

05-09-19 Rehearsal Notes

DRESS REHEARSAL AND SPRING CONCERT INFORMATION

Since there is so much information specifically for the dress rehearsal and Winter Concert, **which are both at the Edman Memorial Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL** it is all contained in a separate document, “2018-2019 Spring Rehearsal – Concert Information.” It is accessible from our Member’s News page along with the 05-09-19 Rehearsal Notes. Parents and students need to review the document so all know what to expect. Every concert is a little bit different, especially in the area of logistics.

ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR FULL CONCERT DRESS TO BOTH THE DRESS REHEARSAL AND CONCERT

SEATING DOCUMENTS TO BE EMAILED - A day or two prior to the dress rehearsal you should receive the seating documents which show everyone’s assigned seat on stage or in the auditorium. Every individual band member should print a copy for their music folder for ready reference at the dress rehearsal and concert.

NOTE TO SYMPHONIC MEMBERS PLAYING IN JUNIOR

Symphonic members who play a different instrument in Junior must have their Symphonic instrument (for “And Dance”) with them on a stand or have some way to store that second instrument at their place during the Junior concert.

IMPORTANT - DRESS REHEARSAL PICK-UP TIME - Parents must arrive by 9:15pm to be ready to take your students home right after the dress rehearsal is finished. We apologize in advance if the wait is longer but we have no way to predict a more precise pick-up time and we cannot have an open-ended pick-up.

POST-CONCERT NOTES - There will be no Rehearsal Notes following the Dress Rehearsal. Rather you need to check Member’s News for the Post-Concert Notes once the concert is over. They will probably be posted sometime on Saturday or Sunday. Those notes are very important as they will contain specific instructions about all that happens on May 23.

CADET FAMILIES ARE INVITED

Friday, May 17, is the night of the Spring Concert at the Edman Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. We hope you will be able to attend. If that date does not work you may attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 16, but you would need to through the door on the north side of the building, adjacent to the parking lot. On the night of the concert, only band members use this back door. All other family members and concertgoers must enter the auditorium through Edman’s main doors. We hope to see you there.

*****NEW MARCHING DEVELOPMENT*****

There will now be two performances on the day of the County Fair Grand Opening, a Field Show (mid-afternoon) and (later afternoon) the usual marching down the midway to the flag ceremony. Those marching at the County Fair Grand Opening will be asked to stay past 12 pm, three days of band camp to prepare for the Field Show. On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, after lunch, we’ll plan to work on the Field Show from about 12:30 to 2 as needed. Exact Grand Opening details, including times for arrivals, and performances are being finalized.

SUMMER INSTRUMENT RENTALS

If you have a WSHSB owned instrument for the summer, **marching or not**, the summer rental fee was due on April 25. If you have not yet paid it is now **OVERDUE**. Please remit promptly with a completed rental form. Also remember, **ALL WSHSB OWNED INSTRUMENTS** must be brought to the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK** on May 23.

SEC AWARDS and BAND APPAREL – Both were distributed/delivered on 5/9. If you missed getting yours you can do so at our last gathering on May 23.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

May 16/17 – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal and Performance

May 23 – **CADETS MUST ATTEND WITH JR, SR, SYM**

1. Return of all band music w/music return forms
2. Return of all WSHSB rental/loaner instruments for the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK**
3. Return of all other band property
4. Marching music and hat distribution
5. Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers
6. Preliminary Marching practice

Cadets who will be marching **MUST ATTEND** on 5/23 for distribution of remaining summer marching music, marching hats and preliminary practice.

May 29 – Wednesday Music Filing at the Borows 10–12 noon and 12–2, sign-up required
3 openings remain a/o 5/9

May 30 AND June 6 – The following at Resurrection –

1. Instrument fittings, appointment necessary
Additional fittings/tryouts at the director's home by appointment on 7/16, 8/20 and 9/16..
2. **6:00 – 7:00- Percussion /drumline practice for parades, MARCHING CADET PERCUSSIONISTS ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND**

JUNE 12, 13, 14 - Mandatory Pre-camps – i.e. special camp sessions at DuPage County Fair Grounds,
9am to 12pm each day

- **12 Wednesday** – NEWCOMERS - Any student/adult (adults if schedule allows) totally new to marching or others as listed on our Summer Marching webpage, including any new (non-musician) students for guard unit.
- **13 Thursday** – PERCUSSION - All current and new marching percussionists
- **14 Friday** – RANK LEADERS – Director will approve rank leaders. See Summer Marching for details.

June 17-21 9am-12pm Full Marching Camp, 12:30–2:00 only County Fair participants stay

July 9 – Tuesday 9am-9pm, **Concert Senior and Symphonic Audition Music Release**
music must be picked-up **ONLY THIS DAY**

July 16 – Tuesday starting 9am - Instrument fittings/tryouts by appt. at director's home
Additional fittings/tryouts at director's home by appointment starting 9am on on 8/20 and 9/16.

July 22 – Monday, 7pm, Winter Trimester Booster jobs released, first come first served

August 1 – Thursday 9-**5pm** All Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic
Audition videos are due. Also deadlines for Winter Registration/fees and Rental forms w/fees.

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

Cadet families, while there are no more regular rehearsals be sure to check the 5-17-19 Post Concert Notes and the Tuesday Summer Notes during the summer for ongoing important band information.

ACCOLADES TO THE CADETS

Congratulations to the Cadet band on a wonderful year of musical efforts and progress. The concert was excellent and all should be proud of their accomplishments. Great work and keep practicing. It's never too soon to start preparing for auditions.

VERY IMPORTANT- May 23

May 23 is the final Concert Season Meeting after the Spring Concert AND official start of SUMMER MARCHING TRIMESTER. **ALL CADETS MUST ATTEND.** Band members arrive at 6 PM to do returns, etc.

- Return completed Cadet Music Return Form along with sheet music for Spring and Dancin' on the Bayou. **The fine for any full size missing music is \$4.00.** You are expected to pay your fines when you return your music. Come prepared to do so.
- MANDATORY Return/check-in of all WSHSB rental/loaner instruments (Cadets included) for the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK** even if you plan to re-rent one
- Return of any/all other band property
- **Cadets who will be marching MUST ATTEND on 5/23 for distribution of any remaining summer marching music and marching hats and preliminary marching practice.**
- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers
- 7:30 Preliminary marching practice - **bring your instrument, lyre and flip-folder**

Those not marching may leave after they have completed their return(s).

NOTE TO CADET PARENTS: The sooner you start this, the better. Review the Junior audition requirements with your student. It would be most productive to have them start practicing now. At the top of our Audition webpage see the document "Suggested Strategy for Auditioning." The 2019-2020 Requirements will be updated soon. **Reminder:** Correctly performing rhythms is a large factor in audition results and overall progression as a musician. It is essential for those interested in placing higher within any band or moving up a band.

WORKING LIST FOR JUNIOR BAND AUDITION – See important audition dates in calendar above.

Continue practicing the following daily.

Rhythm Studies on p.42 and 43, keep practicing all lines, working on about 4 lines at a time each day

174 – Half-Steppin'

181 – Scale Counting Conquest

185 – Performance Solo Spotlight

Cadets and parents, be sure to also read the General Notes further down.

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

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CONCERT REMINDERS FOR ALL

1. **Attention all Second Chair people** - All SECOND CHAIR people need to practice all solos in case the FIRST chair becomes ill and cannot make the concert.
2. **Break in new reeds now** - Do not expect to perform well at the concert with a brand new reed. You must have a couple reeds already BROKEN-IN prior to the dress rehearsal. Have more than one ready in case of breakage.
3. **Put your music in concert order as listed in these notes.**
4. **Cummerbunds and bowties** - **Cummerbunds and bow ties will be distributed at practice on May 9.** Band members must stop by the front table to pick up what is needed for their highest band. Everyone wears a bow tie. Concert Senior and Symphonic also wear a cummerbund. Do not just help yourself, but see one of the moms at the table.
5. **Review Dress Code and check fit of clothes NOW – shirt, pants, etc** - Remember, **FULL CONCERT DRESS is to be worn to Dress Rehearsal** and you will be observed for compliance. If you need a different size pants, shirt, or possibly shoes, feel free to ask Mr. or Mrs. Andrews about the **Clothing Box** for items donated by members who no longer need them.
6. **Lyre and Flip Folders needed for Concert** - Standing wind musicians from Cadet, Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic need to use a lyre and flip-folder at the Spring Concert. Be sure to label. Under **no circumstances** should it be cut to fit! Rather photocopy and reduce it.
 - Senior and Symphonic for Star Spangled Banner (*All play from the BLUE (Bb) side*)
 - Junior and Senior for God Bless America, Hawaii Five-O and Proud Mary

7. **About those tapping feet** - The sound of people tapping their feet to help keep time can be very apparent during rehearsals in Cornelius Hall, which has a SOLID, CONCRETE floor. This sound is magnified when on a stage that is hollow underneath as at Edman. Just lift your toes and do not tap the ball of your foot.

Junior (see notes above)

*****PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 2/5/19 EMAIL*****

Star Spangled Banner
Skygazer Fanfare
Chorale from Jupiter
Back to the Future
Moon River
Rings of Saturn
Little Star
Silver Blaze
Mystery Song by the group "Walk the Moon"
COMBINED Hawaii Five-O
God Bless America
ENCORE Proud Mary

Senior (see notes above)

*****PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 2/5/19 EMAIL*****

Star Spangled Banner
Celebration
Alleluia
Amber Moon
Regiment Returns, The
South of the Border
Star Trek Into Darkness
COMBINED Hawaii Five-O
God Bless America
ENCORE Proud Mary

Symphonic (see notes above)

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Star Spangled Banner
La Gazza Ladra
Oboe Sonata in D Major, Op. 166: I. Andantino (Oboe solo)
Hymn to the Fallen
Just Two (Percussion duet)
Concertino (Flute solo)
Star Wars
Fly Me to the Moon
Overture to Colas Breugnon
Mambo Greats
Ride of the Valkyries

COMBINED Hawaii Five-O
God Bless America
ENCORE Proud Mary



GENERAL NOTES

ATTENTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR PERCUSSION EARLY ARRIVAL TIME and LOADING TRAILER AFTER CONCERT

The director requires **all** Concert Junior and Concert Senior percussion members to assist
BOTH IN THE UNLOADING AND LOADING

of the percussion equipment on these two evenings for both the Winter and Spring concerts. This means that those two groups of percussionists need to arrive **by 5:30pm** so that the equipment will be in place by 6:00pm on both nights and remain after the concert to assist in the loading. Meet Mrs. Borow near our entrance on the back/north side of the building. Adjust your schedule to accommodate the earlier arrival and somewhat later departure.

NOTE: Occasionally, on the spot, the hall will allow us to leave the equipment overnight. We do not currently have that permission, but it may be granted the evening of the dress rehearsal. However, at this point, plan on assisting all four times (unload-load on Thursday, unload-load on Friday).

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PERCUSSION MUST ALL HELP LOAD THE TRAILER AFTER THE CONCERT!

Do not leave for the post-concert gathering at Portillos until the trailer is fully loaded.

POST-CONCERT CELEBRATION

After the concert we will meet at the Portillo's/Barnelli's on North Avenue in Glendale Heights, one business east of the McDonalds on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road. Management is expecting us and will have the necessary help on hand.

Junior and Senior Percussionists are not to leave the Edman until they finish loading the trailer.

All others, please get yourselves over to Portillo's sooner than later so you have plenty of time to eat and socialize before we must leave. **Food orders will stop at 11pm, their normal closing time. We may remain past that time, but we must be totally out by 11:30.**

TICKETS AND FLYERS – ONLY 1 WEEK REMAINS BEFORE CONCERT FOR POSTING

Time is running short for posting Spring Concert fliers and distributing tickets. Make sure people know that while there are printed tickets, they are not necessary for entrance to the concert. **We are depending on you** to post as many flyers as possible, wherever you can get permission.

RECRUITING FLYER HELP ALSO NEEDED

On our Member's News page, in addition to the Concert Tickets and Flyers you'll find a Summer Recruiting Flyer. Please print some and take them to **post at homeschool co-ops like Greenhouse and G.I.F.T.** In addition ask at libraries, and think of other places with community bulletin boards, such as banks, churches, park districts, grocery stores, photo copy places etc., and ask them to post flyers. **We are depending on you** to post as many flyers as possible, wherever you can get permission.

We need everyone's help in recruiting. At recent fittings, the director has seen some new families and appointment openings remain. While the fittings are generally for Cadets we definitely need experienced players too.

Remember, from 2018 through 2020 **we lose 50 graduating seniors**

We need new members to take their places at all levels.

Along with posting flyers please share this information with home school parents of potential band members. Tell them to call Mrs. Borow for an Instrument Fitting appointment. The first two dates are at Resurrection – 5/30 and 6/6, followed by three at the Borow home starting at 9am on 7/16, 8/20 and 9/16.

*******PARADE DATE CANCELLED*******

On April 25 the director received an email informing her that due to summer constructions projects the date of the West Chicago Railroad Days Parade changed to June 8, 2019. As a result we **WILL NOT MARCH** in West Chicago in 2019.

CROSSROADS HOMECOMING

Planning ahead - the director has been asked to have the band perform at the Crossroads Homecoming game at Aurora Christian School on October 5. Volunteers will be needed from the summer marching band. More information will come in our Summer Notes.

SUMMER BOOSTER JOBS – Help Needed

There are many open job opportunities that are good for parents who cannot or do not want to march.

Link here → [WSHSB Sign-Up Schedule](#). Open slots a/o 5/9 -

5/16 Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal, 2 openings

5/23, Music Collection Day, 8 openings

5/29, music filing at the Borow home, 3 openings

6/14 Pre-Camp, 1 opening

6/17-6/21 Full Marching Camp week 3 openings

DRESS CODE FOR CAMP

There are to be **no short-shorts or tank tops**, and no low-cut, skimpy or tight-fitting tops worn to camp. There should be no bare midriffs or shoulders. Everyone must wear good shoes that cover and support your feet, no sandals or flip-flops.