

04-30-26 Rehearsal Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

May 7 - CADETS' Spring Performance in Marvin Hall

Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic in Marvin Hall

May 14 – 6:00 PM Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal at Edman Chapel, Wheaton, IL

Junior, Senior, Symphonic bands must arrive by 5pm

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

May 15 – 6:30 PM SPRING CONCERT at Edman Chapel, Wheaton, IL

Junior, Senior, Symphonic bands must arrive by 5pm

FUNDRAISER afterwards - Join us at Portillos/Barnelli's in Glendale Heights, from 9 – 11:45, tell them you're with the fundraiser or show them the flyer in drive-thru or at the counter, special code

PORTILLOS2 for online/app pick-up and in-store kiosk orders. The band gets 20% of our purchases. Details coming in Rehearsal Notes

May 21 – THURSDAY AFTER CONCERT - **CADETS MUST ATTEND WITH JR, SR, SYM**

Official start of SUMMER MARCHING TRIMESTER

4:15 – 5pm: **MANDATORY** ALL CADET percussion (on pads) will have a final practice with Mrs. Talbot

4:30 ARRIVAL – ALL Percussionists must bring any equipment they have at home. It may be reassigned for the summer. Also, all must help Mrs. Borow prepare for drumline practice.

5pm – 6 - **MANDATORY** Marching percussion/drumline practice to prepare for marching.

All marching percussionists Cadet thru SYM must attend this drumline practice.

6pm – 7:15 - Band members arrive to do returns, etc.

CADETS MUST ALSO ATTEND to return sheet music and bring any rental instrument(s)!!

- ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND ADULTS, CONCERT MUSIC RETURN, RETURN OF ALL BAND PROPERTY, PLUS MARCHING MUSIC AND HAT DISTRIBUTION

- **DO NOT return/bring these things to the Borow house or ask them to return for you.**

- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers

7:15 - Those new to WSHSB need not arrive until 7:15

Time approximate 7:30 – 8:15 pm

- **MANDATORY** Preliminary marching practice - **bring your instrument, lyre and loaded flip-folder.**

ALL marching musicians must attend this preliminary marching practice.

After marching practice @8:15

- Audition Q&A with director for students and parents regarding audition prep, etc.

MAY 28 – At Resurrection

4:15 – 5:00 **MANDATORY** Marching CADET percussionists (on pads) with Mrs. Talbot

5:00 – 6:00 **MANDATORY** drumline practice to prepare for marching.

ALL marching percussionists CADET thru SYM must attend the 5-6pm drumline practice.

Sweeping Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 05/07/26 – Ava P

CONCERT TICKETS AND FLYERS

Post concert flyers and distribute tickets– Both are available at band and on our website . Give tickets to family or friends. 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. Please do not take more than you will use.

****OPEN BOOSTER SLOTS****

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

- **SYM Safety marshal at rehearsal - May 7 OPEN**
- **5/14 Dress Rehearsal - 4 open** • **5/15 Concert - 6 open**
- **5/21 Post Concert Collections 8 open** • **6/18-26 Safety Marshals - 8 open**
- **6/28 Geneva Parade – 12 open** – drivers, flags, safety, cummerbunds, water
- **All parades - we have NO Flag bearers need volunteers in other slots as well**

List updated 4/30/26 Link here to → [WSHSB BOOSTER Sign-up](#)

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**Sign-up at the front table for a RHYTHM CLASS to prepare for auditions**  
**If there is interest, the director will hold two - ½ hour rhythm class sessions:**  
**Wednesday, 6/17, after Newcomer Camp - Yellow book 12-12:30**  
**and Tuesday, 6/23, of FULL CAMP - Red book, 12-12:30**  
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SUMMER RENTAL FORMS AND FEES ARE OVERDUE

Many students using a WSHSB instrument have not paid their summer rental fee of \$40 (except tuba, flute and baritone) and/or returned their form. Adults must return a completed rental form for the summer instruments, Remit payment A.S.A.P. to the address on the form.

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**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/Barnelli’s, 235 North Avenue, Glendale Heights**. Dine-in, counter or drive-thru, you must show the flyer (on last page) or **tell order-taker you are with the fundraiser 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 **PORTILLOS2**. **The code is specific and different for each location**. Everyone going through the drive-thru must **first inform the order-taker they are with the fundraiser, 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.

When ordering at a Kiosk

1. On the payment screen , click on **COUPON**
2. On the next screen, click on **ENTER YOUR COUPON CODE**
3. On the last screen type **PORTILLOS2** and click **SUBMIT**

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 this location 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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SECTIONALS – FOR 05/07/26

Junior	5:45-6:00pm	See Notes	Percussion
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	See Notes	Percussion
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	See Notes	Percussion

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

The Cadet Performance is May 7, upstairs in MARVIN HALL at Resurrection.

ALL band members must come dressed in CONCERT DRESS.

All cadets must **arrive at 4:15** for the concert 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, page 14, or the Dress Code on our Forms Documents page, for complete specifics regarding socks, panty hose and acceptable/unacceptable clothing styles. We will be observing your dress for compliance. **When you sit down, no leg should be showing.**

AWARD RIBBONS: Any/all award pins are worn on a red ribbon. If you need a red ribbon please see Mrs. WP or ask at the front table before the concert starts. Red ribbons are worn on the left side.

BRASS MUST BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL/RAG to use when you have to clear your water key/spit valve

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

SECTIONALS – 4:45-5:00pm KITCHEN – Percussion
UTILITY ROOM – Percussion

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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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CADET HOMEWORK –

1. Homework: Performance songs **ONLY 1 WEEK UNTIL THE PERFORMANCE**
Review Junior Band Audition songs
2. **All percussionists MUST use this link [Vic Firth 40 Essential Drum Rudiments](#)**, as found on our Music Resource page, to learn your rudiments.
3. **Watch for any new email** from Mrs. Talbot.
4. **PRACTICE ALL PERFORMANCE SONGS daily with recordings!**
182 - America the Beautiful
77 – Sakura, Sakura
97 – Trombone Rag
102 – Satin Latin
103 – Minuet, **A** – woodwinds, **B** – brass
131 – Kum Bah Yah –
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
183 - La Cucaracha
Sourwood Mountain **LINK** → [Sourwood Mountain](#)
184 - Theme from 1812
Dancin' on the Bayou **LINK** → [Dancin' on the Bayou](#)

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 in May. [The link to the HOW TO AUDITION video](#) is at the end of General Notes.

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

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

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**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** – During Sectional time, in the back corner of Marvin Hall, arrange music in all folders and CUBE in concert order. See the list under each band.

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BRASS MUST BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL/RAG to use when you have to clear your water key/spit valve at band **and at the concert**

******* ONLY 1 REGULAR REHEARSAL REMAINS*******

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

Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm – Back corner Marvin Hall – Percussion

******* PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS emailed 2/13/26*******

Star Spangled Banner (*kept from Tri 1*)

Maiden Voyage

FOR ALL – Observe the *fp* at 64

Chorale Prelude

When the Koalas Do the Conga with the Kangaroos

NOTE: use this link → [Koalas Conga Kangaroos](#)

Veni Sul Mar

NOTE: Trumpets, play much more quietly @ E, when the clarinet has the solo so we can hear her.

Carpathia

Big Mambo, The

Heroes Triumphant

Salute to America's Finest

QUIZ – Trumpets at 133

God Bless America (*kept from Tri 1*)

Stars and Stripes Forever (ENCORE)

Bongo Louie – *perc only*

The following song(s) have been cut

Volga Boat Song

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm - Back corner Marvin Hall – Percussion

******* PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS emailed 2/13/26*******

Star Spangled Banner (*kept from Tri 1*)

Symphony 100 (*kept from Tri 1*)

Batman, Music From (*kept from Tri 1*)

NOTE: use this link → [Correct Batman link](#)

Danzon

QUIZ – Woodblocks at 84

To Reap the Blessings of Freedom

Mission Impossible Theme

On the last note, add a "fall"

Prince of Egypt

Salute to America's Finest

QUIZ Trumpets at 133

God Bless America (*kept from Tri 1*)

Stars and Stripes Forever (ENCORE)

Bongo Louie – *perc only*

The following song(s) have been cut

While Eagle Rhapsody

Symphonic (see notes above)

ATTENTION ALL SYM MARCHERS –

Copy from 95 to the end of Stars and Stripes, in marching size, for summer,
before you turn in your music. We will use it for marching.

SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm – Back corner Marvin Hall – Percussion

*****PRACTICE DAILY WITH LINKS emailed 2/13/26*****

Star Spangled Banner (*kept from Tri 1*)

American Overture

NOTE: Matt will play oboe cues at 129; Flutes will play them at 133

Super Mario

No repeats

Celebration

Tico Tico

No repeats, but take DS

Audrey SOLO

Missing Man

Salute to the Patriots

El Camino Real

America the Beautiful

Salute to America's Finest

God Bless America (*kept from Tri 1*)

Stars and Stripes Forever

DRILL all *p* markings

Bongo Louie – *perc only*

The following song(s) have been cut

American Salute

Blue Tango

Mambo Jumbo Samba

Slavonic Dance #1

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**GENERAL NOTES**  
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SUMMER MARCHING

PARADE DATES

The following parade/football dates are at different stages of being invited/accepted/confirmed.

Geneva Swedish Days – Sunday, June 28. Arrive no later than noon. **Step-off** 1pm.

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

Streamwood Summer Celebration – Saturday, July 25. Arrive no later than 9:30. **Step-off** 10:30am.

Crossroads FOOTBALL GAME - Saturday, September 5, Location & Arrival Time TBA, **Game 2pm**

NOTE: Eligibility to perform at football games is only open to current JR, SR and SYM members who:

1. Come to Full Band Camp plus any Pre-Camp Day that applies to them AND 2. March in at least 2 parades

Elk Grove Village Oktoberfest Parade – Saturday, Sept. 19. Arrive no later than 1. **Step-off** 2pm.

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**See past notes in the Rehearsal Notes Archive to read about  
Looking Ahead to Auditions**

**IMPORTANT AUDITION REMINDERS**

- Ask at the front table if you need Part 2 No.1 for your instrument.
- Students wishing to join the WSHSB for the first time must contact the director to discuss their specific audition requirements.

- *Current students* must audition for each band on the instrument they intend to play. Every audition must be **COMPLETELY NEW for 2026-2027** including **ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS** as defined within the respective audition requirements at the bottom of this page.
- *Current students who desire to move up to the next band level* – In order to be considered for a band level promotion, the student needs to prepare and perform BOTH an audition for the band they are in currently, along with an audition for the new level to which the student is aspiring.
- AUDITIONING FOR A PARTICULAR BAND DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE IN THAT BAND. There may be limits in instrument sections within each band level
- **WATCH THIS AUDITION AID VIDEO LINK** – Here is the link to a helpful YouTube created by past WSHSB members. While it shows our old website the principles are the same. – LINK → [How to Audition for the WSHSB](#)

**See the next page for the PORTILLO'S FUNDRAISER FLYER**

NOTE: The code **PORTILLOS2** is specific to Glendale Heights and is different for each location

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**FUNDRAISER**   
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Present this flyer in-restaurant or use the online code for online/app orders, and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to:

## **West Suburban Home School Band**

**At the Portillo's located at:      When:**

235 North Ave.

May 15, 2026

Glendale Heights, IL

9:00 PM - 11:45 PM

**ONLINE CODE: PORTILLOS2**

Learn [more](https://portillos.com/good) about Portillo's Fundraisers at [portillos.com/good](https://portillos.com/good).

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.



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