

10-06-16 Rehearsal Notes

The updated **2016-2017 Handbook and Agreement** will be available on our [Forms/Documents](#) page early next week. 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 **November 3**.*

NEW RHYTHM CLASSES

Read in General Notes details for Rhythm classes, Cadets included. Everyone must bring a copy **Winning Rhythms**. Link is below. Juniors should also bring their **GOLD EE book** and Seniors their **RED EE book**.

BOOSTER JOBS OPEN FOR OCTOBER 20

Because there will now be rehearsals on Thursday October 20 there are 7 job openings needing to be filled by volunteers. Use this link to sign-up → [Sign-Up Schedule for 10/20](#)

BAND DIRECTORY COMING

Check your band folder on 10/13 for this year's band directory.

NEW BUDDY SYSTEM

We are trying to institute a brand new Buddy System. Experienced families can 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. Currently there are 4 families willing to be a buddy but only 2 families asking for a buddy. Sign up at the front table to get a buddy or be a buddy.

UPCOMING PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES –

See details in General Notes for

1. UIC Honor Band Festival – You must notify director your intent **by 10/10**
2. Wheaton College Brass Day, 11/5, for high school brass players.

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

There remain 6 people who have not replied to the email test request sent 9/29 to the newest addresses. Please reply soon to avoid our having to send another email request or call.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 13 – 1. Band Apparel Order Forms to be emailed to all families.
Delay is due to waiting for finalized pricing. Order deadline is TBA.

2. **SIGN-UP DEADLINE** for the
Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade
on **November 25**, the day after Thanksgiving

October 20 – **Added back** - Regular practices at Resurrection. Borow family plans changed.
Read above about open Booster jobs needing to be filled for that evening.

October 27 – Band Apparel Order **DEADLINE**

November 03 – **DEADLINE** for returning signed Handbook Agreements

November 15 – Tuesday evening, **7:30 – 8:30 pm** – Black uniform pants for all and
Symphonic blue jacket fitting/exchange at the Borows.
You must sign-up in advance. See Rehearsal Notes for more info.

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

November 25 – **FRIDAY evening** – **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.

November 28 – **MONDAY**- Winter trimester, **BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS** to be
RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.

Sweeping/Trash Assignments for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/13 – Hannah T, Rebecca T

SECTIONALS FOR 10-06-16

Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	NONE	Cornelius Hall
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	NONE	Kitchen
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	NONE	Hall
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	NONE	Utility Room
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Percussion	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Low brass	Hall
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Oboes	Utility Room
Junior	7:10-7:25pm	Those recommended for RHYTHMS	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Trombones	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Clarinets	Hall
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Top 3 Trumpets	Utility Room
Senior	8:10-8:25pm	Those recommended for RHYTHMS	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	French horns	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Percussion	Hall
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Trombones	Utility Room

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

NO SECTIONALS DUE TO WEEK 4 EVALUATIONS

SECTIONALS – 5:00-5:15pm CORNELIUS HALL – NONE

KITCHEN – NONE

HALL – NONE

UTILITY ROOM – NONE

Notice - 4 WEEK CADET EVALUATIONS will be held on 10/13 - Students will be asked to demonstrate articulation, perform rhythms accurately as well as the 5 notes in review and perhaps one of their exercises.

FOR HOMEWORK –

1. Work on pages 8/9
2. Complete exercise 32 which will be checked at band.
3. Page 42 - rhythm lines 13 and 17
4. **Practice these songs daily for the Cadet Performance on December 8.**
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
B-Brass
24 Listen to Our Sections
5. As stated in the Rhythm Class item in General Notes, all Cadets should printout ALL 32 pages (double-sided if possible) of the book Winning Rhythms using this link → [WINNING RHYTHMS](#). Staple the pages together and write your name on it. Bring it with you to band each week.

For daily practice, using whatever means you currently have available to you, listen to the recording for each exercise and try to match the pitch and tone. Use proper tonguing. If you currently have the CD-Rom or online access you can adjust tempo. 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: 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. Focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening). It will take regular practice to reach the notes. Parents please listen while your student plays, to hear whether or not they are hitting the right pitch.

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

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 Paul Simon will be coming to Junior and Senior. If you are missing music currently on your band's list, tell Mrs. Borow at band, otherwise email her as soon as possible, DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT THURSDAY TO TELL HER.

SEATING CHARTS- 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.**

BRASS PLAYERS- Before you come to band do all oiling of valves and adjusting at home.

BRING TUNERS - If you own a tuner, bring it each week and tune your instrument before your band time begins. Tuners are also available at the front table.

METRONOME - Use a metronome in your daily practice.

Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm KITCHEN – Percussion w/Josh on Paul Simon and cadences

HALL – Low Brass w/principals on Tu Ungane

UTILITY ROOM – Oboes w/principals on Te Deum

7:10-7:25pm KITCHEN – RHYTHMS – All those recommended

RED EE BOOK – Review Yellow boxes on page 6 and 7. Director will announce Warm-up Ex and Rhythms.

Choucouné

Discovery Overture

God Bless America

Guantanamera

Hungarian Dance No. 5

March Trio (*Little Giant, Independentia, Stars and Stripes Forever*)

All Junior band plays 2nd

Mister Joe

New World Symphony

Paul Simon – *Winds*, check your folder for music on 10/13

Star-Spangled Banner

Step to the Rear

Te Deum Prelude

Tu Ungane

6:50 – 7:10, All Junior band plan to stay later each week for combined music practice w/Senior band

Tap Step and roll-off

March Trio - Little Giant

ABC cadence and roll-off

March Trio - Independentia

1 and 2 cadence and roll-off

March Trio - Stars and Stripes Forever

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm KITCHEN – Trombones w/ principals on [Water Music](#), if time [Lauda Anima](#)
HALL – Clarinets w/ principals on [Water Music](#), if time [Lauda Anima](#)
UTILITY ROOM – Top 3 trumpets on [Triad](#)

8:10-8:25pm KITCHEN – RHYTHMS – All those recommended

6:50 – 7:10, All Senior band plan to come early each week for combined music practice w/Junior band
See song order listed above, under Junior band

RED EE BOOK – Review Yellow boxes on page 6 and 7. Director will announce Warm-up Ex and Rhythms.

Declaration Overture

Dixieland Parade

Finale from Symphony #3

God Bless America

Hall of Fame

Isle of Calypso

Error for 2nd flutes - At the end of measure 54 there should be a G quarter note. Add it IN PENCIL.

Practice with this link → [Isle of Calypso](#)

Lauda Anima

Madame Butterfly

March Trio (*Little Giant, Independentia, Stars and Stripes Forever*)

All Senior band plays 1st, except Simeon C, Jeff W and Audrey Y on 2nd

Medieval Fresco

Paul Simon – *Winds*, check your folder for music on 10/13

Star-Spangled Banner (Senior band will not play this first trimester 1, but will play trimester 2)

Triad

Water Music

In PENCIL, cross out repeat in measure 89. Last note of song will be directed as a fermata.

7:50 – 8:10, All Senior band plan to stay late each week for combined music practice w/Symphonic band
See song order listed above, under Junior band

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm KITCHEN – French horns with Anna on [Illiad](#)

HALL – Percussion w/principals on [Spiderman](#) and [Paul Simon](#)

UTILITY ROOM – Trombones w/principals on [Spiderman](#) and [Illiad](#)

7:50 – 8:10, All Symphonic band plan to come early each week for combined music practice w/Senior
See song order listed above, under Junior band

Abduction from the Seraglio

Barnum and Bailey's Favorite

Billboard March

Candide, Overture to

The 2/4 measure will be directed in one

Divinum Mysterium

God Bless America

Illiad

Practice with link on JW Pepper

La Paloma

Manzoni Requiem

March Trio (*Little Giant, Independentia, Stars and Stripes Forever*)

All Symphonic band plays 1st

Paul Simon

Theme from Spiderman

Star-Spangled Banner

GENERAL NOTES

UPCOMING PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES –

See details in General Notes for

1. **TIME SENSITIVE** UIC Honor Band Festival – You must notify director your intent **by 10/10**. The UIC 5th annual Honor Band Festival is November 11 to 13. Students are nominated by their director. If Symphonic members are interested in being nominated to participate, contact Mrs. Borow by 10/10. Contacting her assumes you are able to make all required commitments. Use this link → [UIC Honor Band Festival 2016](#) for additional information
2. Wheaton College Brass Day, 11/5. High school age brass players are encouraged to attend this wonderful day of master classes and more at Wheaton College. Use this link → [Wheaton College Brass Day Nov. 5](#) for additional information.

RHYTHM CLASSES

We are holding rhythm classes for those recommended by the director via email AND for any other interested band members. Improving rhythms is an integral part of auditioning each year and can better one's chances of moving up chair levels and even band levels. Correct rhythms can be more important than playing every single note correctly. The director will be emailing Concert Band members whom she feels could benefit from this class which will meet after the combined band practice near the top of the hour. Juniors will meet from @7:10 to 7:25pm while Seniors will meet from @8:10 to 8:25pm. Cadets will be generally be handled from 5:00 to 5:15pm.

ALL CADETS and ALL CONCERT BAND RHYTHM CLASS PARTICIPANTS should print out ALL 32 pages (double-sided if possible) of the book Winning Rhythms using this link → [WINNING RHYTHMS](#). Staple the pages together and write your name on it. Bring it with you to rhythm class. Juniors should also bring their **GOLD EE book** and Seniors their **RED EE book**.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE SIGN-UP - [Sign-up deadline is October 13](#). In the Handbook, read about The Wheaton Light-a-Holiday Parade which is on Friday, November 25. 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. [Only those who sign up by the deadline will receive music.](#)

BAND APPAREL ORDER – Emailing of order form is delayed to October 15 due to waiting for finalized pricing. The order deadline is TBA. The form will not be on the web because it contains personal contact information.

JACKET AND PANTS FITTING

It's time to check if you have everything you will need for the Cadet Performance and our Winter Concert. In the Handbook review the [Concert Dress Code](#) and [Jacket and Pants Fitting](#). All Symphonic members need a band-provided blue jacket.

We hold a jacket and pants fitting **only once a year**. After this one and only fitting opportunity everything is packed away and not accessible. This year's fitting date is **Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**. **YOU MUST SIGN-UP IF COMING**. There is a sign-up sheet at the front table or you may email Mr. Burt Andrews or Mrs. Pamela Andrews if you need to exchange or pick up a jacket or pants. Either way they need to know how many people to plan for and how many volunteers to recruit for assistance. They can also give you directions to the Borow's. If you need a jacket or pants and you have a conflict with the date or time, please let one of the Andrews know NOW so arrangements can be made before everything is packed away.

Except for the 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.

USED BAND CLOTHING

There is large blue bin at the front table where we accept donations of clothing which band members have outgrown or no longer need. This includes white dress shirts, long and short-sleeved, black pants and shoes. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will manage and bring the bin to and from band every week. Items are free to members who need them.

REGARDING OUTERWEAR JACKETS

The temperature is cooling and there now brand new coat racks in Cornelius Hall. Everyone is to hang their jacket on the coat rack. Do not leave it with your instrument case. **MAKE SURE YOUR JACKET IS LABELED!**

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.
- 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 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.