

2019-2020 BAND BEGINS

September 2019

19 – OVERVIEW AND ORIENTATION MEETING

Location – Resurrection Church, Wayne, NW corner of Route 59 & Army Trail Road

6:30pm – Return of Band Property

- Those performing at the Crossroads Football game should **keep their hat**. All others should return their laundered marching hat **WASHED AND FULLY DRIED** or pay \$20 fine for unreturned/missing hat
- Return **Completed Music Return Form** (FORMS/DOCUMENTS) with summer music. **See instructions below for returning music, including an IMPORTANT note for those playing at the Crossroads Football Game on Saturday, October 5, regarding music and hat to keep.**
- Return ALL audition music and packets.
- Return any wind instruments loaned out for summer marching, etc.
- Return black band pants and Symphonic Blue jackets if outgrown or no longer needed.
 - **Return jackets** with \$5 cash and we will have the jacket dry-cleaned. We have eliminated the need for jackets to be returned dry-cleaned with tag/receipt attached
 - **Return pants** laundered.
- Percussionists – return **ALL** marching percussion equipment

@6:45pm – Music pick-up for all members (not Cadets), new and returning

- Pick-up 1st trimester music (additional songs may be distributed at band)
- Pick-up Audition recordings/DVD's

@7:00pm – OVERVIEW portion of the meeting begins.

Note: Meeting may start earlier if all returns and music pick-up is completed.

All returning parents are expected to attend the Overview Meeting at 7pm as this is the only meeting with the director for the entire year. Returning parents may leave after the Overview portion or remain for the Orientation Meeting. **All new members are also required to come along with your parent(s) to this meeting.**

After the Overview portion we ask that Returning Members do not stay to socialize in the hall out of respect for the new members who will have their Orientation Meeting afterwards. The noise makes it difficult to hear. We also need to ask you to not gather in the parking lot as we do not have that permission for that. Perhaps you can meet at a nearby restaurant.

@8:00 – 9pm - ORIENTATION MEETING and Q&A *Note: Meeting may start earlier if music pick-up is completed and the Overview portion concluded.*

All new members are required to come along with your parent(s) to this meeting.

26 – FIRST BAND PRACTICE – Resurrection Church, Wayne (NW corner of Route 59 & Army Trail Road)

We NEED regular assistance of all Cadets and their parents at weekly practices! There is a large amount of unloading and set-up required to prepare for the evening's band rehearsals. The more parents and students helping, the faster set-up will go. **Any Cadets arriving at or just before 5:15 are already late!!!**

At 4:30 all Cadet PERCUSSIONISTS and their parents must

1. Help unload the trailer
2. Carry in the unloaded percussion equipment
3. Assist in setting-up all the percussion equipment in the percussion section.

At 4:30 all Cadet WIND players and their parents must assist the parent helper in charge with setting-up chairs in Cornelius hall. When that task is finished then help carry in any music files and remaining percussion equipment.

ALL ARE EXPECTED TO HELP.

- 5:15-6:00 – Cadet Band
- 6:00-7:00 – Concert Junior Band
- 7:00-8:00 – Concert Senior Band
- 8:00-9:00 plus (as director chooses according to need) – Symphonic Band
- 9:00-9:30 – Reset hall by Symphonic members, plus sweeping and trash tasks
 - See Handbook for specific help needed.

Note: All members must arrive @15 minutes before their band begins practice to allow for instrument set-up, etc. During the concert season, those assigned to a sectional (not Cadets) need to arrive 30 minutes early to be ready for their any sectional scheduled at quarter to the hour. Check sectional times in Rehearsal Notes.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING MUSIC**

**1. IMPORTANT - ANYONE PLAYING FOR THE CROSSROADS FOOTBALL GAME on Saturday, October 5, should KEEP THEIR HAT AND ALL SUMMER MUSIC – do not return your hat or any summer music.**

**2. Those NOT playing for Crossroads** - Print out a Marching Music Return Form from Members' News or Forms/Documents (Coming on Wednesday afternoon, 9/18). Fill-in your name and return form with marching music to music collectors. Bring cash on 9/19 to pay \$1 for each missing/damaged page of music. Bring singles as we may not be able to make change. If you cannot be there, give your form and music to someone else to return. **DO NOT GIVE IT TO MR. OR MRS. BOROW!** All music will be sorted that night. Late returns cause MUCH extra work.

**THOSE WITH BAND OWNED INSTRUMENTS – This DOES NOT apply to those who are renting from WSHSB or have a specific loaner from the director.** Anyone else with band owned wind and/or percussion equipment must return that equipment this Thursday, 9/19. Nothing should remain stored in anyone's home other than the aforementioned rentals/loaners.

### **JUNIOR, SENIOR & SYMPHONIC**

1. Anyone returning audition music on 9/19 should keep packets for each band separate in alpha order. Paperclip your name and band level to each band's packet.
2. All will be receiving music for the Winter trimester on 9/19. The list of distributed music will be in the Opening Letter which will be emailed to all after the meeting on Thursday. If you are missing music, whether a page or an entire song, or you think there is an error in what you received, SEND A DETAILED EMAIL TO MRS. BOROW a.s.a.p. explaining what you need, etc. Know that no corrections will be made to music distributed at the Overview and Orientation Meeting. You will receive what you need as soon as possible in the following weeks.

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Additional, helpful information

BAND COMMUNICATIONS VIA WEBSITE

The two most important tools for communication with the Band are the Band's website, www.wshsb.org and the weekly Rehearsal Notes. These are our **primary means of communication year-round.** We send email only when absolutely necessary.

Rehearsal Notes are usually posted online by Friday evening on the Members' News page. During the two concert trimesters, **it is the responsibility of both parents and students** to read these weekly notes which include

- Important Dates and Deadlines
- Sectional Chart for the following week which generally require earlier arrival times.
IMPORTANT NOTE: SECTIONALS ARE MANDATORY
- Sweeping/Trash Assignments for after Symphonic Band the next week
- MUSIC NOTES – “Homework” Sectional assignments and directives for practicing during the week
- GENERAL NOTES – for both parents and students

Other important web pages you will use throughout the year include -

[Forms/Documents](#) with its general reference information and various forms you will need

[WSHSB Calendar](#) - soon to be updated and continually updated throughout the year as necessary

[Boosters](#) with volunteer job descriptions and link to the online sign-up site

[Rehearsal Notes Archive](#) for accessing past Rehearsal Notes. There is nothing there right now but there will be after the 9/26 Rehearsal Notes are posted.

BAND BUDDY SYSTEM

We have a Band Buddy System where experienced families answer questions from new families and help them as needed to navigate their way through the system so the band experience is not so overwhelming. Sign up at the front table to get a buddy or be a buddy.

WSHSB ON FACEBOOK

If you belong to Facebook, search for the West Suburban Home School Band, WSHSB. It is a closed group so you need to request to join and be approved. This has become a very popular additional means of communication for band members and parents alike. Many take advantage of it.

Much more information will be available after the Orientation and Overview Meeting on 9/19.