

# 11-14-24 Rehearsal Notes

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**November 28 – NO BAND Happy Thanksgiving**

**November 29 – Friday evening–CONFIRMED – Wheaton Christmas Parade**

Gather 5:00pm in parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner Wesley St. and Wheaton Ave.)  
Step-off 6 pm.

**December 2 - Spring trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.**

**December 5 - Cadets' Winter Performance – Location Marvin Hall upstairs at Resurrection**  
AND Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic  
• **SEC online registration begins. Link will be in Rehearsal Notes.**

**December 12 - NO CADET PRACTICE, JUNIORS must arrive early to set-up.**  
Regular practices at Resurrection for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

**DEC. 12 is also the DEADLINE for:**

**Spring registrations, rentals, - forms and fees are due.**

**All MAILED Spring registrations and rentals - forms and fees - must be received by this date.**

## Sweeping Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 12/05 Lucy M

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**KEEP PRACTICING DAILY**

**ALL BAND LEVELS - Do not stop your daily practice, WITH RECORDINGS, during the Thanksgiving break!**

Hone in on your trouble spots and those areas pointed out in the weekly music notes.  
Eliminate wrong notes and rhythms and improve dynamics.

### INSTRUMENT REPAIRS NEEDED?

If you are not marching in the Wheaton parade and your instrument needs a tune-up or repair, take advantage of the long break and have it done now.

**LOST AND FOUND** is full. Claim your things by 12/12.  
It will be emptied over Christmas break and given away.  
Cadets only have one more week to check out the bin.

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**PARADE PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT – RETURN DATE CHANGED**

All those marching the parade should have taken home their percussion equipment (basses, snares, beaters, cymbals). **DO NOT RETURN IT on December 5**, the night of the Cadet Performance. Rather, return it on December, 12.

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**WHEATON PARADE INSTRUCTIONS**

### WHEATON LIGHT-A-HOLIDAY PARADE

There are Booster jobs needing to be filled. **1.** We need a third flag-bearer so there is an odd-number. **2.** We need a second safety-marshall ahead of the band to keep people back and help clear the way.

Friday, November 29 is the Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade. We remind you that **all Cadets** as well as **parents and siblings of any band member** are welcome to march with us, behind the band. If you have jingle bells bring them along to shake while you are marching. Instructions follow.

- **ALL participants must wear a traditional, plain, Santa hat made of fake fur, red with white trim** (large enough to cover ears is good) and normal winter dress outerwear for the parade – dress for the weather.
- **Wear dark pants and, ideally, black shoes, to keep a uniform look.**
- Mittens that allow you to uncover your fingers would be helpful, or perhaps a pair of gloves with the fingertips cut off, for clarinets. Try playing your instrument at home while wearing them.
- Some find it helpful to bring a bunch of their own **HAND-WARMER PACKETS** in their pockets for keeping both their hands and instruments warm.
- Bring your **FLIP-FOLDER AND LYRE**, loaded with the songs we are performing.
- A battery-operated clip-light or headband-style light will improve your reading/seeing the music in the dark.
- Those with larger instruments, such as tubas, sousaphones and percussion, please consider decorating your instrument with a battery-operated string of Christmas lights. This is not required but, if you are able to do so, it adds a festive touch to the band's appearance.

We will gather at 5pm in the parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner of Wesley St and Wheaton Ave). Step-off is 6pm. Our unit number is coming. The preferred way to enter the parking lot/staging area is to go south on Wheaton Avenue. Do not try to enter the staging area from Hale or Wesley Streets, as you will be redirected. If needed, look for a Wheaton Police Officer or Parade Staging Marshall in an Orange Vest for instructions.

The parade route is south on Wheaton Ave. and east on Front St. to Cross St. While the parade ends at Front and Cross streets, we will continue marching north on Cross, across Wesley into the Wheaton Library plaza. We will disperse from there.

**POST-PARADE GATHERING - OUR FIRST PORTILLO'S FUNDRAISER!**

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

Band families are invited to gather with us immediately after the parade (or order in the app or online) at the **Portillo's/Barnelli's, 235 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights**, on North Avenue, one business east of the McDonalds on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road. Dine-in, counter or drive-thru, you must show the flyer or mention the fundraiser to the order-taker. Orders at the kiosk, in the app or online must enter the code **PORTILLOS2**. **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.

Share the November 13 email with the flyer and details about how the fundraiser works and how to order so your purchase counts. Encourage your extended family and friends to join us to help the band. Their purchases will also count, if before check-out, they mention the band's fundraiser to the order-taker or use the UNIQUE code, **PORTILLOS2**, to order at the kiosk, online or in the app.

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**RETURN VETERAN'S DAY and CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH CONCERT MUSIC**

Keep your Veteran's Day and Christmas Parade music to return with your concert music on Feb. 6. It will all be on the music return form.

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**IF YOU LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND**

Do not call ANY facility yourself, rather call the director and she will check Lost and Found and if necessary will call the facility herself.

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**SECTIONALS FOR 12-05-24 Note different times shown in RED**

Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	NONE
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	NONE
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	NONE
Symphonic	6:45-7:00pm	NONE

# MUSIC NOTES

## Cadets

SECTIONALS – 4:45-5:00pm - NONE

### **ATTENTION CADET Parents, HELP NEEDED on 12/5**

The Cadet Performance will be held in Marvin Hall, a larger space, upstairs at Resurrection above Cornelius Hall. Prior to the Performance, help will be needed by Cadet parents. Mrs. Borow will be there at by 4 pm (possibly earlier) to move tables and arrange chairs for the Cadet Performance. Anyone interested and willing to help would be most appreciated.

### **SPRING REGISTRATIONS DUE**

**December 12 is the deadline for returning Spring Registrations.  
Cadets should bring their Spring Registrations by their last day, December 5  
Or mail them TO ARRIVE BY December 12 to avoid late fees.**

\*\*\*\*\***CADET PERFORMANCE**\*\*\*\*\*

The Cadet Performance is on **December 5 in Marvin Hall at Resurrection, up the stairs just inside the regular entrance.** **ALL band members must come dressed in CONCERT DRESS.** All cadets must **arrive by 4:15** at the latest, to assist with unloading and set-up so they can be in their seats ready to play by 5:00 at which time we will tune the band. **CONCERT DRESS** includes a plain, button-front white shirt/blouse buttoned to the neck, and black pants/skirt and shoes. Refer to the Handbook, on our Forms Documents page. We will be observing your dress for compliance.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DRESSED ACCORDING TO THE DRESS CODE  
OR ARE LATE YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM.**

### **NOTICE TO ALL CADETS:**

- All instruments cases must be stored on or under the tables. None should be stored in the concert area.
- Stop playing when the director stops directing. Play NO extra notes. Watch director carefully!
- **ESPECIALLY PERCUSSION:** Avoid making stray noises at the dress rehearsal and concert.

### **OVER THE BREAKS**

1. Over the Thanksgiving break review all the new notes and skills, concepts, terms and catch-up as needed.

The same applies to the **5 weeks** of break time from December 5 thru January 9. All Cadets will be given a two page homework assignment to be learned and practiced over the long break for when band resumes - **over one month later.** Use these rare and longer breaks, **to catch up and/or improve** your skills. **Do not consider this a break from band practice. Daily practice must continue.**

2. Don't forget to also plan and practice your **SEC solo and/or ensemble.**  
Online registration will begin 12/5.

### **FOR HOMEWORK –**

1. **All percussionists watch for any new email** from Mrs. Talbot.
2. **Practice all these songs daily for Cadet Performance - December 5!**

#### **PLAY ALL SONGS WITH RECORDINGS**

- 14 Rolling Along
- 18 Go Tell Aunt Rhodie
- 25 Lightly Row
- 31 Mozart Melody
- 22 Split Decision, *(repeat one time, although not written that way)*

- A-Woodwinds
- B-Brass
- 24 Listen to Our Sections
- 30 London Bridge
- 53 Aura Lee, A-Woodwinds, B-Brass
- 54 Frere Jacques – round, [Woodwind and bells group A](#), [Brass group B](#)
- 55 When the Saints Go Marching In
- 56 Old MacDonald Had a Band
- 57 Ode to Joy
- 38 Jingle Bells – ENCORE **Add in repeat**

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

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

- **Return Veteran’s Day and Christmas parade music in February along with Concert music.**
- **BRING TUNERS - Bring your own tuner each week and tune your instrument before your band time begins.**

### Junior (see notes above)

### ***Special Notice to Concert Junior for 12/5***

The Cadet Performance is on December 5 in Marvin Hall and all rehearsals are also in Marvin Hall. Concert Junior may start a little late. **DO NOT COME EARLY.** Concert Junior members will need to enter quietly behind the audience. **Wait in silence** with your instrument **in its case** until the director tells you to get it out. Do not get your instrument out before that time, as it makes noise.

### SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm - NONE

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

### **Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK**

**RED EE BOOK** –p 16 and 17  
Rhythm lines 29, 33 and 37

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

Clash and Roar

God Bless America

[QUIZ – measures 1 to 18](#)

You’re A Grand Old Flag (Encore)

**ONLY THOSE MARCHING IN THE PARADE SHOULD PLAY THESE TWO SONGS AT REHEARSAL**  
**DO NOT PLAY IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP**

**We Need a Little Christmas** for parade

**Christmas Spectacular** for parade

*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 - NONE

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

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK page 34, Ex. 167-170, plus Chorale 156

Star Spangled Banner

Hungarian Rhapsody No.2

The director will CONDUCT through both cadenzas. WATCH HER!

Psalm 42

QUIZ - Percussion

Caribbean Skies

QUIZ at "E"

Stout Hearted Men

Mary Poppins, Highlights

Rock Around the Clock

Peasant Life

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)

**ONLY THOSE MARCHING IN THE PARADE SHOULD PLAY THESE TWO SONGS AT REHEARSAL**

**DO NOT PLAY IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP**

**We Need a Little Christmas** for parade

**Christmas Spectacular** for parade

*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 - NONE

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

Everyone must bring their RED EE BOOK

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)

**ONLY THOSE MARCHING IN THE PARADE SHOULD PLAY THESE TWO SONGS AT REHEARSAL**

**DO NOT PLAY IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP**

**We Need a Little Christmas** for parade

**Christmas Spectacular** for parade

*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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**OPEN BOOSTER SLOTS – PLEASE HELP**

Even though many signed-up for their 4 Booster-hour requirement, jobs remain open. Some did not fulfill their complete hours which have passed. Please make-up for your missed hours.

- **Various dates - Safety marshal at rehearsals. 8 openings**
- **11/29 Wheaton Christmas Parade – 6 jobs open**
- **Music distribution hours in January – 17 hours open**
- **Winter Concert 1 open, Concert night**

We truly appreciate your additional help covering these hours. We cannot do it without you.

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

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**SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST (SEC)**  
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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 will start December 5 and end February 13, 2025. All fees are due by February 20, 2025. Fees are \$4 per person (excluding adults) whether solo or ensemble. All entries should not exceed FIVE minutes.**

**Mrs. Borow brought a file of Band-owned ensembles for borrowing short-term. Copy and return so they are available for others to see.**

**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.

**PERFORMANCES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST**

**FREE CONCERT**

The Salvation Army Chicago Staff Band invites you for a wonderful night of music on Saturday, November 30, at 7:00 pm for their annual Sounds of the Seasons concert at Edman Chapel in Wheaton, IL. **Concert is FREE, donations are welcome.**

Featured this year is **Sara Groves a 25+ year veteran singer/songwriter and recording artist.**

**Note:** Because the concert will be recorded, preschool children are not admitted.

**TUBA CHRISTMAS**

2024 is the 51st anniversary for TUBA CHRISTMAS concerts/events which are presented throughout the world. There are a number of Illinois dates for this popular activity **for all tuba and euphonium players**. Participant registration fee for each event is \$10.00. The Palmer House, where some band members have participated, is December 21. Click on other Illinois dates/locations the interactive map. For complete information, including directions on how to get the music, see [TUBA CHRISTMAS - Participate.](#)

**MIDWEST CLINIC**

For many years a favorite activity for the director was the Midwest Clinic, December 18 – 21, now in its 78th year. She encourages band members, especially Symphonic, to consider attending. Its purpose is to raise the standards of music education and is attended by teachers and students alike. College students receive a pre-registration discount until December 16. For more information and registration and payment see [Midwest Clinic 2024](#) and/or [The Midwest Clinic Registration and Payment.](#)