

10-08-26 Rehearsal Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 9 – FRIDAY – Band Apparel order deadline 11:59pm CST.

October 31 – Saturday Crossroads Football game 2pm

Aurora Central Catholic High School
1225 N. Edgelawn Drive; Aurora, IL 60506

Meet in parking lot at 12:45pm for rehearsal

November 5 – Band Apparel orders delivered at band

November 10 – Tuesday evening, **7:30 – 8:30 pm** – Black uniform pants for all and Symphonic blue jacket fitting/exchange at the Borows. You must sign-up in advance.

November 19 - Cadets' Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal

Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

November 26 – NO BAND Happy Thanksgiving

November 27 – Friday evening– Wheaton Christmas Parade, Arrive 5:00pm, Step-off 6pm

followed by our **FUNDRAISER** at Portillos/Barnelli's in Glendale Heights from 7- 11

November 29 – Sunday, Cosley Zoo Christmas Tree Lane 2026 –

Tree Decorating by WSHSB

Time TBA, Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave., Wheaton, IL

Sign-up at front table at rehearsal. Complete details will be emailed to participants.

November 30 – 7pm Spring trimester BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS sign-up begins

First come, first served.

December 3 - Cadets' Winter Performance in Marvin Hall

AND Regular practices for Concert JR, Concert SR and Sym in Marvin Hall

Sweeping Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/15– Anna F

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**DAILY PRACTICE SHOULD BE #1 PRIORITY FOR ALL**  
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REVIEW THESE IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL.

1. Do not put anything on the two freezers per Resurrection's building manager.
2. All signed the Handbook Agreement. The Handbook includes the Dress Code which states: **No short-shorts. Shorts need to be KNEE LENGTH (nothing shorter). Everyone must adhere to the Dress Code.**
3. Due to limited space, all tubas, trombones and baritones must store their cases closed, neatly and orderly in the Chair closet.
4. LOST and FOUND has a black, folding baby stroller from marching camp plus other items. Check it out.

~~~~~ **APPAREL ORDER DEADLINE**

Order deadline is 11:59pm on October 9 for distribution on November 5 There is a personalization option for select t-shirts and hoodies.. See more details in the Opening Letter.
ORDER LINK → <https://hyperstitch.com/category/schools/west-suburban-home-school-band/>
Email or call/text Mrs. Herrera with any questions; her number is in the Opening Letter.
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**BAND DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTED** - On 10-08-26 the oldest child or solo adult helper from every family received a copy of the 2026-2027 Band Directory in their music folder. If you did not get yours pick it up next week. **Parents**, please ask your child for the directory and **KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE FOR THE YEAR. IT IS THE ONLY COPY YOU WILL RECEIVE.** During the year the director

receives many, many requests for phone numbers, email addresses, etc., all of which are in the directory. Please help avoid this extra work by knowing where your directory is and using it. **This is a confidential list.** Read in the Handbook regarding the proper use of this contact information. **Since email is an important form of band communication; if you change your email address or phone number be sure to let us know.** Also, we apologize if your band or level is listed incorrectly in the directory. Do not contact anyone about this.

## Cosley Zoo Christmas Tree Lane 2026 – Tree Decorating by WSHSB

**Sunday, November 29, Time TBA.** The zoo will provide a lit tree up to 5' tall, a sign with your group or organizations name to be displayed on the tree, and a cup of hot chocolate for participants on the day of decorating; your group provides wildlife friendly ornaments and imagination. Trees are on display through the month of December. **Sign-up at front table at rehearsal.** Complete details will be emailed to participants

## SECTIONALS FOR 10-15-26 **Note different times shown in RED**

|           |                    |                          |              |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Cadet     | 4:45-5:00pm        | All Instruments          | Evaluations  |
| Junior    | 5:45-6:00pm        | Clarinets                | Kitchen      |
| Junior    | 5:45-6:00pm        | Trombones                | Utility Room |
| Junior    | 5:45-6:00pm        | French Horns             | Under Stairs |
| Junior    | <b>6:00-6:15pm</b> | Percussion               | Kitchen      |
| Senior    | 6:45-7:00pm        | Trumpets                 | Kitchen      |
| Senior    | 6:45-7:00pm        | Alto & bass clarinets    | Utility Room |
| Senior    | 6:45-7:00pm        | Alto Saxes               | Under Stairs |
| Symphonic | 7:45-8:00pm        | Flutes, clarinets, oboes | Kitchen      |
| Symphonic | 7:45-8:00pm        | Trumpets                 | Utility Room |
| Symphonic | 7:45-8:00pm        | Tubas & baritones        | Under Stairs |

## MUSIC NOTES

### Cadets

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### SECTIONALS – NONE due to Evaluations

#### **NOTICE– CADET EVALUATIONS will be held on 10/15.**

**Early arrivals will be required to BEGIN EVALUATIONS at 4:45 pm sharp!**

- Observed for posture, instrument hold, hand position and embouchure
  - Pg. 6, perform 5 notes in review,
  - Pg. 6, play Ex 18 Go Tell Aunt Rhodie
  - Pg. 6, clap Ex 15 Rhythm Rap while the helper keeps the tempo with their foot
  - Recite letter names for lines and spaces as shown in Rehearsal Notes
  - Observed for note accuracy plus tonguing for winds, sticking for perc,
- All helpers will be the EVALUATORS and must print a copy of the Cadet Evaluation Form to bring to band on 10/15. It can be found on our Member's News Page**

**FOR CADET PERCUSSIONISTS WITH BELLS –** Label the notes on your bells using masking or painter's tape which is easier to remove. With a black marker, mark the letter name of each note on the tape according to the chart on page 5 of your book.

## HOMEWORK –

1. In your book review and study pages 2 and 3 "The Basics."  
*The odd number exercises are an introduction to the first five notes while the even number exercises introduce tonguing.*
2. Review the YELLOW boxes on pages 4 and 5 which introduce new concepts and music theory terms as

illustrated on the director's poster at band. See the 09/24/26 Rehearsal Notes in the Rehearsal Notes Archive for the green chart Mrs. Borow showed at rehearsal.

3. Review the 5 Notes in Review, top of pg 6, Practice pages 8 and 9 and [play along with recordings](#). [Adjust tempo if you are able](#). Complete Exercises 13, 19 and 26. Review the YELLOW boxes.

**WRITE IN THE LETTER NAMES OF NOTES on exercises if helpful.**

4. All brass instruments, practice lip slurs, ex. 1-9. **Be prepared for a QUIZ** on those required lip slurs.
5. Review Rhythm Studies pg 42, clapping lines 1, 5 and 9 and 5
6. **All percussionists watch for email** with assignment from Mrs. Talbot.
7. **Practice these songs daily for Cadet Performance**

**PLAY ALL SONGS WITH RECORDINGS**

14 Rolling Along

18 Go Tell Aunt Rhodie

25 Lightly Row

22 Split Decision, (*repeat one time, although not written that way*)

**A**-Woodwinds

**B**-Brass

24 Listen to Our Sections

30 London Bridge

31 Mozart Melody

38 Jingle Bells - ENCORE

Use the link provided above or play with the DVD (if you have it) using the Smart Music software with the adjustable tempo. You can control the tempo. Listen and try to match the pitch and tone. Use proper tonguing. Practice every day for no less than 20 minutes. You may split the time between multiple sessions. At every practice session, everyone should check their: posture and instrument hold, breathing/airstream, and mouth position (embouchure).

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

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Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

MUSIC MISSING? If you think you are missing music you must first recheck your file to the bottom. This week, while distributing Directories, there were quite a few small, marching sized music sheets that were left behind (likely many of those Ode to Joy's, Star Spangled and God Bless.) Before asking for anything, check your file.

Songs are listed below. If you are missing any of the following songs please email Mrs. Borow (director@wshsb.org) as soon as possible. She will put it in your music folder. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL Tuesday, Wednesday or NEXT REHEARSAL TO TELL HER or the front table.**

FOR ALL PERCUSSIONISTS - EVERY WEEK, ALL percussionists must bring your own

1. Labeled music folder
2. Labeled Essential Elements book
3. Labeled bell set. Be sure to label all parts.
4. **Printed copy of the assignment grid**, emailed to you. Keep it in your music folder and bring to band every week for each of your bands to help expedite the logistics in the section.

BRING TUNERS

Bring your own tuner each week and tune your instrument before your band time begins.

Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – Note different times shown in RED

5:45-6:00pm - KITCHEN – Clarinets on [Oh Happy Day](#)

UTILITY ROOM – Trombones on [Schuman Suite](#)

UNDER STAIRS – French horns on [Oh Happy Day](#)

Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.

6:00-6:15pm – Kitchen – Percussionists on pads –

[Oh Happy Day](#) - rhythms and solo/soli sections

Everyone must bring their own, labeled RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK –pg 6 and 7, ex 20-23 and 25-29, Repeat rhythm lines 5 and 9

Royal Fireworks Music

QUIZ – Trumpets at 47

Oh Happy Day

Peer Gynt Suite

Schumann Suite, The

QUIZ - Clarinets to mvt 1, measures 9-13

Rock that Bach!

Strauss Waltzes

Symphony #40

COMBINED

Star Spangled Banner

God Bless America

Ode to Joy 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 song(s) have been cut

Adoramus and Sanctus

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – **6:45-7:00pm** - KITCHEN – Trumpets Capriccio Italien, esp. 1-65 solos and duets

UTILITY ROOM – Alto and bass clarinets on Capriccio Italien

UNDER STAIRS – Alto saxes on Capriccio Italien

Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.

Everyone must bring their own, labeled RED EE BOOK

RED EE BOOK Rhythm lines 1 and 5, page 34, 167-170; plus chorale 156, Repeat rhythm lines 5 and 9

Menuetto and Trio

Aria and Fugue

Capriccio Italien

QUIZ – Trumpets – all solos and duets

Jungle Drums

QUIZ 3 before K

Firebirds

Fanfare Prelude: O Worship the King

Pizzicato Polka

Toccata for Band

Ode to Joy ENCORE

Water Music

COMBINED

Star Spangled Banner

God Bless America

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

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We Need a Little Christmas for parade

Christmas Spectacular for parade

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – **7:45-8:00pm** KITCHEN – Flutes, clarinets and oboe on Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, esp. at 20, 31 and 43

UTILITY ROOM – Trombones on Immortal, esp. at C

UNDER STAIRS – Tubas and baritone on Immortal

Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.

Everyone must bring their own, labeled RED EE BOOK and Unisonal Part 2, #1 in case the director chooses to use one or both.

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
Mambo Jumbo Samba
Nessun Dorma
Immortal
Prince Igor - mvt 1 and 2
Bumble Bee Jive
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Aida
Washington Post
La Fonda Tango
Dynamite
Ode to Joy ENCORE
COMBINED
Star Spangled Banner
God Bless America

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

GENERAL NOTES

Dates below will not be set until the Spring Concert date AND location are set.

1. Cadet Dress Rehearsal and Spring Performance at Resurrection
2. JR, SR, SYM Spring Dress Rehearsal and Spring Concert
3. Thursday after Concert - Cadet, Jr, Sr, Sym Collections including our Annual Instrument Inventory/Check

JACKET AND PANTS FITTING

We hold a jacket and pants fitting *only once a year*. The jackets are for Symphonic members while the pants are available for any band member. After this one and only fitting opportunity everything is packed away and not accessible. This year's fitting date is **Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 - 8:30 pm.** **YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN-UP IF COMING.** The sign-up sheet is at the front table.

The director wishes to emphasize that the band has over 100 pairs of pants to lend. Whether for concerts or looking ahead to marching, you should think about this now as November 11 is the only fitting date. This fitting happens annually. If you are concerned you might need a larger size later in the year she said you can take two pair. You need to sign-up to try them on, on November 10.

MUSIC LINKS FOR JR, SR, SYM

On 10/09/26 we sent all families the document, **2026-2027 Winter Practice Links**. **Know that we will not play all the distributed songs. Watch your band's music list for the songs that are cut/dropped. Keep all music until collection day.** **Note: These links are for your personal use. Please do not forward them, share them or use them outside your own personal practice time

IDEAS FOR PASSING TIME - In the past, moms of small children wondered what to do/where to go during band time. Suggestions we've received include the following list.

- Bring some popcorn and a good exciting book and read out loud in the car. There are great biographies of missionaries and leaders of the faith written for younger ages. We can never seem to squeeze in enough time to do family reading, and this 'forced down time' could offer that.
- There is a Wal-Mart just east of the Charlestown Mall, off Smith Rd.
- Two Jewels 1. Carol Stream - (3.5mi @8 min) East on Army Trail at County Farm Rd, SE corner

2. St. Charles - (5.6 mi @10 min) Rt. 59 to North Avenue and west past the Wal-Mart,
It's on the right (north) side of the street near the Cooper's Hawk.

- Some prefer to go east on Army Trail Road past County Farm Road to Costco (4.5 mi @7 min) (closes 8:30, gas station closes 9:30) and an Aldi (closes 8pm). (Not far past the Carol Stream Jewel)
- Bartlett Library (closes 9pm) is at 800 S. Bartlett Road (3.5 mi, @8 min).
- NE corner of Rt 59 and Army Trail
 - Starbucks (closes 7pm)
 - DosBros Fresh Mexican Grill (closes 9pm)
 - Atlas Chicken (closes 9pm)
 - Squares Pizza Pub (closes 9pm)
 - Beef Shack (closes 9pm)
- SE corner of Rt 59 and Army Trail
 - In strip mall, Pietanza's Italian Restaurant (closes 9pm)
- SW corner of Rt 59 and North Ave
 - Menards (closes 10pm)
 - Augustino's Rock 'n Roll Deli (closes 8pm)
 - Don Javi Taco Grill (closes 9pm)
 - Popeye's Chicken (closes 1am, sometimes closes earlier, call first)
- NE corner of Rt 59 and North Ave
 - Old Time Pottery (closes 7pm)
 - Dollar Tree (closes 10pm)
 - McDonalds (closes inside at 11, drive-thru 24 hrs)
 - Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins (closes 9pm)
 - Tropical Smoothie Café (closes 9pm)
- NW corner of Rt 59 and North Ave
 - Mariscos El Vallartazo (closes 10pm)
 - Los Girasoles (closes 8pm)
- North on Rt 59 past Schick Rd. is a Culver's (closes at 10pm) and nearby, at 1420 S. Rt 59, is a Goodwill store, but it closes earlier at 7pm.
- Further north on Rt 59 (about 6 min from Resurrection) at Stearns Rd
 - Home Depot (closes 10pm)
 - At that intersection is a Walgreens, MacDonald's, Taco Bell, and Wendy's, KFC, Bucky's
 - North of the Border Mexican Restaurant (closes 8pm)
 - There is also a Greek restaurant, Ambrosia Greek Eatery (closes at 9pm)