

01-16-25 Rehearsal Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

January 30 – No Cadet rehearsal this evening

JR, SR, SYM - DRESS REHEARSAL Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126

All three bands must arrive by 4:30 and be ready to play at 6pm.

Note: Attendance at dress rehearsal is required for inclusion in concert.

January 31 – **6:30pm - WINTER CONCERT** Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

149 W Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126

All three bands must arrive by 5:30 ready to play at 6pm.

FUNDRAISER afterwards - Join us at Portillos in Elmhurst, 155 S Rt 83, from 9 – 11:45, tell them you're with the fundraiser or show them the flyer, on last page, in drive-thru or at the counter, special code **PORTILLOS3** for online/app pick-up and in-store kiosk orders. The band gets 20% of our purchases.

February 6 - SPRING TRIMESTER BEGINS

- Regular practices
- Winter trimester music returned
- Spring trimester music distributed
- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers

February 13 – Regular practices

- **NEW 5:45- 6:15pm FREE CLASS** – Care and cleaning of trombones, see General Notes
- **SEC Online Registration deadline**
- **Spring Concert Well-Wishers due** for those using them to cover any fees/tuition.
This allows a 9 week extension beyond the regular December fee deadline

February 20 – Regular practices

- **SEC FEE DEADLINE**

Sweeping Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 01/23/25 Grace K

DRESS REHEARSAL/CONCERT REMINDERS FOR JR, SR, SYM

Everyone (All 3 bands) must:

- **REVIEW THE CONCERT DRESS CODE** at [WSHSB Dress Codes](#). Check the fit of your concert dress clothes (band shirts/pants)
- **All three bands must arrive by 4:30** to work-through logistics and be ready to play at 6pm.
- For both the dress rehearsal and concert, all band members Junior through Symphonic, must be **on time, in Concert Dress** and remain at Elmhurst Christian until the end of the dress rehearsal/concert.(i.e.: Symphonic has performed, God Bless, Encore, the END)
No one is to leave prior to the END. While not performing on stage you must be in your designated seat/spot.
- **EVERYONE** should bring their stand with all parts and case labeled.
- **LYRES AND FLIP FOLDERS FOR CONCERT** – All members will need a lyre and flip folder to hold their music for playing while standing at the dress rehearsal and concert.
- **CUMMERBUNDS AND BOWTIES** – To be distributed on 1/23
- **IMPORTANT: Director asks everyone** to eliminate all chatting and stray noises like dropping drum sticks, mutes, etc

Dress Rehearsal and Concert OPEN BOOSTER SLOTS – PLEASE HELP
Winter DR/Concert Assistant 2 openings

*****[SIGN-UP SCHEDULE LINK](#)*****

POST-CONCERT GATHERING – WSHSB PORTILLO’S FUNDRAISER!

*****20% of our purchases come back to the band!*****

Band families are invited to gather with us immediately after the concert (or order in the app or online) at the **Portillo’s 155 S. Route 83, Elmhurst, IL**. Dine-in, counter or drive-thru, you must show the flyer (on last page) or mention the fundraiser to the order-taker **EACH AND EVERY TIME** you go to the counter to place an order. There is a key they press to let corporate know it’s part of the fundraiser. **Our fundraiser hours are 9 – 11:45**. Orders at the kiosk, in the app or online must enter the code **PORTILLOS3**. **Everyone going through the drive-thru must first inform the order-taker, for it to count**. If you’d rather eat at home, you can pick-up your order, but mention the fundraiser or use the code before check-out. **The code is specific and different for each location**.

Share the flyer (on last page) and details about how the fundraiser works and how to order so each purchase counts. Encourage your extended family and friends to join us to help the band. Their purchases from the Elmhurst location will also count, if before check-out, they mention the band’s fundraiser to the order-taker or use the UNIQUE code, **PORTILLOS3**, to order at the kiosk, online or in the app.



SECTIONALS FOR 01-23-25 *Note different times shown in RED*

Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	KITCHEN	Trombones
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	UNDER STAIRS	Oboes
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	IN PLACE	Percussion
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	KITCHEN	Percussion
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	KITCHEN	Percussion
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	KITCHEN	Percussion
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	UNDER STAIRS	Clarinets

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

SECTIONALS – 4:45-5:00pm – KITCHEN Trombones, review all positions/notes and work on [Trombone Rag](#) and [Cossack Dance](#)

UNDER STAIRS – Oboes, review all notes/fingerings and work on new notes/exercises

IN PLACE - Percussion W/Mrs. W-P, clap the rhythms

1. Rhythm lines –29, 33 and 37
2. Homework: p. 18 and 19 → **YOU MUST PRACTICE WITH RECORDINGS!**
3. **All percussionists MUST use this link [Vic Firth 40 Essential Drum Rudiments](#)**, as found on our Music Resource page, to learn your rudiments. Simply scroll down to the four red columns and click on the rudiment you need. You can hear it and if you scroll near the bottom, you can see it played and a watch a lesson/demonstration on how to perform the rudiment in your exercise. NOTE: If the Single Stroke Roll link does not work, try this one [Single Stroke Role](#)
4. **Practice these songs daily for Cadet Performance.**
YOU MUST PRACTICE WITH RECORDINGS! Link → [ABOUT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS](#)
77 - Sakura, Sakura
PERC. – 5 measures before the end, hit gong on beat 1
97 - Trombone Rag
5. **Daily practice should now be a minimum of 30 minutes**
6. Plan and/or practice your SEC solo and/or ensemble. The director encourages all Cadets to participate in the Solo and Ensemble Contest (SEC). Consider #118 as your solo or #185 if you learn the necessary new notes. Additional solo and duets are near the back of the book. Online registration ends 2/13. See SEC details in the General Notes.



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



Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

PUT MUSIC IN ORDER

The song order below, for each band, is concert order.

ALL WIND PLAYERS – Sheet music should already be in concert order

ALL PERCUSSIONISTS - Put music in all folders and CUBE in concert order during sectional. See the list under each band.

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**DYNAMICS** - In general **ALL** our *mp*, *p* and *pp* dynamic markings must be played MUCH quieter.

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We will use podium etiquette at all rehearsals through the Performance
Director steps off podium – Instruments down
Director steps on podium – Instruments upright, to one side
Director raises arms – Instruments up in playing position
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### BRING TUNERS

**Section Leaders must bring your own tuner each week  
and tune your entire instrument section carefully  
BEFORE your band time begins.**

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Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm – KITCHEN - Percussion - All music in folders and CUBE must be put in concert order and remain in order through the concert

*******PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/09/24 EMAIL*******

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK – Rhythm lines 41, 45 and 49
p 24 and 25

Star Spangled Banner

QUIZ- Trumpets at C

Rondeau

QUIZ – Saxes at 22-24

New World Symphony, Themes from The

QUIZ – Trumpets at 33

Huron Carol, The

Hogan's Heroes March

Practice with this NEW COMPLETE link → [Hogan's Heroes](#)

QUIZ – Saxes at 5

Samba Sauce

QUIZ At 81-93 – All play quieter, so that the Clarinet/Flute counter melody can be heard

Clash and Roar

God Bless America

QUIZ – measures 1 to 18

You're A Grand Old Flag (Encore)

JAZZ - Basie-Cally The Blues - *practice with link sent in email*

The following songs have been cut

Liturgical Fanfare - *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Put Your Hand in the Hand *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Thunderer, The *CUT*

Trombone Boogie *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Strauss Waltzes *CUT*

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm – KITCHEN- - Percussion - All music in folders and CUBE must be put in concert order and remain in order through the concert

*****PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/09/24 EMAIL*****

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK page 36, Ex. 175-178 key of C, plus Chorale 158

Star Spangled Banner

Hungarian Rhapsody No.2

The director will CONDUCT through both cadenzas. WATCH HER!

Psalms 42

QUIZ - Percussion

Caribbean Skies

QUIZ at "E"

Stout Hearted Men

Mary Poppins, Highlights

Rock Around the Clock

Peasant Life

At Waltz at 44, cross out first ending, take second ending

At 86, change the Allegretto to a Grandioso tempo and omit the cut // "railroad tracks" @ 90.

Instead, we'll continue directly into the Grandioso passage without stopping.

God Bless America

You're A Grand Old Flag (Encore)

JAZZ - Route 66 - *practice with link sent in email*

The following songs have been cut

Brighton Beach *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Declaration Overture *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Make Me Smile *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Humorescapade Novelty *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

Stormy Weather *CUT*

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm – KITCHEN- - Percussion - All music in folders and CUBE must be put in concert order and remain in order through the concert

UNDER STAIRS -Clarinet on Raymond – to review/verify part assignments

*****PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS SENT IN 10/09/24 EMAIL*****

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Star Spangled Banner

Abduction from the Seraglio, The

Enduring Traveler

Spirit in the Sky

NOTE to all, especially percussion, practice at tempo of 136

Armed Forces Salute

Girl from Ipanema, The

Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)

QUIZ – Dotted eighth note at 19, 27, etc.

Raymond Overture

Curtain Call

God Bless America

You're A Grand Old Flag (Encore)

JAZZ - April in Paris - *practice with link sent in email*

The following songs have been cut

Quad City Stomp- *Continue practicing to improve it for Spring Trimester*

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**GENERAL NOTES**  
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FREE 'CLASS' ON CARE AND CLEANING OF TROMBONES

On **February 13 between 5:45 and 6:15**, for **Cadet AND Junior trombonists and any other interested trombonists**, Mr. Scott Ashley, trumpet and low brass teacher for over 30 years, has volunteered to hold a class on how to get the best out of the trombone when it's properly cleaned and lubricated. He will show students, and parents who would like to come, how to clean and lubricate the trombone slide...and how they can troubleshoot the instrument to determine if it needs to be taken into a shop for repair.

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**SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST (SEC)  
REGISTRATION ENDS 2/13**

Our annual Solo and Ensemble Contest is an exciting and much anticipated musical event. Our 24th annual SEC will be held on a **Saturday, March 15, 2025, 9am to @2:30pm**. Location is Christ Presbyterian Church, 903 E. Nerge Rd., Roselle 60172. 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. **SEC Online registration opened December 5 and ends February 13, 2025. All fees and Judging sheets are due by February 20, 2025. Fees are \$4 per person (excluding adults) whether solo or ensemble. All entries should not exceed FIVE minutes. All solos must have accompaniment.**

**Use this link - [SEC 2025](#)**

You must indicate Solo or Ensemble on the registration. Only one person should register for an entire ensemble. If Ensemble is chosen, the form will then allow spaces for all participants' names, etc. A confirmation email will be sent for each entry to the main contact provided.

**Deadline for ALL fees and completed Judging Sheet(s) is February 20, 2025.**

NO ONE WILL BE SCHEDULED until all their fee(s) and completed Judging Sheet(s) are received. Judging sheets are on both our SEC webpage and Forms/Documents

**The director asks that any accomplished pianists in our band consider offering to play as an accompanist for one or more SEC solo entries.** Please submit your name at the front table.


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FUNDRAISER FLYER

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