

05-17-24 Post-Concert Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

May 23 – End of Year Gathering - **CADETS MUST ATTEND WITH JR, SR, SYM**

Final Concert Season Meeting after the Spring Concert AND
Official start of SUMMER MARCHING TRIMESTER

4:30 – Percussionists **ARRIVE AT 4:30** and to help Mrs. Borow prepare for drumline practice.
You must bring any equipment they have at home. It may be reassigned for the summer.

5:00 – 6:00pm - Marching percussion/drumline practice

6:00 – 7:30 pm

- **Band members arrive at 6 PM to do returns, etc. CADETS MUST ALSO ATTEND !!!**
Those new to WSHSB need not arrive until 7:15
- **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK, CONCERT MUSIC RETURN, MARCHING MUSIC AND HAT DISTRIBUTION**
DO NOT return/bring these things to the Borow house or ask them to do return for you.

- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers

Time approximate **7:30 – 8:15 pm**

- Preliminary marching kick-off and music practice - **bring your instrument, lyre and loaded flip-folder.**
All marching musicians must attend this preliminary marching practice.

Time approximate **8:15 – 8:30 pm**

- Corpus Christi rehearsal, participants, bring **instrument, lyre and loaded flip-folder**

Time approximate **8:30 – 9:00pm**

- Rehearsal with all those playing for either football game. Bring **instrument, lyre and flip-folder**

May 28 – Tuesday – 9am-6pm – Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home - Other times as available

Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow. Remaining instrument fitting/tryout dates, by appointment only on 6/25, 7/30, 8/27 and 9/5

May 30 – THURSDAY- *Special Opportunity*, no sign-up required, simply show-up

- **5-6pm** TWO one hour, rhythm classes, wind with percussion
All are welcome to take advantage before starting summer audition prep
The two rhythm classes are one each for the "Gold" EE book and "Red" EE book
These two simultaneous **rhythm classes are 5-6pm.** Winds are done at 6.
- **6 to 7pm there is MANDATORY drumline practice to prepare for marching.**
All marching percussionists MUST attend this drumline practice.

JUNE 12, 13, 14 - MANDATORY PRE-CAMPS at DuPage County Fairgrounds

JUNE 6/17 through 6/21 – FULL MARCHING BAND CAMP at DuPage County Fairgrounds

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**NO Sweeping Assignment for 5/23**  
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CONCERT REMARKS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Congratulations on a fantastic performance! Everyone stepped up and reached inside to go that extra mile. The French horn solo was wonderful. Thank you for all the diligence, practice and hard work you put in to make this concert and concert season a success!

My heartfelt thanks go out to all the musical helpers, Booster volunteers and especially my core team, for your support and dedication. Thank you, dear graduates, for the beautiful and thoughtful gifts. And thank you to the band families from myself, Mrs. W-P, and Mrs. Mergen, for the gorgeous flowers, gifts and cards. Your kindness and generosity are most appreciated.

Congratulations to the entire WSHSB family on another fine year. Most of all, praise God for His guidance and providential hand throughout this year. We pray for His blessing on all of you and your families.

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**\*\*\*\*\*BOOSTER JOBS STILL NEEDING VOLUNTEERS\*\*\*\*\***

Sign-up at [Sign-Up Schedule Link](#)

05-23 – FINAL COLLECTION/MARCHING KICK-OFF

1 slot for Instrument Collection Helper

**9 slots** for Music collector/sorter

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**CONCERT RECORDINGS** - We wish to remind you that recordings from past concerts are available to listen to. There is a link at the top of our Music Resources page. The 5/17 concert was recorded and will be added. Your patience is appreciated.

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WSHSB PHOTO GALLERY

Over the years, the band has collected precious music moments through photos. Please help us continue this tradition by adding your photos to our gallery. Photos are arranged by folders i.e. "2024 Cadet Spring Concert". If you prefer, you can email photos to wshsbphotos@gmail.com or upload with the hyperlink found on our private Face book site. Due to privacy concerns, we are not posting this link in the notes or on website. Link will also be included in an email from the director.

If you have any questions please contact Pam Gustafson 847-847-2740.

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**RECRUITING FLYER HELP NEEDED**

On our Member's News page, in addition to the Music Return Forms 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.** We need beginners to grow and develop over the years. More than ever we need new members at all levels to take the places of all our **graduated seniors and members who have left band.** As of this summer, we have a **LOW NUMBER OR NO STUDENTS** for certain instruments in some bands. **We are depending on you** to post as many flyers as possible, wherever you can get permission.

Along with posting flyers please share this information with home school parents of potential band members. There are five **Instrument Fitting Dates** by appointment only 9am-6pm, on 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27 and 9/5.

**VERY IMPORTANT- Cadets must come on 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 **6:00pm** to do returns, etc. All marching percussionists must arrive earlier at **5:00pm** for Summer Marching drumline practice.

- **6:00 – 7:30pm** Return completed **Cadet Music Return Form** along with sheet music for Vandivere Fanfare, Dragon Slayer, 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 (Cadets included) of all WSHSB rental/loaner instruments (**whether keeping or returning**) for the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK.**
- Return of any/all other band property
- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers
- **Approx. 7:30pm - Cadets** coming to marching camp **MUST ATTEND** on 5/23 for preliminary marching camp practice. **Bring your instrument, lyre and flip-folder loaded with your music**

Those not marching may leave after they have completed their required 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." **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.

**WATCH THIS AUDITION AID VIDEO LINK** – Here is the link to a helpful YouTube created by past WSHSB members – LINK → [How to Audition for the WSHSB](#)

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Attention Cadets, Jr. Sr. and Sym. members

- **Arrive ON TIME, May 23. Marching percussionists arrive at 5:00 pm, all others at 6pm.**
- It is mandatory for **ALL band members** to return -
 1. WSHSB sheet music along with any applicable fines
 2. Any WSHSB owned instruments for the **Annual Instrument Inventory and Condition Check**. This includes those who may be keeping their WSHSB owned instrument over the summer, whether for auditions and/or for marching.
ATTENTION PERCUSSIONISTS – All percussion equipment at anyone's home must be returned on **MAY 23** for reassignment.
 3. If you have not yet paid your **summer rental fee** it is now **OVERDUE** - Bring completed form and payment on **5/23** and give it to **MRS. WEISNER-PARDEE**.
- **Cadets** participating in marching camp **MUST ATTEND** on 5/23 for preliminary marching practice.

May 23 COLLECTION STATIONS

- If you are ill and cannot attend on May 23 you **MUST** get your music with the associated Music Return Form(s), applicable fine (if any) and any other band property including bow-tie and cummerbund to another band member so it can all be returned on **May 23**.
- **DO NOT return/bring these things to the Borow house nor ask them to return them for you.**

You may visit collection stations in any order and return later if the line is long.

AFTER YOU HAVE VISITED ALL NECESSARY COLLECTION STATIONS BELOW,

- Those **NOT PARTICIPATING** in summer marching, Corpus Christie Fest or Football Games are free to go.
- All those participating in summer marching, Corpus Christi Fest or Football Games will continue with the steps listed below under **Marching Camp, Corpus Christi Fest or Football Game Participants.**

1. Cummerbunds and Bow Ties - All cummerbunds and bow ties are to be returned. Hand it to a volunteer at the table. Do not just lay it down. You need to be sure that you are checked off by a volunteer for each item you return. If it is not recorded that you returned these items, you will be billed for them.

***** RULE FOR RETURNING BOW TIES *****

If your bow tie is coming apart you have one of two choices when returning it –
Make the necessary sewing repairs **with red thread** before returning it and owe nothing.
Pay \$5 along with the unrepaired bow tie. Make it known that it needs repair

2. Blue Band Blazers and Band-Owned Black Pants - ABOUT THOSE BLUE JACKETS -

Graduating seniors, anyone who will not be returning to band in the fall or if you are returning in fall but have outgrown your jacket and/or pants – **you must return your jacket** at music turn in/rehearsal **May 23**. Please remove all band awards but leave your name taped inside the jacket. You will also need to bring \$5 cash for the cost of cleaning your jacket. We won't be able to make change so please plan accordingly. Any questions contact Mrs. Aguilar (mamuof4@gmail.com 312-218-9831).

Return jackets to the Jacket/Pants coordinator, NOT MRS. BOROW or her family.

Return pants laundered.

Those returning to band will be fitted for a different jacket and/or pants in the fall.

3. WSHSB Band-Owned Instruments - **ALL** band-owned instruments must be checked-in even if you plan to use one over the summer. **This is the only time of the year that we are able to re-inventory all band-owned instruments. Adult helpers must also check in** the band-owned instrument they have been using, as we need to make all of them available to incoming Cadets in the fall. **CADETS** who are keeping their WSHSB owned instrument over the summer, whether for auditions and/or for marching, **MUST come on May 23 at 6pm** for the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT**

INVENTORY AND CONDITION CHECK. ATTENTION PERCUSSIONISTS – All percussion equipment at anyone’s home must be returned on **MAY 23** for reassignment

- Our first priority is to provide rental instruments to new Cadets. After Cadets are taken care of, remaining band members will be accommodated. You will receive an instrument once they are inventoried and checked over. There is no guarantee that anyone will have the same exact instrument they played previously.
- **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 by/on May 23 with a completed rental form to **MRS. WEISNER-PARDEE**.

MAY 23 MUSIC COLLECTION

MUSIC RETURNS - There should be **no original music remaining** in anyone’s folder, or in piles in your home. Exceptions are listed in the chart below for marching camp, Corpus Christi Fest and football game participants. Keep any photocopies you made for yourself. See instructions on the Music Return Forms. **Do not keep ANY music for the future**. All music is redistributed and part assignments can and do change.

There will be separate trays for each band’s music; CADET, JUNIOR, SENIOR, SYMPHONIC, COMBINED and AMNESTY. **MRS. SZKLANECKI will collect all fines for missing or damaged music. All fines must be paid on 5/23**. Do not put packets with missing or damaged music in the trays. Follow these instructions:

1. **BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME, FORMS MUST BE PRINTED** for every band for which you have music to return plus a form for returning **COMBINED MUSIC (not Cadets)**. Forms are on our Member’s News and Forms/Documents web pages.
2. Print your name on the band form(s) you need. Keep each band’s music paper-clipped together with its form.
3. **MUSIC MUST BE ARRANGED in the order as listed on each band’s Music Return form. MUSIC TO KEEP** – The Combined Music form requires a bit more information and has songs to keep depending on summer performances. Titles to keep are listed on the form.
4. Do A or B depending if you have damaged or missing music. **You are on the honor system**.
 - A. If you **have missing or damaged** music, mark the amount due (**\$4 full size, \$1 marching size**). If you have missing or damaged music for more than one band, return all those bands’ forms with music AND pay all FINES together, to **MRS. SZKLANECKI**. Bring cash or check with you. **All fines are due on May 23**. Do not put packets with missing or damaged music in the trays.
 - B. If you **DO NOT have missing or damaged** music, paper-clip that band’s form to the music, and put the packet in the in the tray LABELED for that band; **Cadet, Junior, Senior, Symphonic, Combined and Amnesty**. Volunteers will double-check these packets later that evening.
5. **AMNESTY RETURNS – ODDS AND ENDS** - If you find you have any other music that should have been returned in a previous trimester or any other **originals** of titles not included in the lists below, now is your chance. Write your first and last name on a slip of paper and clip it together with your amnesty returns. Put it in the Amnesty Tray.
6. After all music is returned, and any fines paid, finish visiting all necessary collection stations.

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### **Marching Camp, Corpus Christi Fest and Football Game participants**

For May 23 practice, you must bring your instrument, lyre and flip-folder both LABELED with your name AND flip-folder should be loaded with marching and/or Corpus Christi Fest/Football Game music. See complete list below.

**After** you have turned in all music, bow ties, and cummerbunds, rental instruments for inventory check, etc., anyone participating in marching camp, Corpus Christi Fest or Football Games needs to do the following –

- **RENTAL FORMS AND FEES** - All outstanding summer instrument rental forms and fees must be turned-in to **MRS. WEISNER-PARDEE**. Remember - No checks will be accepted without a completed form and vice-versa.
- Marchers need to pick up a marching hat. There is **NO MARCHING HAT DEPOSIT, rather a fine for non-returned hats.** All marchers will receive a numbered marching hat, with no deposit. Laundered hats must be returned at the Overview and Orientation meeting in September. There is a \$20 fine for non-returned hats, due at the September meeting.
- **MUSIC PICK-UP – ONLY AFTER** you have returned your bow tie, cummerbund and music, etc., you may pick-up any remaining marching music from the bins on the table. Parent helpers will assist. Load the new music in your flip-folder for the preliminary marching practice.
- Wait patiently for music collections to be completed before practice begins. See approximate times in the calendar at the top of these Rehearsal Notes.
- **Summer Percussion equipment will be distributed at the drum line rehearsal and taken home the evening of May 23.** Be sure to take carriers, lyres, snares, cymbals, basses and beaters home with you as well. You will be personally responsible for the safe keeping of the equipment while in your care and you must return it in the fall.

**REMINDER - DRESS CODE FOR CAMP** - There are to be **no short-shorts. Shorts need to be Bermuda-like shorts (nothing shorter). Also no leggings, no tank tops, no spaghetti straps.** 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.**

**SUMMER '24 SONGS**

| <b>PROCESSION</b>                                   | <b>MARCHING</b>                   | <b>FOOTBALL</b>                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| O Salutaris <i>(in church)</i>                      | Zacatecas                         | Star Spangled Banner <i>(if requested)</i>                     |
| Tantum Ergo <i>(during proc)</i>                    | And Dance                         | Rah Rah <i>(Stand cheers)</i>                                  |
| Holy God We Praise thy Name <i>(back in church)</i> | American Pride                    | Quickstand Pak <i>(Stand cheers)</i>                           |
|                                                     | God Bless America                 | Zacatecas                                                      |
|                                                     | Cadences <i>(Percussion only)</i> | And Dance                                                      |
|                                                     |                                   | American Pride                                                 |
|                                                     |                                   | God Bless America                                              |
|                                                     |                                   | Proud Mary                                                     |
|                                                     |                                   | Hey Song                                                       |
|                                                     |                                   | Think                                                          |
|                                                     |                                   | Sweet Caroline                                                 |
|                                                     |                                   | Rawhide                                                        |
|                                                     |                                   | Swanee                                                         |
|                                                     |                                   | Sweet Home Chicago                                             |
|                                                     |                                   | Sweet Georgia Brown                                            |
|                                                     |                                   | Boogie Shoes                                                   |
|                                                     |                                   | Hawaii 5 0                                                     |
|                                                     |                                   | September<br>Paul Simon<br>Go Northwestern <i>(touchdowns)</i> |

All songs above have been passed out except those grayed-out in the FOOTBALL column. They will be in the bin folders on 5/23. Some songs are to be kept from this trimester's music depending on performances which include: Star Spangled Banner (football only), Zacatecas and American Pride. Keep God Bless America if marching size, return if full size. You will be given marching size or get it at band/camp.

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