

11-10-22 Rehearsal Notes

NEXT WEEK, LAST DAY FOR A to Z MUSIC BINS

November 17 is the last day music bins will be brought to band for this trimester. Everyone should check their file when they arrive on 11/17 to see if there is anything in their file. Cadets will need to keep their name tag inside their Essential Elements book to keep it from being lost/damaged.

NIU Trumpet Day 2022 - Registration deadline extended through 11/13

The director received this information earlier this week.

Use this link → [NIU Trumpet Day](#) to learn about the day, registration and contact info.

ATTENTION ALL BRASS PLAYERS

From now on, **ALL brass payers – Cadet, Jr, Sr, Sym,- MUST** bring a **terrycloth towel** with them every week, as well as to dress rehearsals; and concerts. Use it when you have to clear your water key/spit valve. There is too much water accumulating on the floor in the section.

EXTRA APPAREL ORDER IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Herrera has opened up one more order before Christmas for anyone else that may want to order. The vendor has added some new items to the store for us as well, including winter hats, a jacket, sweatpants and a WSHSB tumbler. If you are interested in ordering, you can order on the Hyperstitch website through November 14th and you will receive your items by December 1st. Personalization options are available.

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

Some have had questions about the "group delivery" option. Please refer to the link below, or you can always call/text Mrs. Herrera at 847-345-5832.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QuQU9r6N1ZiljkZ2SI-VS--LcKS5l1JN/view?usp=sharing>

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### ATTENTION PARADE PERCUSSIONISTS – Last Chance for Equipment

November 17 is the last rehearsal before our Thanksgiving break. Those who still need any percussion equipment for the parade should **email the director** letting her know what you need. Then see Mrs. WP on November 17. She will distribute the equipment and record all the necessary details.

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WHEATON PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

WHEATON LIGHT-A-HOLIDAY PARADE

Friday, November 25 is the Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade. We remind you that **all Cadets** as well as **parents and siblings of any band member** are welcome to march with us, behind the band. If you have jingle bells bring them along to shake while you are marching. Instructions follow.

- **ALL participants must wear a traditional, plain, Santa hat made of fake fur, red with white trim** (large enough to cover ears is good) and normal winter dress outerwear for the parade – dress for the weather.
- **Wear dark pants and, ideally, black shoes, to keep a uniform look.**
- Mittens that allow you to uncover your fingers would be helpful, or perhaps a pair of gloves with the fingertips cut off, for clarinets. Try playing your instrument at home while wearing them.
- Some find it helpful to bring a bunch of their own **HAND-WARMER PACKETS** in their pockets for keeping both their hands and instruments warm.
- Bring your **FLIP-FOLDER AND LYRE**, loaded with the songs we are performing.

- A battery-operated clip-light or headband-style light will improve your reading/seeing the music in the dark.
- Those with larger instruments, such as tubas, sousaphones and percussion, please consider decorating your instrument with a battery-operated string of Christmas lights. This is not required but, if you are able to do so, it adds a festive touch to the band's appearance.

We will gather at 5pm in the parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner of Wesley St and Wheaton Ave). Step-off is 6pm. Our unit number will be in the 11/17 Rehearsal Notes along with specifics on where we will dismiss after the parade. The preferred way to enter the parking lot/staging area is to go south on Wheaton Avenue. Do not try to enter the staging area from Hale or Wesley Streets, as you will be redirected. If needed, look for a Wheaton Police Officer or Parade Staging Marshall in an Orange Vest for instructions.

POST-PARADE GATHERING

Band families are invited to gather immediately after the parade at the Portillo's/Barnelli's on North Avenue, one business east of the McDonalds on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road; 235 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights. Just a reminder, given the current situation with lower staff numbers, please be patient as the speed of service may not be what we're accustomed to.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

November 17 - Cadets' Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal (at Resurrection)

Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

November 21 - MONDAY - Spring trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.

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

November 25 - FRIDAY evening - CONFIRMED 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 1 - Cadets' Winter Performance

Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

Cadet arrival time **3:45pm-**

LOCATION - Commons Hall in the Commons Building at 332 E

Seminary Ave, Wheaton, directly ACROSS Seminary Avenue from College Church

Regular arrival times and practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and

Symphonic.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL BRASS PLAYERS - Because the space is carpeted you will need to bring your OWN towel/rag to use when you have to clear your water key/spit valve.

Nothing at Resurrection on December 1

DECEMBER 1 is also the DEADLINE for:

- **Spring registrations, rentals, - forms and fees are due.**

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

Registration includes a parent signing-up for the required Booster hours on the **WSHSB Sign-Up Schedule**

AND indicating those hours on the registration form. It also includes a completed and signed Commitment

page along with all fees and a rental form and fee(s) if applicable. **Late fees are applicable after this date.**

See reg. form or Fee Schedule on FORMS/DOCS for particulars. Know that these forms and fees may be returned prior to this date at any band practice.

Sweeper Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 11/17 - Justin B

SECTIONALS FOR 11-17-22

Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Saxes	Under Stairs
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Trumpets	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Flutes	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Trombones	Under Stairs
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Saxes	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	2nd, 3rd Clarinets	Utility Room

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

SECTIONALS – 4:45-5:00pm – UNDER STAIRS – Saxes on Mozart Melody

Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.

KITCHEN – Trumpets w/Mrs. Svebakken, review lip slurs (C to G)

Also drill hitting “G”/long note and holding it

ATTENTION CADET PARENTS

December 1 is the deadline for returning Spring Registrations.

Cadets should bring their Spring Registrations by their last day, December 1

Or mail them TO ARRIVE BY December 1 to avoid late fees.

CADET PERFORMANCE PROGRAM PROOFING

November 17 is the only chance for Cadet members to check the roster proof sheets at the front table at practice. We need you to check the spelling of your name and that you're listed under the correct instrument. Make corrections if necessary or email Mrs. W-P. This will help avoid errors in the Performance program.

*****CADET DRESS REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE*****

The Cadet Dress Rehearsal is **November 17 at Resurrection** and the Performance is on **December 1 at the Commons Building in Wheaton**. **ALL band members must come to BOTH dressed in CONCERT DRESS**. All cadets must **arrive at 4:15** for the Dress Rehearsal and **3:45** for the concert to assist with unloading and set-up so they can be in their seats ready to play by 5:00. at which time we will tune the band. **CONCERT DRESS** includes a plain, button-front white shirt/blouse buttoned to the neck, and black pants/skirt and shoes. Refer to the Handbook, page 13, or the Dress Code on our Forms Documents page, for complete specifics regarding socks, panty hose and acceptable/unacceptable clothing styles. We will be observing your dress for compliance.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DRESSED ACCORDING TO THE DRESS CODE
OR ARE LATE YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM.**

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*We will use podium etiquette at all rehearsals through the Performance*  
*Director steps off podium – Instruments down*  
*Director steps on podium – Instruments upright, to one side*  
*Director raises arms – Instruments up in playing position*  
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HOMEWORK:

1. **ALL CADET TRUMPETS** – You need to **practice DAILY** – lip slurs, alternating between C and G, in order to improve/increase the ability to correctly reach and then hold the higher notes.
2. Rhythms - p. 42 - lines 29, 33
3. Homework – Practice Performance songs.
4. **Practice these songs daily for Cadet Performance on Dec 1.**
YOU MUST PRACTICE 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
- 53 Aura Lee, A-Woodwinds, B-Brass
- 54 Frere Jacques – round, **Woodwind and bells group A, Brass group B**
- 55 When the Saints Go Marching In
- 56 Old MacDonald Had a Band
- 57 Ode to Joy
- 38 Jingle Bells – ENCORE **Add in repeat**

NOTE: Taking into consideration our very large percussion section, players, please play quieter than the dynamic markings indicate.

REMINDER: ALL BASS DRUMMERS - need to mute one side with your hand, and play quieter, please. Thank you.

See past notes in our online Rehearsal Notes Archive for more info about accessing song recordings and the mnemonic aids for How to Recognize Notes on the staff.

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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL BRASS PLAYERS** – You need to bring your OWN towel/rag every week. Use when you have to clear your water key/spit valve. There is too much water accumulating on the floor in the section.

**FOR ALL BANDS - DYNAMICS NEED WORK** - In general **ALL** our *mp*, *p* and *pp* dynamic markings must be played MUCH quieter.

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Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm – KITCHEN – Flutes work on ACCIDENTALS

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK – Rhythms 29 and 33
Warm up Eb Ex 163, chorale
Pg 6 Warm-ups and Pg 9 Ex 40-42

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/01/22 EMAIL*******

- Eine Kleine
- Gaslight Gaities
Review all transitions: 8 before B, 8 before C, 6 before E
- Lexington March
Play all *p* dynamics quieter
- Mama Piquita
Practice with metronome set to 145
- Shenandoah
QUIZ – Saxes 8-20 – look up, watch director for tempo throughout
- Te Deum Prelude

God Bless America

Paul Simon

Star Spangled Banner

We Need a Little Christmas for parade

Christmas Spectacular for parade

The following song will be played/revisited for Spring Trimester. Continue practicing to improve it.

Success March

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm – UNDER STAIRS Trombones - Cotton Eyed Joe at 61

Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.

KITCHEN – Saxes - Il Re Pastore at 111

UTILITY ROOM - 2nd and 3rd clarinets Cotton Eyed Joe at 25 and 41

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK – Rhythms 25 and 29

Warm up Eb Ex. 166, chorale 155

Pg 14 EX 63 - 67

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/01/22 EMAIL*******

Cotton Eyed Joe

QUIZZES - Saxes at 9,

Trombones at 61,

Flutes at 25

Flutes, clarinets and xylo at 41

Clarinets at 28 and 41

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Il Re Pastore

QUIZ – Saxes at 111

Mañana (march size)

ATTENTION - At 18 no solo, all trumpets play

Mussorgsky!

QUIZ – Whole band at 12

Saxes, French horns, trumpets at 70

Woodwinds and trumpets at 12, 36-48, 62-75

to be played very slowly to check note accuracy/accidentals

NOTE: Measure before 48 (47) will be conducted in 4/4

Pixar Movie Magic

Springtime Festival March

French horns practice the trio

QUIZ – French horns at trio,

Trumpets at 108 plus 2nd ending

God Bless America

Paul Simon

Star Spangled Banner

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Christmas Spectacular for parade

The following songs will be played/revisited for Spring Trimester. Continue practicing to improve them.

Balladair

Lady of Spain (march size)

Menuetto

Sir Lancelot

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm – NONE

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK – Warm-up Exercise 161, 162, 151

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/01/22 EMAIL*******

Fanfare and Flourishes

Proper execution of *fp* = after briefly playing at *f*; immediately reduce volume down to *p* and stay at *p* much longer to create better dynamic effect/contrast.

Alvamar Overture

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

QUIZ All woodwinds 21 to 23

Bésame Mucho

Goal tempo is 132

In the Bleak Midwinter

QUIZ – French horns at 1-8
Bells at 16

Le Regiment

ALL - 2nd time, play 2nd ending of the TRIO only

Marriage of Figaro

QUIZ –All woodwinds - first six measures, plus J to K, P to R,

Pines of Rome, The

NOTE: Need to start quiet and stay quieter until the end

Rhapsody of Reruns

QUIZ – Low brass at 115 for Dragnet transition
Woodwinds at 159 Mash for rhythmic accuracy

Symphonic Overture (for Spring trimester)

Note to director - resume at Ancora, 7 after 22

TRUMPETS – Trumpets need to add an additional (4th) measure of rest, before the pick up measure to the “stringendo” measure. This should create eight (8) full measures, between #19 and #20, in all the trumpet music.

Percussionists – Music is now in your personal file as well as the cube

God Bless America

Paul Simon

Star Spangled Banner

We Need a Little Christmas for parade

Christmas Spectacular for parade

GENERAL NOTES

Horn Stash in Palatine - Black Friday Weekend Garage Sale Nov. 25 & 26

TONS of our new instruments and accessories will be heavily DISCOUNTED for 2 DAYS ONLY. Quantities will be EXTREMELY LIMITED, and sale prices will apply to in-stock items only, so be sure to come early! 20% off select NEW trombones, 25% off NEW Buffet saxophones, 20% off select high brass, Clearance Student Instruments, Deals on step-ups from every family, 50% off of select accessories. Use your directory to contact Mrs. Mergen if you would like to see the complete email with specific details, brands and models.

ABOUT THE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST (SEC)

Our annual Solo and Ensemble Contest is an exciting and much anticipated musical event. Our 22st annual SEC will be held on a **Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9am to @2:30pm**. Location is Christ Presbyterian Church, 903 E. Nerge Rd., Roselle 60172. ALL band members, Cadet through Symphonic, are encouraged to participate in the SEC. Students have the opportunity to prepare solos and/or ensembles of their choice and perform them for a judge who then rates their performance. There is no competition; rather, students strive for their personal best. Judge's decisions are final.

There is an SEC intention sheet at the front table for those who think they might in the SEC to simply put their name down. Registrations won't begin, until January. Due to the complexity involved in scheduling, no special

time requests will be granted. Therefore, all members are expected to reserve their day for the SEC, ensuring their availability for any/all times. See our SEC webpage for more information.

The director would love to see all members, Cadet through Symphonic, participate and would like to have section leaders (1st chairs) organize others in their sections for an ensemble.