

05-07-26 Rehearsal Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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.

NO Sweeping Assignment for Dress Rehearsal

DRESS REHEARSAL AND SPRING CONCERT INFORMATION

Since there is so much information specifically for the dress rehearsal and Spring Concert, **which are both at the Edman Memorial Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL** it is all contained in a separate document, “2025-2026 Spring Rehearsal – Concert Information.” It is accessible from our Member's News page along with the 05-07-26 Rehearsal Notes. Parents and students need to review the document so all know what to expect. Every concert is a little bit different, especially in the area of logistics.

ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR FULL CONCERT DRESS TO BOTH THE DRESS REHEARSAL AND CONCERT

NOTICE - POST-CONCERT NOTES and MUSIC RETURN FORMS

The 05-15-26 Post Concert Notes and the Music Return Forms will not be on the website until the afternoon of 5/19.

****** OPEN BOOSTER SLOTS ******

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

- 5/14 Dress Rehearsal - 4 open
- 5/15 Concert - 6 open
- 5/21 Post Concert Collections 8 open
- 6/18/26 Safety Marshals - 5 open

- **6/28 Geneva Parade – 10 open – need 2 drivers, flags, safety, cummerbunds, water**
 - **All parades - we have only 1 of 20 Flag bearers plus need volunteers in other slots as well**
- List updated 5/07/26 Link here to → [WSHSB BOOSTER Sign-up](#)

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### AUDITION PREP RHYTHM CLASSES

Sign-up (on 5/21) at the front table for a RHYTHM CLASS for BOTH wind and percussion to prepare for auditions. The director will hold two - ½ hour rhythm class sessions **at the fair grounds:**  
 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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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.**

NO Percussionists, JR, SR and SYM, are to leave Edman until they finish loading the trailer.

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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## NO SECTIONALS FOR 05-14-23

## MUSIC NOTES

### Cadets

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR

The director wishes to thank you for the gorgeous spring planter. She was so touched by your thoughtfulness. When it’s time she will transplant the flower bulbs and remember you each year when they bloom. Sincere congratulations on a wonderful spring performance, a true testament to your terrific progress.

#### CADET FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO CONCERT

Friday, May 15, 6:30pm, is the night of the Spring Concert at Edman Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. We hope you will be able to attend. If that date does not work you may attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 14, 6pm, but you would need to through the door on the north side of the building, adjacent to the parking lot. On the night of the concert, only band members use this back door. All other family members and concertgoers must enter the auditorium through Edman’s main doors. We hope to see you there. If you come to the Concert, consider joining us at Portillo’s afterwards.

**Cadet families, while there are no more regular rehearsals  
 be sure to check the 05-15-26 Post Concert Notes  
 for important band information.**

**Cadet families, be sure to continue to read the Rehearsal Notes.**

## **VERY IMPORTANT- ALL Cadets must come on May 21**

May 21 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. However, all Cadet percussionists must arrive earlier at **4:15pm** for a final practice w/Mrs. Talbot followed by the Summer Marching drumline practice from **5 to 6** and then at approx. 7:30 there will be the preliminary marching music practice

- **6:00 – 7:30pm** Return a completed Cadet Music Return Form along with sheet music for Dancin' on the Bayou and Sourwood Mountain. **The fine for any missing full size music is \$4.00 and marching size is \$1.00.** You are expected to pay your fines when you return your music. Come prepared to do so with fives or singles not twenties.
- **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** – Marching **Cadets MUST ATTEND** on 5/21 for preliminary marching practice. **Bring your instrument, lyre and flip-folder loaded with your marching music**

**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](#)

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

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Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

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### **CONCERT REMINDERS FOR ALL**

1. **Attention all Second Chair people** - With bad weather and/or sickness there can be unexpected absences. All SECOND CHAIR people need to practice all solos in case the FIRST chair becomes ill and cannot make the concert.
2. **Break in new reeds now** - Do not expect to perform well at the concert with a brand new reed. You must have a couple reeds already BROKEN-IN prior to the dress rehearsal. Have more than one ready in case of breakage.
3. **Cummerbunds and bowties** - Cummerbunds and bow ties were distributed at practice on May 8. Everyone wears a bow tie. Concert Senior and Symphonic also wear a cummerbund.
4. **Review Dress Code at [WSHSB Dress Codes](#) and check fit of clothes NOW – shirt, pants, etc** - Make sure you have what you need. Remember **full concert dress is to be worn to the Dress Rehearsal AND Concert.** You will be observed for compliance. Important reminders - **\*Only solid white or flesh-tone undergarments.** Other colors show through. **\*If wearing pants, you must wear black crew socks.** When you sit down, no leg should be showing.
5. **ANY BAND AWARDS** that you want to wear on your uniform **MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE RED AWARD RIBBON.** Attach the red award ribbon to the top, left side of your shirt (or jacket) even with the point of your collar. Ribbon replacement fee is \$1. **All awards must fit on ribbons!**

There is an **EXCEPTION FOR ONLY SYMPHONIC GRADUATING SENIORS;** – You may wear awards anywhere on the upper left breast of the jacket, with no medal lower than the bottom edge of the pocket. Nothing should be on the collar, lapel or sleeve

6. **Lyre and Flip Folders needed for Concert** - Standing wind musicians from Concert Junior, Concert Senior need to use a lyre and flip-folder at the Spring Concert. Be sure to label. Under **no circumstances** should it be cut to fit! Rather photocopy and reduce it.
  - Senior and Symphonic for Star-Spangled Banner
  - Junior and Senior for Salute to America's Finest, God Bless America and Stars and Stripes Forever
7. **Put your music in concert order as listed in these notes.** - Keep it in concert order for the collection
8. **Brass must bring your own towel/rag** to use when you have to clear your water key/spit valve **at the concert.**
9. **About those tapping feet** - The sound of people tapping their feet to help keep time can be very apparent during rehearsals in Cornelius Hall, which has a SOLID, CONCRETE floor. This sound is magnified when on a stage that is hollow underneath as at Edman. Just lift your toes and do not tap the ball of your foot.

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Junior (see notes above)

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

Star Spangled Banner (*kept from Tri 1*)
 Maiden Voyage
 Chorale Prelude
 When the Koalas Do the Conga with the Kangaroos
 Veni Sul Mar
 Carpathia
 Big Mambo, The
 Heroes Triumphant
 Salute to America's Finest
 God Bless America
 Stars and Stripes Forever (ENCORE)

Senior (see notes above)

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

Star Spangled Banner
 Symphony 100
 Batman, Music From
 Danzon
 To Reap the Blessings of Freedom
 Mission Impossible Theme
 Prince of Egypt
 Salute to America's Finest
 God Bless America
 Stars and Stripes Forever (ENCORE)

Symphonic (see notes above)

ATTENTION ALL SYM MARCHERS –
Before you turn in your music, copy from 95 to the end
of Stars and Stripes, in marching size, for summer.
We will use it for marching.

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

Star Spangled Banner
 American Overture
 Super Mario
 Celebration
 Tico Tico
 Sonata for Clarinet and Piano - III Allegro con fuoco

Missing Man
Salute to the Patriots
El Camino Real
America the Beautiful
Salute to America's Finest
God Bless America
Stars and Stripes Forever

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**GENERAL NOTES**  
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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.
- Every audition must be **COMPLETELY NEW for 2026-2027** including **ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS** as defined within the respective audition requirements at the bottom of the Auditions webpage.
- *Current students* must audition for each band on the instrument they intend to play.
- *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.
- *Current students who desire to move from Junior to Symphonic, hoping to bypass Senior* – The student needs to prepare and perform **THREE COMPLETE AUDITIONS**, one each for Junior Band, Senior Band and Symphonic Band.
- AUDITIONING FOR A PARTICULAR BAND DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE IN THAT BAND. There may be limits in instrument sections within each band level
- **ALL AUDITION VIDEOS MUST BE EMAILED AND RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR BY 5 PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 or they will be considered late.** In order to be considered for a ranked chair position your audition must be received on time, by the deadline. If you fail to do so, there will be penalties at the director's discretion.
- **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](#)

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**RECRUITING FLYER HELP NEEDED**

On our Member's News page, in addition to the Concert Tickets and Flyers 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.** In addition ask at libraries, and 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.

**We need everyone's help in recruiting.** While the fittings are generally for Cadets we definitely need experienced players too. Along with posting flyers please share this information with home school parents of potential band members. Tell them to call Mrs. Borow for an Instrument Fitting appointment. The instrument fitting/tryout dates, by appointment only, 9am-6pm, are 5/27, 6/30, 7/28, 8/25 and 9/10.

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

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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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