10-22-26 Rehearsal Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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

December 10 - – **NO CADET PRACTICE JUNIORS must arrive early to set-up.**

- Regular practices at Resurrection for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic
- Return Christmas parade AND Football music clipped to a Completed Music Return Form (avail on FORMS/DOCUMENTS after 12/4). Fines apply for missing or damaged music.
- Return wind and percussion instruments loaned out for marching, etc.

DEC. 10 is also the DEADLINE for:
Spring registrations, rentals, - forms and fees are due.
All MAILED Spring registrations, rentals - forms and fees - must be received by this date.

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Sweeping Assignment for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/29– Justin B

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DAILY PRACTICE SHOULD BE #1 PRIORITY FOR ALL

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MR. AND MRS. BOROW WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARDS, ANNIVERSARY WISHES AND BEAUTIFUL SONG DEDICATED TO US. SPECIAL THANKS TO SAMUEL WHO ARRANGED THE SPECIAL SONG.

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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.*** ***Ask about tree decorating crafts to make at home or get from the front table.*** Complete details will be emailed to participants.

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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 10 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.

PRACTICE TIMES CLARIFIED- Practice times are meant to be returned a week at a time**. Practice times are only for the band instrument(s) you play in band. DO NOT count Thursday's band rehearsal time(s).** Practice times must be turned in weekly and include the student's first and last name and parent signature. They will only be accepted for the current month with the last practice hours of the month accepted at the first rehearsal of the following month. You may NOT accumulate practice times and turn them in for a month or more.

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SECTIONALS FOR 10-29-26 **Note different times shown in RED**

Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Alto saxes	Kitchen
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Oboes	Utility Room
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Trombones	Under Stairs
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Clarinets and saxes	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Trombones	Utility Room
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Flutes, clarinets oboes	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Baritones	Utility Room
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Trombones, baritones, tubas	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Tenor saxes	Utility Room
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Alto saxes	Under Stairs

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

SECTIONALS – **4:45-5:00pm Assignment for ALL sectionals.**

Review ALL notes, work on Performance songs

KITCHEN – Alto saxes
UTILITY ROOM – Oboes w/Mrs. Willard
UNDER STAIRS – Trombones
Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.

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ATTENTION ALL CADETS!

From 10/29 thru December 3, there may not be <u>any new material</u>. Especially for those who may be struggling, this is an excellent time to review all the new notes and skills, concepts, terms and just catch-up.

The same will be true of the **5 weeks** of break time from December 3 thru January 7. All Cadets will be given a multi-page homework assignment to be learned and practiced over the long break for when band resumes **- over one month later**. Use these rare and longer breaks, **to catch up and/or improve** your skills. **Do not consider this a break from band practice. Daily practice with recordings must continue.**

HOMEWORK –

1. Work on pages 12 and 13 and play along with recordings. Adjust tempo if you are able.
   PRACTICE PERFORMANCE SONGS!
   WRITE IN THE LETTER NAMES OF NOTES on exercises if helpful.
   QUIZ - Ex. 41 – Only trombones and alto saxes

2. Review Rhythm Studies pg 42, clapping lines 9 and 13
3. All brass instruments, practice lip slurs, ex. 1-9. **Be prepared for a QUIZ** on those required lip slurs.
4. **All percussionists watch for email** with assignment from Mrs. Talbot.
5. **Practice these songs daily for Cadet Performance**

PLAY ALL SONGS WITH RECORDINGS

Note the updated song order

14 Rolling Along
18 Go Tell Aunt Rhodie
25 Lightly Row
31 Mozart Melody
22 Split Decision, (*repeat one time, although not written that way)*
A-Woodwinds, **B**-Brass
24 Listen to Our Sections
30 London Bridge
A-Woodwinds, **B**-Brass
53 Aura Lee,
A-Woodwinds, **B**-Brass
54 Frere Jacques – round,
A Woodwind and bells group, **B** Brass group
55 When the Saints Go Marching In
56 Old MacDonald Had a Band
57 Ode to Joy
38 Jingle Bells – ENCORE **Add in repeat**

Here's the link to a PDF that explains how to access the play-along tracks and tools to use with Essential Elements → **ABOUT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS "MY EE LIBRARY** ***(The link is safe).*** Or you can 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 –

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

Only Symphonic percussion will carry out and load the percussion equipment
Samuel and AJ will be the loading captains.

Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – **5:45-6:00pm –** KITCHEN – Clarinets and saxes on Oh Happy Day, esp. melody @ 25 to 43
UTILITY ROOM – Trombones - Peer Gynt - Mvt. 4 - Hall of the Mountain King

Everyone must bring their own, labeled RED EE BOOK
RED EE BOOK –pg 10, ex 44-49, Rhythm lines 5, 9 AND 13

Royal Fireworks Music
QUIZ – Trumpets at 47
Oh Happy Day
Omit grace notes until later in the trimester, after notes/ rhythms have been better mastered.
Peer Gynt Suite
Schumann Suite, The
QUIZ - Clarinets to mvt 1, measures 9-13
Rock that Bach!
Strauss Waltzes
NOTE - Watch the rest at the beginning of 38
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 – Flutes, clarinets, oboes – Toccata for Band - meas, 144-180
UTILITY ROOM – Baritones on Jungle Drums

Everyone must bring their own, labeled RED EE BOOK
RED EE BOOK Rhythm lines 5, 9 and 13 page 36, 171-174; plus chorale 157

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

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We Need a Little Christmas for parade
Christmas Spectacular for parade
The following song(s) have been cut
Adoramus and Sanctus
Menuetto and Trio

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – **7:45-8:00pm** KITCHEN – Trombones, baritones and tubas on Immortal,
esp. the “if no piano” parts
UTILITY ROOM – Tenor saxes on Bumble Bee Jive
UNDER STAIRS – Alto saxes on Bumble Bee Jive
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
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

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We Need a Little Christmas for parade
Christmas Spectacular for parade
The following song(s) have been cut
Prince Igor

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**

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ABOUT THE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST (SEC)

Start planning NOW!
SEC Online registration will start November 19, 2026 and end February 11, 2027.
All fees and completed judging sheets due by February 18, 2027.

Our annual Solo and Ensemble Contest is an exciting and much anticipated musical event. Our 26th annual SEC will be held on a **Saturday, March 13, 2027, 9am to @2:30pm.** Location is Christ Presbyterian Church, 903 E. Nerge Rd., Roselle 60172. ALL band members, **Cadet through Symphonic**, are encouraged to participate in the SEC. Students have the opportunity to prepare solos and/or ensembles of their choice and perform them for a judge who then rates their performance. There is no competition; rather, students strive for their personal best. Judge's decisions are final.

Mrs. Borow will be bringing a file of Band-owned ensembles for borrowing short-term. Copy and return so they are available for others to see.

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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. **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**. **This is a confidential list**. See the 10-15-26 Rehearsal Notes in the Archive for more details on how to use it properly.