own a tuner, bring it each week and tune your instrument before your band time begins. Tuners are also available at the front table.

METRONOME - Use a metronome in your daily practice.

Junior (see notes above)

NONE

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm KITCHEN – Low brass and bassoons w/principals on Tu Ungane

HALL – **Do not stand on stairs or landing!**

Use only the area under the stairwell.

Trombones w/principals on Step to the Rear

UTILITY ROOM – NONE

6:45-7:00pm KITCHEN – **JR & SR** Percussion w/Josh on Paul Simon and cadences

7:10-7:25pm KITCHEN – RHYTHMS – All those recommended

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/12 EMAIL*******

RED EE BOOK – Review Yellow boxes on page 6 and 7. Director will announce Warm-up Ex and Rhythms.

Discovery Overture

God Bless America

Guantanamera

New World Symphony

Paul Simon

Star-Spangled Banner

Step to the Rear

PERC at A to B no snare, just wood blocks, also don't play two before 71

QUIZ - Baritones and trombones at B

Te Deum Prelude

Tu Ungane

QUIZ – Clapping and low brass

Tap Step (percussion only)

We Need a Little Christmas – *Parade participants - Check your folder on 10/20 for Christmas music*

Christmas Spectacular

6:50 – 7:10, All Junior band plan to stay later each week for combined music practice w/Senior band

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm KITCHEN – **JR & SR** Percussion w/Josh on Paul Simon and cadences

HALL – **Do not stand on stairs or landing!**

Use only the area under the stairwell.

NONE

UTILITY ROOM – Tubas w/ Mr. Borow

8:10-8:25pm KITCHEN – RHYTHMS – All those recommended

6:50 – 7:10, All Senior band plan to come early each week for combined music practice w/Junior band

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/12 EMAIL*******

RED EE BOOK – Review Yellow boxes on page 6 and 7. Director will announce Warm-up Ex and Rhythms.

Declaration Overture

The 3/8 measure will be conducted in 1
Dixieland Parade
Quartet in front
QUIZZES – Cowbells at 28,
ALL at 80-82, 88-91, 94-97 and 99 to end

God Bless America
Hall of Fame
Isle of Calypso

Error for 2nd flutes - At the end of measure 54 there should be a G quarter note. Add it IN PENCIL.

Lauda Anima
Madame Butterfly
Paul Simon
Triad
Water Music

In PENCIL, cross out repeat in measure 89. Last note of song will be directed as a fermata.

Tap Step (percussion only)

We Need a Little Christmas – Parade participants - Check your folder 10/20 for Christmas music

Christmas Spectacular

Star-Spangled Banner (Senior band will not play this first trimester 1, but will play trimester 2)

7:50 – 8:10, All Senior band plan to stay late each week for combined music practice w/Symphonic band

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm KITCHEN – Flutes w/Alexia on [Abduction](#) triplets and if time [Candide](#)

HALL – **Do not stand on stairs or landing!**

Use only the area under the stairwell.

Trombones w/principals on [Barnum and Bailey's Favorite](#)

UTILITY ROOM – NONE

7:50 – 8:10, All Symphonic band plan to come early each week for combined music practice w/Senior

See song order listed above, under Junior band

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/12 EMAIL*******

Abduction from the Seraglio
Barnum and Bailey's Favorite
Candide, Overture to

The 2/4 measure will be directed in one

Divinum Mysterium
God Bless America
Illiad
La Paloma
Paul Simon
Theme from Spiderman
Star-Spangled Banner
Tap Step (percussion only)

We Need a Little Christmas – Parade participants - Check your folder 10/20 for Christmas music

Christmas Spectacular

GENERAL NOTES

RHYTHM CLASSES

We are holding rhythm classes for those recommended by the director via email AND for any other interested band members. Improving rhythms is an integral part of auditioning each year and can better one's chances of moving up chair levels and even band levels. Correct rhythms can be more important than playing every single note correctly. The director will be emailing Concert Band

members whom she feels could benefit from this class which will meet after the combined band practice near the top of the hour. Juniors will meet from @7:10 to 7:25pm while Seniors will meet from @8:10 to 8:25pm. Cadets will be generally be handled from 5:00 to 5:15pm.

ALL CADETS and ALL CONCERT BAND RHYTHM CLASS PARTICIPANTS should print out ALL 32 pages (double-sided if possible) of the book *Winning Rhythms* using this link → [WINNING RHYTHMS](#). Staple the pages together and write your name on it. Bring it with you to rhythm class. Juniors should also bring their **GOLD EE book** and Seniors their **RED EE book**.

BAND APPAREL ORDER

Emailing of order form is delayed to October 15 due to waiting for finalized pricing. The order deadline is TBA. The form will not be on the web because it contains personal contact information.

AND PANTS FITTING

It's time to check if you have everything you will need for the Cadet Performance and our Winter Concert. In the Handbook review the Concert Dress Code and Jacket and Pants Fitting. All Symphonic members need a band-provided blue jacket.

We hold a jacket and pants fitting **only once a year**. After this one and only fitting opportunity everything is packed away and not accessible. This year's fitting date is **Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**. **YOU MUST SIGN-UP IF COMING**. There is a sign-up sheet at the front table or you may email Mr. Burt Andrews or Mrs. Pamela Andrews if you need to exchange or pick up a jacket or pants. Either way they need to know how many people to plan for and how many volunteers to recruit for assistance. They can also give you directions to the Borow's. If you need a jacket or pants and you have a conflict with the date or time, please let one of the Andrews know NOW so arrangements can be made before everything is packed away.

Except for the fitting day in November, all jackets and pants must be turned in directly to Mr. or Mrs. Andrews – NOT to Mrs. Borow /to any Borow family member/placed in their van and or brought to their house.

USED BAND CLOTHING

There is large blue bin at the front table where we accept donations of clothing which band members have outgrown or no longer need. This includes white dress shirts, long and short-sleeved, black pants and shoes. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will manage and bring the bin to and from band every week. Items are free to members who need them.

REGARDING OUTERWEAR JACKETS

The temperature is cooling and there now brand new coat racks in Cornelius Hall. Everyone is to hang their jacket on the coat rack. Do not leave it with your instrument case. **MAKE SURE YOUR JACKET IS LABELED!**

UPCOMING PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES –

Wheaton College Brass Day, 11/5. High school age brass players are encouraged to attend this wonderful day of master classes and more at Wheaton College. Use this link → [Wheaton College Brass Day Nov. 5](#) for additional information.

IDEAS FOR PASSING TIME

In the past moms of small children wondered what to do/where to go during band time. Suggestions we've received include the following list. Please let us know if any have changed or you have something to add.

- Bring some popcorn and a good exciting book and read out loud in the car. There are great biographies of missionaries and leaders of the faith written for younger ages. We can never seem to squeeze in enough time to do family reading, and this 'forced down time' could offer that.

- There is a Wal-Mart and Toys R Us just east of the Charlestown Mall and a Jewel on the west. It is fairly close (5.6 mi @ 10 min). Take Rt. 59 to North Avenue. Go west and the store and mall are on the right (north) side of the street, just past Pheasant Run Resort.
- McDonalds has a Play Place down on the corner of RT 59 and North Avenue.
- Steak and Shake and Hardee's are on North Avenue in front of Menards, west of RT 59.
- Old Time Pottery and Dollar Store are also on the NE corner of RT 59 and North Avenue.
- Some prefer to go east on Army Trail Road past County Farm Road to Costco (4.5 mi @ 7 min). There is also a Jewel at Army Trail and County Farm Roads (3.2 mi @ 5 min).
- Hang out at the Starbucks reading books and sipping hot chocolate.
- On the NE corner of 59 & Army Trail near the Starbucks is Bartlett Gymnastics. It's a little chaotic in the parking lot in the evening, but it might be fun to go and see the big kids (H.S. team age) practicing. It's pretty amazing what they can do at that age.
- A 1420 S. Route 59 is a Goodwill store, so if you have any discount shopping to do, or have a donation to make (they have a drive through donation door), that might be a good spot.
- Bartlett Library is at 800 S. Bartlett Road (3.5 mi, @ 8 min). It's good if you have multiple practices to sit through.