

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

*Dates and times are subject to change. Last revised 06/01/2026*

## **2026 Trimester 3 (Marching) through 1st Rehearsal for Fall/Winter**

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 19 – 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.*