

03-30-23 Rehearsal Notes

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NO BAND ON HOLY THURSDAY, 04-6-23

Have a Blessed Holy Week and Easter

OVER THE LONG TWO WEEK BREAK

- If your instrument needs attention, have it taken care of during these two weeks.
- **Do not let your practice time slip. Continue practicing daily over the break.**
- ALL BANDS - Check the fit of your concert shirts and pants or skirts, etc. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL CONCERT WEEK. Purchase or make sure you know where your lyre and flip-folder are. They will be needed for the Jr., Sr., Sym. dress rehearsal and concert.
- Gather Well-Wishers from businesses you patronize, your parents and other family or friends you will be seeing over the Easter break.
- **4 DEADLINES coming on 4/27.**

BAND OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, April 13 we will be holding an open house during our regular practice times. **As a show of solidarity, all band members with WSHSB apparel (t-shirt or hoodie) should plan on wearing it to band on APRIL 13.** We will ask that you extend an invitation to anyone you think might be interested in learning more about the band. **Personal invitations have proven to be the most successful and best advertisement.** We also have a flyer to promote awareness of the open house.

We need your help posting fliers. Open House flyers are on our MEMBERS' NEWS page. If every band family would post one or two flyers we would have **hundreds of** flyers posted. If some are able to do more, that's even better. **Post them at homeschool co-ops like Greenhouse.** In addition to libraries, 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.

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See complete Declaration details below in General Notes

CONCERT TIME CONFIRMED – The Spring Concert will start at **6:30pm** on Friday, May 26 at Edman Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL (*This concert is NOT a function of Wheaton College*)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

April 6 – **NO BAND** in observance of Holy Thursday. **A Blessed Easter to all!**

April 11 – **9 to 9:30** **Changed to 9:15 to 9:45** – Minutemen volunteers perform at
West Chicago Classical Conversation

April 13 – Band Open House, **POST FLYERS, and please invite people.**

Wear your band apparel t-shirt or hoodie

April 17 – **Marching trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.**

April 27 – **Cadets' Spring Performance Dress Rehearsal at Resurrection Church**
Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

4 DEADLINES ON 4/27

1. ALL remaining **Spring Well-Wishers** are due
2. **2023-2024 Band Declarations** in **YELLOW** folder from ALL current, Cadet through Symphonic members, students and adults alike
3. **2023 ONLINE Summer Marching Registrations** from all participating WSHSB wind members. Online registration includes a parent signing-up for the required **Booster hours** on the **WSHSB Sign-Up Schedule** **AND** indicating those hours on the registration. Registering also includes completing summer rental form(s) and fee(s) if applicable. **If mailing forms, etc. do so with sufficient time to arrive by 4/29. Instructions for how to register online are coming.**
4. Deadline for those graduating from high school to confirm on list at front table.

April 30 – Apparel Order Deadline

Sweeper Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 04/13– Braden C

SECTIONALS FOR 04-13-23

Only two regular sectionals due to Open House on 4/13

Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	All, see notes	In place
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Bass drummers	Under Stairs
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Flutes	Kitchen

MUSIC NOTES

SECTIONALS – 4:45-5:00pm – No sectionals due to Open House

Note to all helpers: *at your place during sectional time, thru the rest of the concert season, be sure to play thru/review the final solo for your instrument (#185) with your players.*

Cadet Performance Date Change

While the original date was May 11, due to a scheduling conflict for the venue the date was changed to May 4.

HOMEWORK:

Practice these songs daily for Cadet Performance on May 4.

YOU MUST PRACTICE WITH RECORDINGS!

182 - America the Beautiful

77 – Sakura, Sakura

PERC. – 5 measures before the end, hit gong on beat 1

97 – Trombone Rag

102 – Satin Latin

103 – Minuet, **A** – woodwinds, **B** – brass

131 – Kum Bah Yah, **Write in a repeat at the end**

A – Flutes, clarinets, oboe, bells **B** – Trumpets, saxes, French horns **C** – Low brass

152 – School Spirit

177 – Theme from Symphony #7, **A** – brass, bells **B** – woodwinds

QUIZ - B part/woodwinds

183 - La Cucaracha

184 - Theme from 1812

Sourwood Mountain

Dancin' on the Bayou **PRACTICE DAILY WITH THIS LINK → [Dancin' on the Bayou](#)**

QUIZ – Clarinets and saxes at 33. Observe the rest on first beat.

WORKING LIST FOR JUNIOR BAND AUDITION - 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 Spotlight SOLO

The rhythm portion of the Concert Junior Audition Requirements is several lines from pages 42/43. Specific rhythms will be updated April/May.

CADETS AND PARENTS, be sure to also read the General Notes further down.

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## Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

**Part 2/No. 1 from Unisonal Scales** - is required for Senior auditions and highly recommended for daily practice to improve scales and technique. Part 2/No. 1 from Unisonal Scales is available at the front table for anyone wanting a copy for their instrument.

For those who would like the full Unisonal Scales book, most instruments are available for \$11.99.

Here is the link: <https://www.sheetmusicplus.com/series/unisonal-scales/1302911>

**Looking Ahead – On April 20 the director plans to do scattered seating for Jr, Sr, Sym**  
**On April 27 she plans to do “B” week. All 2nd and even 3rd chair players**  
**should be prepared to play on 04/27**

### Junior

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm – No sectionals due to Open House

\*\*\*\*\***PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 02/05/23 EMAIL**\*\*\*\*\*

**Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK**

**RED EE BOOK** – Rhythms 37, 41, 45    **Warm-up** Pg 24 and 25

Adventure on Snake River

QUIZZES – Trumpets and saxes @33  
French horns and saxes 3 before 41  
French horns only 1 to 11

March Religioso

QUIZZES – Saxes @75  
Baritones

NOTE – 1st two measures trumpets play alone  
After 1st two measures all members play cues

Melodies that Were Broadway

EVERYONE, especially percussion, pencil-in “LOOK-UP” before each tempo change in your music  
Take ALL repeats  
Eliminate the last note with the fermata  
Also, at 6 before the last, 1st ending – there are only 3 notes in that measure NOT 4  
C is in 4/4: D is back to cut time

Sandpaper Symphony

Success March

QUIZ – Trumpets at trio  
Second saxes at Trio, to check all flats and sharps, WRITE THEM IN YOUR MUSIC

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

QUIZ – Percussion - first four measures

Star Spangled Banner

God Bless America

COMBINED Hawaii Five-0

ENCORE September

*The following songs have been cut*

Alpine March  
Morpheus

### Senior

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm – UNDER STAIRS – Bass drummers on September – playing as “multiple basses

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

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## Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

**RED EE BOOK** – Rhythms 37, 41, 45 Warm-up Pg 27 Ex. 130, 132, 134, 138, 139

Amber Moon

Balladair

Battle of Midway

Challenge the Sky and Heavens Above, To

QUIZ at 68 for French horns, also saxes, bells

Winds only - at 5/4 section

Childhood Hymn, A

Get Smart

QUIZZES – Flutes/trumpets 13 - 35

Flutes/Clarinets 27-35; Clarinets only 41-49

All saxes and Bass Clarinets – 2 before 13; 2 before 21

1st trumpets – 53-end

Kronos

QUIZ – Tympani at 138

Star Spangled Banner

God Bless America

COMBINED Hawaii Five-0

ENCORE September

*The following songs have been cut*

Lady of Spain

Menuetto

Military Polonaise

Silent Hills of My Childhood, The

Sir Lancelot

## Symphonic

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm – KITCHEN - Flutes on [Symphonic Overture](#)

\*\*\*\*\*PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 02/05/23 EMAIL\*\*\*\*\*

After the Love Has Gone/Fantasy

**NOTE TO ALL: 1. Play behind the melody, ie. play quieter so the melody line is heard.**

2. At 1:13: Do both the Rit. and dynamic “Piano” marking there

QUIZZES - Solos

Baritones and tubas at 56 and 103

Alto sax and French horn at 64 and 90

Trumpets at 1:03: Melody is handed off to you at this point. It needs to be heard/carried on

Amparito Roca

In pencil, number all the measures

Costa Del Sol

March from 1941, The

QUIZ - 3 before 18 – check rhythms

Polka Party

Salvation is Created

**NOTE – Whole Band** – wind players should decrescendo while tympani roll crescendos at 9 & 18

Symphonic Overture

QUIZZES – Baritones 6 after 12

Tenor saxes and bassoon 3 before 4:27

Quizzes

Big Band - Neighbor

Star Spangled Banner

God Bless America

COMBINED Hawaii Five-0

ENCORE September

# GENERAL NOTES

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Be sure to review all the points below which apply to you. Email the director with any questions.

1. A reminder to all first year Cadet percussionists
2. A special request for those who have younger siblings planning to join the band
3. An item about helpers which also applies to any student arriving extra early
4. Information about completing the Band Declaration Folder

### 1. REMINDER TO ALL FIRST YEAR CADET PERCUSSIONISTS

Cadet percussion with the WSHSB is usually a two year program. 1st year Cadet percussionists, for whom percussion is their first and only instrument, the focus is on

- 1st concert trimester - bells
- 2nd concert trimester - intro to snare, bass drum and auxiliary percussion equipment

After completing the first year of Cadet percussion, all are eligible to audition and promote up to Junior band. Whether or not a student promotes, second year Cadet percussion continues with greater emphasis on snare, bass and auxiliary skills. This rule is subject to the director's discretion.

**2. A SPECIAL REQUEST** - For those members with siblings who plan to join band at any level for 2023-2024, the director would appreciate your filling-in their information, along with yours, in the blank pages at the end of the Band Declarations folder. The word "NEW" is already there; just add their name and instrument, if known, under the appropriate band.

### 3. REGARDING HELPERS

Wind helpers are almost always encouraged. Unlike the winds, those eligible to be an adult helper in percussion may not be utilized. The director will make percussion helper decisions after the student roster is set. When you complete the form in the Band Declaration folder, include an (H) after the instrument listed under each band where you are willing to play as a helper. Remember that **once helpers commit, they are expected to fulfill that role for the entire concert season, both trimesters.** Deadline for stating your intention to be a helper will be later in the summer and posted on the calendar.

### 4. BAND DECLARATION FOLDER

We need **every** band member, both students and adults, to complete the line following their name in the **YELLOW** 2023-2024 Band Declaration folder at the front table. You must indicate Y or N under the Returning column and enter an instrument under each band for which you plan/need to audition. Please understand, in regards to the "Returning" column responses, **both yes and no answers are equally important** for planning purposes. Non-responses are not helpful and can actually make things more difficult. All chairs will be determined from each band's individual auditions. Auditions for all Concert levels will be similar to last year with some minor changes.

**ATTENTION:** Those 18 or younger on 9/1/23 must audition as a student; those 19 or older on 9/1/23 will be an adult helper. All auditions must be COMPLETE! **Auditioning for a particular band does not guarantee acceptance.** To be considered for a higher band, you must submit two COMPLETE auditions: one for the band you are in AND one for the band to which you wish to promote AND **you must INDICATE BOTH those bands on the Declaration form.**

**You MUST complete your line in the Band Declaration folder which is what we use to distribute audition music. You may not simply show-up at the director's home and expect to get audition music. You must fill in the book; otherwise no music packet will be prepared for you.** The **deadline** for current band members to make Band Declarations is **April 27.**

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NEW APPAREL ORDER FOR SPRING

We will be having another apparel order from now until April 30th. There is a personalization option for select t-shirts and hoodies Anyone that orders and chooses group delivery will receive their orders after I pick up from the vendor on May 15th.

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

Email or call/text Mrs. Herrera with any questions. Her contact info is in the Directory.

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## SHUTTERFLY NEWS

From Mrs. Gustafson - All the pictures from the WSHSB shared Shutterfly site have been downloaded. **DO NOT ADD ANY NEW PICTURES** even SEC pictures.

A Google Photos account will be set up. I am learning how to set this up. (If you have any experience using Google Photos for group posting and sharing photos please contact me 847-845-2640)

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SUMMER MARCHING

*****NEW FOR 2023*****

The Marching Registration will be completed online.

We will let you know when the Registration Link goes live.
The Summer Marching **registration deadline is April 27.**

To help in planning your summer activities, below are requirement reminders and some dates associated with Summer Marching. Know that newly graduated Cadets may join us for Summer Marching.

REQUIREMENT REMINDERS

1. If you want to march in parades, football performances, etc., you **MUST** come to camp, period. If you can't make camp (students only) you don't march or perform at games. See **NOTE** below.
2. **All participants must march a minimum of 2 parades.** See **NOTE** below.
3. If you are unsure or anticipate the possibility that you may need to cancel on a parade date or dates, it is better not to sign-up for any questionable dates. Rather, if you find you become available for a parade call Mrs. Borow the week before the parade and she will let you know if she can fit you in the block. Fitting someone in is far more preferable than dealing with a cancellation and having a hole in the block.

NOTE: *If someone has a conflict with point 1 or 2, they will need to talk to Mrs. Borow directly. She will handle conflicts on a case-by-case basis. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH HER ON A BAND NIGHT.*

VERY IMPORTANT

If you plan on participating in ANY event of the entire marching season (parade, football games, etc.) **you need to attend camp** where the marching music for the entire marching season is finalized and distributed. It's very difficult to distribute music after the fact, especially for additional performances.

It doesn't mean you are doing every performance but at least you have the music without individual distribution.

DATES TO KNOW

June 1 - THURSDAY AFTER CONCERT - Final Concert Season Meeting after the Spring Concert AND Official start of SUMMER MARCHING TRIMESTER which includes the **FIRST MARCHING PRACTICE, THE ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK, MUSIC RETURN and more.**

All marching musicians are expected to participate in this preliminary marching practice.
CADETS MUST ALSO ATTEND to return sheet music and if they have rental instruments !!

BAND CAMP HAS BEEN FINALIZED! ALL eight (8) camp days – both pre-camp and Full Camp – will be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, from 9am to 12 noon. You will be receive an email from Mrs. Borow that contains an online registration link to sign up for marching camp, all parades and both football games. The responses you submit on the link will be your camp, parade and football registration. Music distribution will be based on your responses.

JUNE 14, 15, 16 - MANDATORY PRE-CAMPS at DuPage County Fair Grounds,
9am to 12pm each day

6/14 – Newcomer Camp for all students new to WSHSB Marching Band
(helpers welcome)

6/15 – Percussion Camp – required for all current and new marching percussionists

6/16 – Rank Leader Camp – for those who've been rank leaders before and volunteer to offer their services in the training of new marchers, also Senior or Symphonic band members interested in being a rank leader.

Attendance on this day WILL NOT GUARANTEE your role as a rank leader in marching camp or at parades.

The director will decide and assign rank leaders based on multiple criteria including: actual marching ability, leadership skills, marching camp attendance as well as prior AND current parade commitments.

JUNE 6/19 through 6/23 – FULL MARCHING BAND CAMP – at DuPage County Fair Grounds,
9am to 12pm each day

PARADES

We are marching in five parades –

Geneva Swedish Days – Sunday, June 25. Arrive no later than noon. **Step-off** 1pm.

Carol Stream Independence Day Parade – Saturday, July 1. Arrive no later than 9.
Step-off 10am.

Warrenville Independence Day Parade – Monday, July 3. Arrive no later than 5. **Step-off** 6pm.

Streamwood Summer Celebration – Saturday, July 29. Arrive no later than 9:30.
Step-off 10:30am.

Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade – Saturday, September 16. Arrive no later than 1.
Step-off 2pm.

NO West Chicago Railroad Days this year.

We will be playing for two Crossroads **football games** on August 19 and 26.

Locations and times to be announced.

NOTE: Playing for potential football games is open to ONLY those who have participated in marching band.