

10-10-19 Rehearsal Notes

ATTENTION CROSSROADS Football Game Participants –

Congratulations and a huge thank you to the members who came out to perform for the home school football team this past Saturday. With next to no practice, you put together four new formations and performed them, first time ever, on the field, with tremendous precision. What an amazing feat! The music sounded great. Special thanks and kudos to our percussion section, especially Justin H and Evan S, who received drum music for all songs played, first time, on Tuesday, and performed it all, not only on the field, but in the stands, so beautifully and without a hitch. You kids really pulled this one off and continue to amaze me with your quick ability to learn and execute. Thank you again for your spirit of service to our band and God bless you all. With gratitude, Mrs. B

COMPLETE ALL RETURNS NEXT WEEK

Return any remaining WSHSB summer marching equipment, hats and marching/Crossroads music.

Print out a Music Return form and paper clip it to your music. (Form coming to Member's News.)

Turn it all in at the front table next week.

Available parents can help sort the returned music.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 31 – NO BAND – Eve of Feast of All Saints

November 12 – 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 28 – NO BAND in observance of Thanksgiving Day - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

November 29 – 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.

December 2 – Spring trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.

December 5 – Cadet's Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal

December 13 Cadet's Winter Performance

Regular practices at Resurrection for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

DEC. 13 is the DEADLINE for:

Spring registrations including booster hours - Late fees apply

Rentals, - forms and fees are also due

All MAILED Spring registrations and rentals - forms and fees - must be received by this date.

NOTE: If desired these forms and fees may be returned prior to this date at any band practice.

Sweeping/Trash Assignments for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/17 – Adelaide M, Anna T

SECTIONALS FOR 10-17-19 Note different times shown in RED

Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	NONE	NONE
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Percussion	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Percussion	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Bassoons	Utility Room
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	See notes	Kitchen

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets **SECTIONALS** – No sectionals due to continuing evaluations

CADET EVALUATIONS will continue on 10/17 for those remaining. Early arrivals will be required to begin evaluations at 5pm sharp! We will stop evaluations at 5:15 and begin our rehearsal.

Important note: No one is to randomly play or warm up, until evaluations are finished. When your evaluation is finished, you are to go to your seat and remain quiet until band is called to order, out of respect to the other evaluators/students.

QUIZ – All brass on required lip slurs for notes in Exercises 1 and 9.

FOR HOMEWORK –

1. Work on pages 8 and 9 and **play along with recordings. Adjust tempo if you are able.**
WRITE IN THE LETTER NAMES OF NOTES on exercises if helpful.
Complete exercises 19 and 32 and have them checked at band by an upper band member.
2. All Cadets should play the "Notes in Review" in the yellow box on page 6 - 10 times a day.
3. Page 42 - rhythm lines 13 and 17
4. **Practice these songs daily for the Cadet Performance on December 13**
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
31 Mozart Melody
38 Jingle Bells - ENCORE

Practice every day for no less than 20 minutes. You may split the time between multiple sessions. At every practice session, everyone should check their: posture and instrument hold, breathing/airstream, mouth position (embouchure) and use proper tonguing.

For daily practice, use whatever means you currently have available to you to listen to the recording for each exercise and try to match the pitch and tone.. If you currently have the CD-Rom or online access you can adjust tempo. Otherwise here are links to mp3 files for Essential Elements for all instruments. You will need to download a ZIP file then open it to get all the files. <https://www.halleonard.com/ee2000Band.jsp>
Practicing with recordings should help the student HEAR if they are playing the notes correctly.

NOTE to BRASS – LIP SLURS - IMPORTANT: With open fingering, focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening) in order to raise and lower your pitch and match the required notes in the exercises. It will take regular practice to reach the notes. For all brass, except Eb tubas, this can be practiced using the book going back and forth from the note in Exercise 1 to the note in Exercise 9. Eb tubas will not have a lip slur until your lesson includes high Bb. You will then need to lip slur from Bb to Eb. Practice with open fingering.

FOR ALL CADETS - RECOGNIZING NOTES

The musical staff has five lines and four spaces. Following are mnemonic aids to help remember the names of the different notes on the treble clef and bass clef, both the lines and spaces. It is a time-worn method.

Treble Clef - lines

E - every
G - good
B - boy
D - does
F - fine

Treble Clef - spaces

spell: F-A-C-E
F
A
C
E

Bass Clef - lines

G - great
B - big
D - dogs
F - fight
A - animals

Bass Clef spaces

A-all
C-cars
E -eat
G-gas

CADETS AND PARENTS, be sure to also read the General Notes further down.



Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

FOR ALL PERCUSSIONISTS - EVERY WEEK All Jr, Sr, and Sym percussionists must bring your own music folders and bell sets. Be sure to label all parts. **ALSO** - You must bring your own printed copy of the assignment grid, emailed to you. Keep it in your music folder and bring to band every week for each of your bands to help expedite the logistics in the section. Bring a pencil too.

BRING TUNERS

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

Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm KITCHEN – Percussion on aux. instruments w/ Franko R
on When the Camels Cakewalk to Cairo

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/01/19 EMAIL*******

Percussionists refer to the percussion assignment grid emailed to all.

RED EE BOOK – Announced by director on the spot
Allegretto Symphony #7

QUIZ – Flutes 75 to 99

Clarinets and Sax, 27 to 43

Chorale Elega'nt

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Lochinvar

Washington and Lee Swing

When the Camels Cakewalk to Cairo

Star Spangled Banner *w/Symphonic*

God Bless America *Combined bands*

Ode to Joy *Combined bands*

QUIZ - All, especially at 73

We Need a Little Christmas for parade

Christmas Spectacular for parade

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm KITCHEN – Percussion w/Stephen on Mambo Cubano
Bring in only smaller aux equipment. Use pads for larger equipment.
UTILITY ROOM - Bassoons w/ Stephanie on Alleluia

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RED EE BOOK – Announced by director on the spot.

Alleluia

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Mambo Cubano

March in F

Eroica, Overture

QUIZ at 12 for entire band

Tympani player – Be prepared to be quizzed on the solo in the last five measures.

Woodwinds - Quiz on 17

NOTES to Everyone – On your music, pencil in a fermata over the very last note.

Change the rit. to molto retard.

Diagonal lines indicate repeated rhythms –

One flag - repeated eighth notes.

Double dot - second dot = 1/2 value of first dot

Tap Out

Star Spangled Banner *do not loose, will be used for Spring concert*

God Bless America *Combined bands*

Ode to Joy *Combined bands*

We Need a Little Christmas for parade

Christmas Spectacular for parade

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm KITCHEN – Bassoon, oboes and bass clarinet w/Frank on
ALL solos in [Russlan and Ludmilla](#)

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/01/19 EMAIL*******

ATTENTION SYM MEMBERS – So far there are only 2 people signed up for the jacket and pants fitting on November 12. This is the only day to be fitted for a Symphonic blue jacket. Sign up this week.

RED EE BOOK – Bring to band every week for possible warm-ups.

Chronicles of Narnia

Cumbanchero, El

[QUIZ - Percussion](#)

Egmont Overture

Florintiner

FOUR: on a Remix of Beethoven

[NOTE: Optional solis should be solos throughout](#)

King of Love My Shepherd Is, The

Russlan and Ludmilla

[NOTE - Double reeds and bass clarinet. This song remaining in the line-up hinges on your solos being played clean and well.](#)

That's a Plenty

Virgen De La Macarena, La – [Luke solo](#)

Star Spangled Banner [w/Junior](#)

God Bless America *Combined bands*

Ode to Joy *Combined bands*

We Need a Little Christmas for parade

Christmas Spectacular for parade

NOTE: The following were passed out early for trimester 2

American Salute-[Given only to woodwinds](#)

American Overture [Given only to French horns](#)

GENERAL NOTES

BAND DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTED - On 10-10-19 the oldest child from every family received a copy of the 2019-2020 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.** During 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 extra work 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 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.

OPEN BOOSTER JOBS

There are Booster jobs open each week in November and December, plus the Light-Up Parade. If you have not signed-up for your required 4 hours or if you were unable to keep your commitment for music distribution, etc. please sign-up to meet your obligation. Visit [WSHSB Sign-up Schedule](#)

BAND APPAREL ORDER – All ordering will be done online. You will be provided a link to a secure site for placing place your order. The company has been in business since 1965. We ordered through them last year and everyone was very pleased with the merchandise. There will be pictures and size charts for the available items. Online orders will be taken through the deadline TBA.

JACKET AND PANTS FITTING

We hold a jacket and pants fitting *only once a year*. The jackets are for Symphonic members while the pants are available for any band member. After this one and only fitting opportunity everything is packed away and not accessible. This year's fitting date is **Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN-UP IF COMING.** The sign-up sheet is 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. If you need a jacket or pants and have a conflict with the date or time, let one of the Andrews know NOW so arrangements can be made before everything is packed away.

The director wishes to emphasize that the band has over 100 pairs of pants to lend. Whether for concerts or looking ahead to marching, you should think about this now as November 12 is the only fitting date. This fitting happens annually. If you are concerned you might need a larger size later in the year she said you can take two pair. You need to sign-up to try them on, on November 12.

FREE FOR THE TAKING

There are black shoes and white shirts, outgrown and donated by band members, available at the front table. If you need either, take a look to see if they are your size.

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 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 it is on the right (north) side of the street, just past Pheasant Run Resort.
- McDonalds is on the corner of RT 59 and North Avenue.
- 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.