

**WEST SUBURBAN HOME SCHOOL BAND
2025/2026 CALENDAR**

Dates and times are subject to change. Last revised 05/01/2026

End of Concert Trimester 2 (Spring) and Trimester 3 (Marching)

2026

Concert Trimester 2 (spring)

April 2026

2 – **NO BAND** in observance of Holy Thursday. **A Blessed Easter to all!**

6 – **MONDAY-7PM Marching trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS sign-up begins. First come, first served.**

9 - Regular practices at Resurrection. **BAND OPEN HOUSE**
during all practices all interested home schoolers are welcome. Band times are as follows -
5:00-6:00 – Cadet Band
6:00-7:00 – Concert Junior Band
7:00-8:00 – Concert Senior Band
8:00-9:00 – Symphonic Band

16 – Regular practices

**NEW DEADLINE –
2026 ONLINE Summer Marching Registrations
from all participating WSHSB members**

Registration includes a parent signing-up for the required Booster hours on the [WSHSB Sign-Up Schedule](#) **AND** indicating those hours on the registration form. **Registering also includes completing summer rental form(s) and fee(s)** if applicable. **If mailing rental forms, etc. do so with sufficient time to arrive by 4/30.**

23 – Regular practices

APRIL 25 – Saturday - Roselle Bockfest parade Those who volunteered, line-up by 11, step-off at noon. Stay posted for final details once they are known.

30 – **CADETS' Spring Performance Dress Rehearsal**
Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

4 DEADLINES ON 4/30

1. ALL remaining **Spring Well-Wishers are due**
2. **2026-2027 Band Declarations** in **YELLOW** folder from ALL current, Cadet through Symphonic members, students and adults alike
3. Deadline for those graduating from high school to confirm on list at front table.

MAY 2026

7 – **CADETS' Spring Performance in Marvin Hall**
Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic in Marvin Hall
Cadets must attend on the Thursday after Concert (5/21) for annual WSHSB instrument inventory/check, etc.

MAY 14 – (No Cadet rehearsal this evening)

**Thursday- 6:00PM - Spring Concert Dress rehearsal at
Edman Chapel, Wheaton, IL**

All three bands must arrive by 5pm

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

**NOTE: May 14 is also the DEADLINE for ONLINE Marching Season Registration
for NEW PEOPLE**

MAY 15 – FRIDAY 6:30pm SPRING CONCERT *All three bands must arrive by 5pm*

Edman Memorial Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

This concert is NOT a function of Wheaton College

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. See details 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 – See our Summer Marching web page and contact the director in advance if at all possible. All new people must complete an ONLINE Marching Season Registration by May 14 and bring applicable summer rental forms and fees on May 21. Get the ONLINE Registration link from the Director. The fillable PDF Rental form is on our FORMS/DOCUMENTS web page. Let the director know if you missed the deadline.

Time approximate 7:30 – 8:15 pm

- **MANDATORY** Preliminary marching kick-off and music 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 27 – Tuesday – 9am-6pm – Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home

Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow. Remaining instrument fitting/tryout dates, by appointment only on 6/30, 7/28, 8/25 and 9/10.

MAY 28 – At Resurrection

4:15 – 5:00 **MANDATORY** Marching CADET percussionists (all 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.

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Marching, Trimester 3 (summer 2026)

The purpose of Trimester 3 is two-fold

1. **Summer Marching** - for which the WSHSB is also known as "The Patriots"
Marching is voluntary and open to current WSHSB members and non-members alike.
See **Summer Marching** on our website for complete details.
2. **Auditions** – time for the WSHSB Annual Summer Chair Competition. However, once the audition video deadline has passed you are still able to join by submitting an audition video with the following understanding. You will be placed in the band where we feel you fit best and you will be at the end of the roster for your instrument. See **Auditions** on our website for complete details.

JUNE 2026

JUNE 17, 18, 19 - MANDATORY PRE-CAMPS at DuPage County Fair Grounds,
9am to 12pm each day. Enter off Manchester, via Gate S7 at the SE corner of the
Fairgrounds See **Summer Marching** for complete explanation of each day's participants

6/17– Newcomer Camp for all students new to WSHSB Marching Band
(helpers welcome)

6/18 – Percussion Camp – required for all current and new marching
percussionists

6/19 – Rank Leader Camp – for those who've been rank leaders before and
volunteer to offer their services in the training of new marchers, also Senior or
Symphonic band members interested in being a rank leader.

Attendance on this day **WILL NOT GUARANTEE** your role as a rank leader in
marching camp or at parades.

The director will decide and assign rank leaders based on multiple criteria
including: actual marching ability, leadership skills, marching camp attendance as
well as prior AND current parade commitments.

JUNE 6/22 through 6/26 – FULL MARCHING CAMP at DuPage County Fair Grounds,
9am to 12pm each day. Enter off Manchester, via Gate S7 at the SE corner
of the Fairgrounds

PARADE 1 of 4 Summer Parades

JUNE 28 – Sunday – Geneva Swedish Days Parade, arrive by 12 noon. **Step-off** 1pm.

JUNE 30 – Tuesday – 9am-6pm – Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home

Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow. Remaining instrument fitting/tryout dates, by appointment
only on 7/28, 8/25 and 9/10.

JULY 2026

JULY 2 – Thursday 9am-7pm, Concert Senior and Symphonic

AUDITION MUSIC RELEASE

music must be picked-up **ONLY THIS DAY** at the director's home

See **Auditions** on our website for complete details.

Plan ahead if you will be gone for the holiday. There is **NO EARLY RELEASE** and **UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES** will audition sheet music be mailed.

Have a friend pick-up your audition if you are unable to get it on July 2.

NOTE: Junior band members should NOT COME on 7/2. They have no music to pick-up. The Junior audition comes entirely from the Essential Elements book. See the Junior audition requirements.

REMINDER for Adult Helpers – no audition required for Cadet or Junior band.

Adult helpers wishing to move up to Senior or Symphonic need to produce a one-time, acceptable audition.

PARADE 2 of 4 Summer Parades

JULY 3 – Friday – Warrenville Independence Day Parade, arrive by 5 pm.

Step-off 6 pm

JULY 27- Monday –

Winter trimester BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.

JULY 28 – Tuesday – 9am-6pm – Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home

Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow. Remaining instrument fitting/tryout dates, by appointment only on 8/25 and 9/10.

PARADE 3 of 4 Summer Parades (Last parade is on 9/19)

JULY 25 – Saturday – Streamwood Summer Celebration, arrive by 9:30 am

Step-off 10:30am

AUGUST 2026

3- Tuesday

All MAILED Winter registrations and fees plus rental forms/fees should be received by this date. Or they may be dropped off at the Borow's.

Registration includes-

- 1.** A parent signing-up for the required Booster hours on [WSHSB BOOSTER Sign-up](#) **AND** indicating those hours on the registration form.
- 2.** A completed registration with
 - a) A completed and signed Commitment page (pg.3)
 - b) All fees
 - c) Applicable rental form(s) and fee(s), students and adults alike.

Late fees are applicable after August 4.

(Fillable Registration and Rental forms are on our [FORMS/DOCUMENTS](#) webpage.) Timely mailing is especially important. Otherwise, it may be returned in person on/before August 4. For volunteer job descriptions see our [Booster webpage](#). See point 1 above for the link to the [WSHSB job sign-up site](#).

- 3.** A signed Handbook Agreement (pg. 4)

4– Tuesday – All Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic Audition videos are due, 9am – 5pm note earlier end time

IMPORTANT: Auditions received after 5pm on August 4 will be considered late, not eligible for a ranked chair, and you will be placed at the end of the roster for your instrument. We are aware YouTube uploading can take as much as 48 hours or more. There may be power outages, computer failures, equipment issues or other unforeseen problems. To avoid missing the deadline, do not wait until the last days before auditions are due to finalize your recordings. You may submit your audition earlier than August 4.

See [Auditions](#) on our website for complete details.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Fully completed Winter registrations, etc. as described under August 3, may be delivered IN PERSON on August 4. Late fees are applicable after Aug. 4.

No auditions will be accepted without a fully completed 2026-2027 WINTER Registration which includes all fees, Booster hours sign-up (BOTH online AND on the form), a completed and signed Commitment Page and Handbook Agreement along with any applicable rental forms/fees.

(Registration and Rental forms are on our FORMS/DOCUMENTS webpage.)

AUGUST 25 – Tuesday – 9am-6pm – Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home
Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow. Remaining instrument fitting/tryout date is by appointment only on 9/10.

September 2026

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL GAME

SEPTEMBER 5, Saturday, 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

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – 9am-6pm – Instrument fittings/tryouts at director's home

Prior appointment must be made with director, Mrs. Borow. There are no other scheduled dates remain.

SEPTEMBER 17 – OVERVIEW AND ORIENTATION MEETING

Location – Resurrection Church, Wayne, NW corner of Route 59 & Army Trail Road

6:45pm –All returning members need to:

- Return ALL audition music and packets.
- Return black band pants and Symphonic Blue jackets if outgrown or no longer needed.
RULE FOR RETURNING JACKETS AND PANTS – If you have outgrown your blue Symphonic jacket or are returning it for any reason, return it with \$5 cash and we will have the jacket dry-cleaned. Band-owned pants are also dry-clean only and should also be returned with \$2 cash per pair of pants. All returns should be made to one of the Jacket/Pants coordinators, NOT MRS. BOROW.
- **Music pick-up for all members, NEW and RETURNING**
Pick-up 1st trimester music (additional songs may be distributed at band)

DO NOT RETURN THE FOLLOWING ON THIS DAY.

They will be collected at another band rehearsal TBA

- Laundered marching hats - **hats must washed and totally dried**
- Summer marching music (Collected on a date TBA in October)
- Wind instruments loaned out for summer marching, etc.
- Summer marching percussion equipment

@7:00pm – **OVERVIEW** portion of the meeting begins. **All returning parents are expected to attend** as this is the only meeting with the director for the entire year. Returning parents may leave after the Overview portion or remain for the Orientation Meeting.

@8:00 – 9pm - ORIENTATION MEETING and Q&A Note: Meeting may start earlier if music pick-up is completed and the Overview portion concluded.

All new members are required to come along with your parent(s) to this meeting.

Returning parents may leave after the Overview portion or remain for the Orientation Meeting.

PARADE 4 of 4 Summer Parades

SEPTEMBER 20 – Saturday - Elk Grove Village Octoberfest Parade, arrive by 1 pm.
Step-off 2pm

SEPTEMBER 24 – FIRST BAND PRACTICE

Location - Resurrection Church, Wayne (NW corner of Route 59 & Army Trail Road)

We NEED regular assistance of Cadets and their parents at weekly practices! There is a large amount of unloading and set-up required to prepare for the evening's band rehearsals. The more parents and students helping, the faster set-up will go. Many hands make light the work! Also please note below the **REQUIRED ARRIVAL TIME OF 4:45pm**. Mrs. Borow aims to be there 15 minutes earlier, at 4:30, barring any unexpected problems that might arise. Any Cadets arriving at or just before 5:15 are already late!!!

At 4:45 all Cadet PERCUSSIONISTS and their parents must

1. Help unload the trailer
2. Carry in the unloaded percussion equipment
3. Assist the coordinator in setting-up all the percussion equipment in the percussion section.

At 4:45 all Cadet WIND players and their parents must assist the parent helper in charge with setting-up chairs in Cornelius hall. When that task is finished then help carry in any music files and remaining percussion equipment.

ALL ARE EXPECTED TO HELP

5:15-6:00 – Cadet Band

6:00-7:00 – Concert Junior Band

7:00-8:00 – Concert Senior Band

8:00-9:00 – Symphonic Band (note: on occasion, director may request to rehearse beyond 9 pm)

9:00-9:30 – Reset hall - While the Sweeping job is assigned, all Symphonic

members are expected to help load music file boxes and equipment, reset the room, and clean up after band before leaving. All percussionists are asked to devote themselves to breaking down and loading the percussion equipment. The assigned Sweeper is responsible for getting a sub if they will not be there.

9:45 – All should have left the premises by this time.

Note: All members must arrive @15 minutes before their band begins practice to allow for instrument set-up, etc. During the concert season, those assigned to a sectional (not Cadets) need to arrive 30 minutes early to be ready for their sectional at quarter to the hour.