

05-20-21 Post-Concert Notes

CONCERT REMARKS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Congratulations on an "anniversary-worth-celebrating" concert. Each band lifted their performances to the highest level - demonstrating not only technical competency, but the understanding and passion of great music. Keep that feeling in your hearts forever, as I will. All soloists did an excellent job. Lily and Frankie - your concertos were superb! My heartfelt thanks go out to all the musical helpers, Booster volunteers and especially my core team, for your support and dedication, especially throughout this challenging season. Thank you, dear graduates, for the beautiful and meaningful gifts. I will treasure them. And thank you to the band families for the gorgeous roses and monetary gift. Mrs. Romsaithong, Mrs. W-P and Mrs. Mergen and also thank you for their gifts and cards. Your kindness is most appreciated.

Congratulations to the entire WSHSB family on persevering through a challenging, yet successful concert season. Most of all, praise God for His guidance and providential hand throughout this year. We pray for His blessing on all of you and your families.

LOST AND FOUND – GOING, GOING, GONE

Any items remaining in Lost and Found after May 28 will be given away or thrown out. Check the container at the table to see if you recognize anything.

WSHSB Shutterfly ACCOUNT for 20th ANNIVERSARY

Since we are celebrating the band's 20th anniversary, we have created a private share site on Shutterfly for pictures you have taken over the years of band events that you want to share with our band community. This site is password protected.

To view the pictures, you will need the link and password sent in an email sent by the director on May 13. If you would like to upload pictures for our members to see, you need to have a (free) Shutterfly account.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Julie Lano. See directory for her email.

SUMMER BOOSTER JOBS – Help Needed

There are open job opportunities. Link here → [WSHSB Sign-Up Schedule](#). Open slots a/o 5/23 - 5/28, Music Collection Day, 9 openings
6/2 – 6/4 Pre-Camp, 2 openings
6/7-6/11 Full Marching Camp week 5 openings
6/23, music filing at the Borow home, 7 openings

RECRUITING and FLYER HELP NEEDED

On our Member's News page, in addition to the Music Return Forms you'll find a Summer Recruiting Flyer. Please print some and take them to **post at homeschool co-ops like Greenhouse and G.I.F.T.** In addition ask at libraries, and think of other places with community bulletin boards, such as banks, churches, park districts, grocery stores, photo copy places etc., and ask them to post flyers. **We are depending on you** to post as many flyers as possible, wherever you can get permission.

We need everyone's help in recruiting. More than ever we need new members at all levels to take the places of all our **graduated seniors and members who have left band.**

Along with posting flyers please share this information with home school parents of potential band members. There are three Instrument Fitting Dates on 6/15, 7/13 and 9/14. Appointments must be made with Mrs. Borow.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

May 28 – End of Year Gathering **CADETS MUST ATTEND WITH JR, SR, SYM**

5:00 – 6:00 pm

- Return of all band music as specified in the notes below
- **Return of ALL WSHSB rental/loaner instruments (whether keeping or returning) for the ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK**
- Return of all other band property
- Possible, additional, marching music distribution
- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Launch of Marching Band Camp and Corpus Christi Fest Performance

- Preliminary marching camp kick-off and music practice - **All marching camp musicians must attend this preliminary marching camp practice.**
- *THOSE NOT PERFORMING AT CORPUS CHRISTI MAY LEAVE AFTER CAMP PRACTICE*
- Corpus Christi Fest music practice – this is our one and only rehearsal for our performance on June 6. **All Corpus Christi Fest performers must attend this practice.**

June 2-11 – Marching Band Camp @ Corpus Christi Church, Carol Stream; **1-4 pm each day**

6/2 – Newcomer Camp for all students new to WSHSB Marching Band (helpers welcome)

6/3 – Percussion Camp – required for all percussionists and double reed players who want to march as percussionists

6/4 – Rank Leader Camp – for those who've been rank leaders before and volunteer to offer their services in the training of new marchers, also Senior or Symphonic band members interested in being a rank leader

6/6 – **Corpus Christi Fest** – Those performing should arrive no sooner than 12:45pm as Corpus Christi Mass and solemn procession will be finishing about that time. Plan on being there until 3:15 pm. Performances will take place between 1 and 3pm. **See more info in General Notes.**

6/7 through 6/11 – **FULL MARCHING BAND CAMP 1-4 pm each day**

June 15 - Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home - **Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow.** Remaining instrument fitting/tryout dates, by appointment only, are also at the director's home on 7/13 and 9/14.

July 28 – Wednesday 9am-9pm, **Symphonic AUDITION MUSIC RELEASE**

*****ATTENTION*** For the 2021-2022 Audition, Concert Senior may or may not receive audition music. More info will be coming.**

Audition music must be picked-up on ONLY THIS DAY at the director's home.

NOTE: Junior band members should NOT COME on 7/28 They have no music to pick-up. The Junior audition comes entirely from the Essential Elements book. See the Junior audition requirements.

REMINDER for Adult Helpers – no audition required for Cadet or Junior band.

Adult helpers wishing to move up need to produce a one-time, acceptable audition.

September 7- Tuesday - All Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

Audition videos are due, 9am – 5pm

DO NOT TURN-IN Auditions before Sunday 9/5 due to Borow family wedding, late August.

Attention Cadets, Jr. Sr. and Sym. members

- **Arrive ON TIME, May 28 at 5pm.**
- It is mandatory for **ALL band members** to return -
 1. **WSHSB sheet music** which must be checked-in for each band and combined
(See last page of these notes for music to return or keep)
 2. **Any WSHSB owned instruments** for the **Annual Instrument Inventory and Condition Check**. This includes those who may be keeping their WSHSB owned instrument

over the summer, whether for auditions and/or for marching. If you have not yet paid your summer rental fee it is now **OVERDUE**.

- **Cadets** participating in camp and/or Corpus Christi **MUST ATTEND** on 5/28 for distribution of remaining summer music and preliminary practice.
- **Jr. Sr. Sym. Members** – Return your bow-tie and cummerbund. Please check for any extra bow ties at home. Many have gone missing.
- If you are ill and cannot attend you **MUST** get your music with the associated Music Return Form(s) and any other band property including bow-tie and cummerbund to another band member so it can all be returned on May 28.
- **DO NOT return/bring these things to the Borow house nor ask them to return them for you.**



MAY 28 COLLECTION STATIONS

You may visit collection stations in any order and return later if the line is long. Since there will not be separate stations for each band, all music goes to any one music collection volunteer. **There will be one place where all fines will be tallied and must be paid on 5/28.** All those participating in marching camp and/or Corpus Christi Fest will continue with the steps listed below under **For Marching Camp and Corpus Christi**.

When you have visited all necessary collection stations, those not participating in any summer events (marching camp and/or Corpus Christi) are free to go.

1. Cummerbunds and Bow Ties - All cummerbunds and bow ties are to be returned. Hand it to a volunteer at the table. Do not just lay it down. You need to be sure that you are checked off by a volunteer for each item you return. If it is not recorded that you returned these items, you will be billed for them.

**** **RULE FOR RETURNING BOW TIES** ****

If your bow tie is coming apart you have one of two choices when returning it –
Make the necessary sewing repairs **with red thread** before returning it and owe nothing.
Pay \$5 along with the unrepaired bow tie. Make it known that it needs repair

2. Blue Band Blazers and Band-Owned Black Pants - if you are not returning to band in the fall or if you are returning in fall but have outgrown your jacket and/or pants –
Return jackets to the Jacket/Pants coordinator, NOT MRS. BOROW, with \$5 cash and your name label inside. We will have the jacket dry-cleaned. We have eliminated the need for jackets to be returned dry cleaned with tag/receipt attached.
Any questions contact Mr. or Mrs. Andrews (pkohnandrews@gmail.com 630-377-1318)
Return pants laundered.

Those returning to band will be fitted for a different jacket and/or pants in the fall.

3. WSHSB Band-Owned Instruments - **ALL** band-owned instruments must be checked-in even if you plan to use one over the summer. Take your instrument into the Red room (down the hall, 4th door on the left with red walls). **This is the only time of the year that we are able to re-inventory all band-owned instruments. Adult helpers must also check in** the band-owned instrument they have been using, as we need to make all of them available to incoming Cadets in the fall. **CADETS** who are keeping their WSHSB owned instrument over the summer, whether for auditions and/or for marching, **MUST also come on May 28 at 5pm** for the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY AND CONDITION CHECK**.

Our first priority is to provide rental instruments to new Cadets. After Cadets are taken care of, remaining band members will be accommodated. You will receive an instrument once they are inventoried and checked over. There is no guarantee that anyone will have the same exact instrument they played previously.

SUMMER INSTRUMENT RENTALS

If you have a WSHSB owned instrument for the summer, **marching or not**, the summer rental fee was due on April 30. If you have not yet paid it is now **OVERDUE**. Please remit by/on 5/28 with a completed rental form.

4. MUSIC RETURNS - With the exceptions for Corpus Christi Fest performers and marching camp participants, there should be **no original music remaining** in anyone's folder, or in piles in your home. Keep any photocopies you made for yourself. See the list on the last page and instructions on the Music Return Forms. Unless instructed to do so, **do not keep ANY music for the future**. All music is redistributed and part assignments can and do change.

For the May 28 Music Collection–

- 1. BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME, FORMS MUST BE PRINTED for every band for which you have music to return plus a form for returning COMBINED MUSIC.**
 - a. Print only your name on the form(s) you need and bring them with you.
 - b. DO NOT CHECK ANY OF THE OTHER BOXES ON THE FORMS.
 - c. Instructions for returning music are on the form itself.
- 2. MUSIC MUST BE ARRANGED in the order as listed on each band's Music Return form. You will be sent to the end of the return line if your music is not in order.**
- 3. AT VILLAGE CHURCH**

- Go to any collection volunteer. There are not separate stations for each band. Return any/all music to one volunteer. Cadet, Junior, Senior, Symphonic, and Combined music each has its own music return form. Cadets only need to use their CADET form.
- Give your music w/form to the one of the volunteers at the table. The volunteer will record only those titles that are missing or damaged. There is a fine of **\$4 per full size song and \$1 for marching size**, for damaged (in our judgment) or lost/unreturned music. Bring cash or a check with you. **All fines are due May 28.**

AMNESTY RETURNS – ODDS AND ENDS

If you find you have any other music that should have been returned in a previous trimester or any other **originals** of titles not included in the lists below, now is your chance. Write your first and last name on a slip of paper and clip it together with your amnesty returns. Give it to the same volunteer.

- After all music is returned, whether or not you owe anything, bring all your form(s) to the Tally, Fees and Fines person.

TALLY AND FINES

There will be one person collecting all music return forms and fines, marching registrations and rentals and fees.

For Marching Camp and Corpus Christi

All Marching Camp participants and Corpus Christi Fest Performers

For May 28 practice, participants for EITHER EVENT must bring your instrument,
lyre and flip-folder LABELED with your name

AND

Music stand, marching and/or band music you are to keep. See list on last page.

After you have turned in all music, bow ties, and cummerbunds, rental instruments, etc., anyone participating in Corpus Christi Fest and/or marching camp needs to do the following –

- **Forms and Fees** - All outstanding summer marching registration and instrument rental forms and fees must be turned to the Tally and Fines person. Remember - No checks will be accepted without a completed form and vice-versa.
- Check your band folder for additional music that will be there.
- Wait patiently for music collections to be completed before practice begins.
- Summer Percussion equipment will be distributed and taken home the evening of May 28. **You must check it out with Mrs. Lano.** Be sure to take carriers, lyres, snares, cymbals, basses and beaters home with you as well. You will be personally responsible for the safe keeping of the equipment while in your care and you must return it in the fall.

CORPUS CHRISTI PERFORMANCE DETAILS

GENERAL INFORMATION – Traditionally Catholic churches celebrate their patronal feast day. In the US, Sunday, June 6, 2021 is the feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At the end of Mass there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the church or neighborhood. The church of Corpus Christi in Carol Stream will celebrate with Mass and a procession that day. This is why we ask you not to arrive before 12:45pm. And when you do arrive, keep your voices down and be respectful and aware of what is going on in case their procession has not finished.

In case of threatening weather –

The weather is beyond the director's control. It is *the parent's decision whether or not their child participates* when there are concerns about questionable weather, the child's health, etc. The director will be present for those who decide to attend. If rain is predicted, those participating should bring a clear poncho. Inexpensive ones can be purchased at Target or Wal-Mart.

AUDIENCE - The audience will be **in the grass** at the far north end, facing S/SW. Bring your own chairs and/or blanket, table if desired. There will be a picnic lunch that day with each family bringing their own food, beverages and supplies.

FOR THOSE PERFORMING –

- Dress code – Marching **OR** concert dress, short sleeve marching shirt or long sleeved if you don't have short sleeved. No cummerbunds/bowties.
- **Be prepared for winds. Bring at least 4 clothes pins or clips to hold your music on your stand.**
- As of 5/13 the performance order is below. Specific song titles coming later.
 - Band songs
 - Ensembles
 - Marching Songs
 - God Bless America

RANK LEADER APPLICANTS

Director will approve rank leaders. If you are currently in Senior or Symphonic band and are interested in being a rank leader for camp you must attend this Pre-Camp day. **Attendance on this day WILL NOT GUARANTEE your role as a rank leader in Marching Camp or at parades.** You will review and drill basic marching skills, stationary and marching commands and special skills necessary for rank leaders. The director will decide and assign rank leaders based on multiple criteria including: prior marching experience, actual marching ability, leadership skills, Marching Camp attendance.

REMINDER - DRESSING FOR MARCHING CAMP

There are to be **no short-shorts or tank tops**, and no low-cut, skimpy or tight-fitting tops worn to camp. There should be no bare midriffs or shoulders. Everyone must wear good shoes that cover and support your feet, **no sandals or flip-flops.**

PLANNING AHEAD

With things opening-up the director has recently been contacted about a number of possible summer/fall performances. If they are confirmed she will be looking for volunteers. She will keep you informed via email.

Some of these possible opportunities include:

- Roselle Reverse Drive-By Parade – Sunday, June 13, 11am-1pm
- Crossroads Homeschool Football - Saturday, 9/11
- Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade - Saturday, Sept. 18
- Crossroads Homeschool Football - Saturday, Oct. 9
- Crossroads Homeschool Football Homecoming - Saturday, Oct 16

Music to Return or Keep – Be Sure to Print Your Music Return Forms

If the spring concert was your last performance with the WSHSB and you are not returning to band in the fall, return all your music on 5/28.

KEEP red titles for Corpus Christi, more music will be distributed on 5/28.
RETURN black titles

CADET

Dancin' on the Bayou

JR

Veggie Tales

Strange Pursuit

Dona Nobis Pacem

Maiden Voyage

This is My Country

Samba Sauce

African Folk Trilogy #2

Incredibles, The

SR

Chanteys

Ammerland

Cheyenne Adventure

Battle Cry of Freedom, The

Great Escape, The

To Reap the Blessings of Freedom

Steel

SYM

On Eagle's Wings

Missing Man

Salute to the Patriots

Clarinet Candy

Land of Make Believe

No Business Like Show Business

Sons of Veterans (not played)

Stayin' Alive

Think

White Eagle

God's Country

America the Beautiful

COMBINED BANDS

Return all music below if NOT doing camp or Corpus Christi

Keep for Marching Camp and/or Corpus Christi

Star Spangled Banner

God Bless America

Colonel Bogey

Zaketakas (from 1st trimester)

Recently received

Keep for Marching Camp and/or Corpus Christi

And Dance

Proud Mary

Spirit in the Sky

Paul Simon