

## 09-29-22 Rehearsal Notes

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**DAILY PRACTICE SHOULD BE #1 PRIORITY FOR ALL**  
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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

#### Congratulations on a fine Crossroads performance

After the game the coach called me, here at home, to thank us for all we did. He said they won the game because of us!

Also, got this in my inbox from a spectator -

I have had the pleasure of listening to your band at 2 of the Crusader football games. I LOVE it!! Please pass on my compliments to your impressive group. I especially enjoy seeing the enthusiasm you lead them with.

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**DATE CHANGED FOR JACKET AND PANTS FITTING**

The Borows recently learned they will be unable to hold the fitting originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 15. The new date is Tuesday, October 18.

### NO FOOD AT REHEARSALS!!!!

There is to be ABSOLUTELY no food in Cornelius Hall and beverages are limited to WATER ONLY. That means no coffee or tea, lemonade or soda, etc. for adults and students alike.

### DIRECTOR NEEDS TRANSPOSING ASSISTANCE

The director would like to know if there is anyone who **knows** how to transpose music and is willing to do so for a few songs. Please let her know soon.

### BAND BUDDY HELP NEEDED

We need seasoned band families to sign-up to be a Band Buddy for new families. Otherwise the system doesn't work. Email Mrs. Jen Archer [jenarch76@yahoo.com](mailto:jenarch76@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

### APPAREL ORDER

Order deadline is 11:59pm on October 7<sup>th</sup> for distribution on October 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a personalization option for select t-shirts and hoodies. See more details in the Opening Letter.

ORDER LINK → <https://hyperstitch.com/category/schools/west-suburban-home-school-band/>

Email or call/text Mrs. Herrera with any questions. Her contact info is in the Opening Letter.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**October 6 - Winter Concert Well-Wishers are due** for those using them to cover any fees/tuition.

This allows about a 9 week extension beyond the August 2022 fee deadline.

**October 7 - FRIDAY - Band Apparel order deadline 11:59pm CST.**

**October 18 - Tuesday evening, 7:30 - 8:30 pm - Black uniform pants for all and**

**NEW DATE** Symphonic blue jacket fitting/exchange at the Borows.

You must sign-up in advance.

**November 17 - Cadets' Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal**

Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

# Sweeping/Trash Assignments for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/06 – Adam K, Eli O

## SECTIONALS FOR 10-06-22

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|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Cadet     | 4:45-5:00pm | See notes | At your place |
| Junior    | 5:45-6:00pm | NONE      |               |
| Senior    | 6:45-7:00pm | NONE      |               |
| Symphonic | 7:45-8:00pm | NONE      |               |

## MUSIC NOTES

### Cadets

SECTIONALS – 4:45-5:00pm - Every instrument section, at your place with section leader, play notes in Ex. 1,3,5,7,9, review tonguing, review hand-out homework

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

**NOTICE– CADET EVALUATIONS will be held on 10/13.**

**Early arrivals will be required to BEGIN EVALUATIONS at 4:45 pm sharp!**

- Observed for posture, instrument hold, hand position and embouchure
- Pg. 6, perform 5 notes in review,
- Pg. 6, play Ex 18 Go Tell Aunt Rhodie
- Pg. 6, clap Ex 15 Rhythm Rap while the helper keeps the tempo with their foot
- Recite letter names for lines and spaces as shown in Rehearsal Notes
- Observed for note accuracy plus tonguing for winds, sticking for perc,  
EVALUATORS: Cadet Evaluation Form can be found on our Member's News Page

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**Cadet Parents** – If your student is struggling to produce sound on their instrument please call the director, 630-231-6155, as soon as possible, before the next rehearsal on 10-6, for suggestions.

### A DIFFERENT PAGING SYSTEM

French horns and oboes have a different paging system in their Essential Elements book. There are two pages, A and B, left and right, for every page number. If you have this type of book you should always play from the page on the right side at band rehearsals.

**FINGERING CHART FOR E-FLAT TUBAS** – Those with Eb tubas can find the fingering chart anytime on our Music Resources page. The chart is on page 13 of this PDF → [Fingering Chart](#).

### ABOUT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

*On our Music Resources page is a link to a PDF that explains how to access the play-along tracks and tools to use with Essential Elements. The director expects all Cadets to always play along with these recordings. We've included the link for you → [ABOUT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS "MY EE LIBRARY"](#)  
**Practicing with recordings should help the student HEAR if they are playing the notes correctly.***

### FOR HOMEWORK –

Do the handout at home and review with your section leader before band during the sectional time from 4:45 to 5pm.

Work on pages 6 and 7. Complete Exercises 13, 19 and 26. Review the YELLOW boxes

**WRITE IN THE LETTER NAMES OF NOTES on exercises.**

Practice Rhythm Studies pg 42, clapping lines 5, 9 and 13

Use the link provided above or play with the DVD (if you have it) using the Smart Music software with the adjustable tempo. If you currently have the CD-Rom or online access you may also control the tempo. Listen and try to match the pitch and tone. Use proper tonguing. 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, and mouth position (embouchure).

**NOTE to BRASS: WORK ON LIP SLURS** - All brass players must learn to move up and down in pitch by loosening and tightening their lips. Doing this is called a lip slur. Focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening) to match the required notes in the exercises. It will take regular practice to reach the notes.

For all brass, except *E<sub>b</sub>* tubas, this can be practiced using the book going back and forth from the note in Exercise 1 to the note in Exercise 9. *E<sub>b</sub>* tubas will not have a lip slur until your lesson includes high *B<sub>b</sub>*. You will then need to lip slur from *B<sub>b</sub>* to *E<sub>b</sub>*.

### 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.***

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### Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

#### **BRING TUNERS**

**Bring your own tuner each week and tune your instrument before your band time begins.**

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#### **Junior (see notes above)**

**SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm - NONE**

**Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK**

**RED EE BOOK** – Warm up Ex 159, 154 also pg 4 and 5 Ex 13, 14, 15, 17

Rhythms Pg 42 5 and 9

Eine Kleine

Gaslight Gaities

1 measure before C, mark in a 4/4 time signature

Lexington March

Mama Piquita

Do not play cues

Shenandoah

Saxes, watch the F natural

Success March

Te Deum Prelude

French horns and alto saxes play tenors sax cues at 3

God Bless America

Paul Simon

Star Spangled Banner

**ONLY THOSE MARCHING IN THE PARADE SHOULD PLAY THESE TWO SONGS AT REHEARSAL**

**DO NOT PLAY IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP**

**We Need a Little Christmas** for parade

**Christmas Spectacular** for parade

#### **Senior (see notes above)**

**SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm - NONE**

## Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

**RED EE BOOK** – Warm up Ex 163, 155

Rhythms Pg 42 13 and 17

Balladair

Cotton Eyed Joe

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Il Re Pastore

Lady of Spain (march size)

Mañana (march size)

Mussorgsky!

Pixar Movie Magic

Sir Lancelot

Springtime Festival March

French horns practice the trio

Menuetto

God Bless America

Paul Simon

Star Spangled Banner

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## Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm - NONE

## Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

**RED EE BOOK** – Exercise 161, 162 then 154.

Fanfare and Flourishes

Alvamar Overture

All percussion, listen and play along with recording → [Alvamar recording](#) and help find errors in music as discussed after band.

Bésame Mucho

In the Bleak Midwinter

Le Regiment

Marriage of Figaro

Pines of Rome, The

Rhapsody of Reruns

Symphonic Overture (for Spring trimester)

*All members - At home, check your Symphonic Overture to be sure you have the complete song, all pages. Also check that the top and bottom of all pages are there with nothing cut off.*

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Paul Simon

Star Spangled Banner

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## GENERAL NOTES

### HEARING PROTECTION

For those who are interested, there are ear plugs which are specifically designed for musicians. They reduce the sound level by 20 decibels but still allow you to hear clearly.

A good number of band members have worn these every week in band for years (and other loud events like football games and movies). They're comfortable and effective. The drum and bugle corps and college bands now issue them to all their members.

They sell for \$13.95 on the ETYMOTIC website and here's a link for Amazon [Etymotic High Fidelity Earplugs](#).

### **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 **NEW** fitting date is **Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**. **YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN-UP IF COMING**. The sign-up sheet is at the front table.

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 **October 18** 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 **October 18**.

### **MUSIC LINKS FOR ALL THREE BANDS**

A document containing links for the Winter Concert songs was emailed to all families on 10/01. Use them in your daily practice.

### **MUSIC – INSTRUMENT-REPAIR SHOPS**

This document can be found on our FORMS/OCUMENTS page