

10-08-15 Rehearsal Notes

The **2015-2016 Handbook and Agreement** are available on our [Forms/Documents](#) page. We refer to the handbook frequently for details which will not be duplicated in the notes. *Every family must read/review the Handbook and return the signed agreement at the front table by 10/29.*

IMPORTANT - HANDBOOK UPDATED 10/10/15

There has been a change in who will be the jacket and pants coordinator for 2015-2016. The position will now be covered by Mr. Burt Andrews and his wife, Mrs. Pamela Andrews as a team. In addition a statement has been added to the "Jacket and Pants Fitting" item on page 17 of the Handbook which reads: **Except for fitting day in November, all jackets and pants must be turned in directly to Mr. or Mrs. Andrews – NOT to Mrs. Borow /to any Borow family member/placed in their van and or brought to their house.**

ATTENTION JR, SR and SYM PERCUSSIONISTS

Email Mrs. Borow if you still have a flip-folder from summer marching and then bring it to band on 10/15. In the future if you are assigned to bass or snare and need a flip-folder, you must provide your own.

All percussionists playing for the COD performance must go home on 10/15 with all distributed football music and the following percussion equipment; drums, carriers, mallets, cymbals and bass/snare flip folders.

Preliminary percussion part assignments for all band levels will be emailed this coming week.

ATTENTION CADETS AND CADET PARENTS (the Handbook has been updated as follows)

We NEED regular assistance of 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. Many hands make light the work! Also please note below the **newly adjusted, REQUIRED ARRIVAL TIME OF 4:45pm**. Mrs. Borow aims to be there 15 minutes earlier, at 4:30, barring any unexpected problems that might arise. Any Cadets arriving at or just before 5:15 are already late!!!

At 4:45 all Cadet percussionists and their parents must

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

At 4:45 all Cadet wind players and their parents must assist Mrs. Williams 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.

******EMAIL TEST******

There remain 23 people who have not replied to the email test request sent 9/26. Please reply soon to avoid our having to send another email request.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 15 – **DEADLINE** for the **Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade** Sign-up
Parade is **November 27**, the day after Thanksgiving

October 17 - **COD Homecoming** half-time performance by volunteers from marching band
See more details in the Football item at the end of Music Notes.

October 22 – **NO BAND** due to Borow family personal plans

October 29 – **DEADLINE** for returning the signed Handbook Agreement

Band Apparel Order **DEADLINE**

October 31 - **Crossroads Football** performance by volunteers from marching band

See more details the Football item at the end of Music Notes.

November 10 – Tuesday evening, **7:30 – 8:30 pm** – Black uniform pants for all and Symphonic blue jacket fitting/exchange - Location TBA in Rehearsal Notes

Sweeping/Trash Assignments for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/15 – Emma T, Sarah M

SECTIONALS FOR 10-15-15

Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	French horns	Kitchen
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Saxes	Hall
Cadet	5:15-5:45pm	Percussion	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Baritones	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Trumpets	Hall
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Flutes	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Trombones	Hall
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Oboes	Utility Room
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Clarinets, flutes, oboes	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Trumpets, French horns	Hall

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

SECTIONALS – 5:00-5:15pm KITCHEN – French horns with Grace Draper

HALL – Saxes with Mr. Frusher

5:15-5:45pm KITCHEN Percussion with Mary B - bring bells.

Work on this week's bell assignments

FOR HOMEWORK –

Reminder - 6 week evaluations are 3 rehearsals away

NOTE – Bells will be split at rehearsals and the performance which means the floor position of bells from the rehearsal on 10/8 needs to be maintained in the same order to coincide with part assignments. When there are two bell parts in a song the front row plays A and the back row plays B.

1. Practice these songs daily for the Cadet Performance on December 3.

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 and front row of bells

B-Brass and back row of bells

24 Listen to Our Sections

2. All Cadets should play the "Notes in Review" in the yellow box on page 6 - 10 times a day.

QUIZ for all on Notes in review

3. Work on pages 8 and 9, **playing along with recordings. Adjust tempo if you are able.**

3. Page 42 - rhythm lines 1, 2, 3

Using whatever means you currently have available to you, for daily practice, listen to the recording for each exercise 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).

BRASS: It is imperative for brass players, to play with the recordings! It would be helpful if you can set your player on "repeat." Whether you can or not, play all the odd exercises (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) and do each one separately for several minutes. Parents please listen while your student plays, to hear whether or not they are matching the right pitch. Focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening). It will take regular practice to match pitches and reach high notes.

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

ATTENTION - All members need to check the seating charts every week and be seated according to the order indicated as changes continue to occur thru out the season. Refer to the lists and seating charts posted at band. **You need to be in your correct, currently assigned chair every week.**

ESPECIALLY FOR PERCUSSIONISTS

Any percussion member who is not assigned a part to play in a song is to be seated quietly in the chairs provided. No one is to leave the percussion section during their band time. Likewise no one should enter or be in the percussion area if they are not playing in that specific band.

CHECK YOUR FOLDER

Be sure to check your folders for new music, before you take your seat. New music may be used for sight-reading that same night. At this point all music listed in the Rehearsal Notes has been distributed, but more will be coming. If you are missing music currently on your band's list, email Mrs. Borow as soon as possible, DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY TO TELL HER.

IMPORTANT - MARK TITLES ON ALL PAGES

On any song with multiple pages check to make sure the title is at the top of each page. If it is not there, use a pencil to print the title at the top of each page. It is difficult to put in order if your music is knocked off the stand.

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 – Baritones with Mrs. Stevenson on Colonel Bogey melody lines
HALL – Trumpets with Mr. Tews and Sam P on Greenland
and then Troika for articulation if time

Colonel Bogey

Children of the Regiment

Land of the Brave

Star-Spangled Banner

QUIZ Trumpets at C

God Bless America

QUIZ French horns and saxes at opening

Üsküdar

When Koalas Do the Conga with the Kangaroos

QUIZ Percussion

Troika

Greenland

Dark Eyes

De Colores

On the Road Again

6:50 – 7:10, plan to stay later each week if participating

Football music practice with Senior band

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm KITCHEN – Flutes with Noel H on [White Eagle](#)

HALL – Trombones with Mr. King and Phil C on [White Eagle](#)

UTILITY ROOM – Oboes with Sarah on [White Eagle](#)

NOTE: All those playing for football games should leave their sectional 5 minutes before the hour to join football music practice.

6:50 – 7:10, plan to come early each week if participating

Football music practice with Junior band

Colonel Bogey

Children of the Regiment

White Eagle - A Polish Rhapsody

QUIZ - Anyone with runs at the beginning

Baritones @25

March in F

Danzon

Swedish Hymn of Praise

Italian Holiday

Irish Suite

God Bless America

Amboss Polka

7:50 – 8:10, plan to stay late each week if participating

Football music practice with Symphonic band

De Janeiro Daze (PERC ONLY) with Symphonic band

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm KITCHEN – Clarinets, flutes, oboes with Micah F on [Scheherazade](#),

Allegro molto – Lento, Vivo – 3, 4-5, 5-6, 7-12, do more, if time. Strive for all woodwinds to line up correctly with tempo/beats, as well as correct notes

HALL – Trumpets and French horns with Mary B on [Scheherazade](#)

Recitative, Allegro molto – Lento, Vivo – 6, do more, if time. Strive for all trumpets and horns line to line up correctly with tempo/beats, as well as correct notes.

NOTE: All those playing for football games should leave their sectional 5 minutes before the hour to join football music practice.

7:50 – 8:10, plan to com early each week if participating

Football music practice with Senior band

De Janeiro Daze (PERC ONLY) with Senior band

Bleak Midwinter, In the

Scherezade

Bugler's Holiday

QUIZ – Trumpet trio, percussion and low brass from beginning, tempo 160

Libertango – clarinet ensemble

Entry of the Gladiators

Happy Birthday – small ensemble

Land of Make Believe

Colonel Bogey

Children of Regiment

Clarinet Polka

QUIZ - Low brass and percussion, starting at 13, tempo 138

Pines of Rome, The

Star-Spangled Banner

God Bless America

Bartered Bride Polka

ATTENTION FOOTBALL VOLUNTEERS

There may be additional practice for football game music and/or [De Janeiro Daze](#) with available members after Symphonic practice is finished.

PERCUSSIONISTS – There will be no cube with station music in black folders at these games. **You must bring and use your own flip-folder.**

COD Homecoming – Saturday, October 17

ATTENTION: Instructions for the COD Homecoming have changed from what was here earlier. Complete instructions are accessible on our Member's News page or use this link → [COD Homecoming Instructions](#)

Crossroads Crusaders Homecoming Game – Saturday, October 31

Game will be played at Aurora Christian School, 2255 West Sullivan Road, Aurora.

Kick-off time is 2PM. An earlier, on site, combined rehearsal may be scheduled before the game. You will most likely be required to arrive at 12pm. Watch Rehearsal Notes for more details as we get closer to game day.

Musicians and those who are also part of the band (i.e. flag bearers etc.) will be admitted free. There is a nominal charge for parents and other siblings that would like to come and watch the game.

The following list is all the music which has been passed out.

Email Mrs. Borow if you are missing something.

All those playing for the football game may need additional pages for their flip folders once we have an accurate playlist.

Salute to America's Finest

Jock Jams **Link to recording** → [Jock Jams](#)

Quickstand Packs **Link to recording** → [Quickstand Picks](#)

Fox Sports

On Wisconsin

Boogie Shoes **Link to recording** → [Boogie Shoes](#)

Hawaii 5-0

Magnificent 7

Sweet Georgia Brown

Hey Song

Rah Rah

Star Spangled Banner - *only for those playing at Crossroads.*

These last five are from Summer Marching

American Pride

Spirit of America

This is My Country

Grand Old Flag

God Bless America

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## GENERAL NOTES

**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE SIGN-UP** – We must already plan for the WSHSB Christmas Season Performance. In the Handbook, read about The Wheaton Light-a-Holiday Parade which is on Friday, November 27. The sign-up sheet is at the front tables. You need not have marched before to participate in the Wheaton parade and Cadets may march as part of the Patriot Auxiliary. **PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP SO WE CAN GET A FINAL COUNT AND BEGIN MUSIC DISTRIBUTION. Sign-up deadline is October 15.** Only those who sign up by the deadline will receive music.

**BAND APPAREL ORDER** – The order form was emailed to all families on October 7. It will not be on the web because it contains personal contact information. Orders will be taken through the deadline, **October 29**.

### **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST (SEC)**

Our annual Solo and Ensemble Contest is an exciting and much anticipated musical event. Our 15th SEC will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2016**. 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.

Now is the time to begin preparing, planning and choosing appropriate music. Do not wait until it is time for registration. **The director would love to see all members participate and would like to have section leaders (1st chairs) already begin canvassing others in their sections to put together an ensemble.** Still others can plan duets. We will try to reserve space and a convenient time for ensembles and duets to practice together on rehearsal nights.

If you need ideas for music to perform there is a JW Pepper Solo and Ensemble music catalog at the front table for reference. Another resource is <http://www.stantons.com/>. Click on Instrument Solos, Ensembles, Methods under Browse Categories at the top of the page. Many titles have a recording you can listen to. A reminder to Cadets, Juniors and Seniors - You may use a solo from your Essential Element book if you like.

We have had particular recommendations from the judges. These can help guide your choices for solos in particular.

1. Preferably, all solo piece(s) would be classical and not contemporary/popular.
2. Ideally, all students should play with an accompanist. First choice would be a pianist, second choice a CD.
3. In general, judges have observed that students frequently are playing music below their level/ability. Students should be playing more challenging pieces.

With point two above in mind, **the director also asks that any accomplished pianists in our band consider volunteering to play as an accompanist for one or more SEC solo entries.** Please submit your name at the front table.

Before you know it, it will be time for the SEC statement of intention, which will be followed by the actual registration some weeks later. Both will be announced in the Rehearsal Notes. See our SEC webpage for more information.

### **SEC REHEARSING ON BAND NIGHTS**

We are thrilled to have increasing, solid interest in forming SEC ensembles. They are well-organized and well-prepared. For many years this was not the case. As many are aware, for at least the last year or two, we have allowed time and space for SEC practices during normal band rehearsals. We feel a change is necessary.

With so many members missing during a portion of one or more of their band's rehearsals, we have found it to be detrimental to our primary purpose on Thursday nights. A band does not sound the same with multiple parts going vacant. It has also caused scheduling problems with our regular sectionals in addition to being more disruptive. **Therefore while there may be limited time and space for SEC rehearsals, no one may miss their regular band rehearsal for an SEC rehearsal.**

### **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 and Toys R Us 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 the store and mall are on the right (north) side of the street, just past Pheasant Run Resort.
- McDonalds has a Play Place down on the corner of RT 59 and North Avenue.

- Steak and Shake and Hardee's are on North Avenue in front of Menards, west of RT 59.
- Hobby Lobby, 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 nice big 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.