10-29-26 Rehearsal Notes

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

November 5 -– **Band Apparel orders delivered at band**

November 10 – Tuesday evening, **7:30 – 8:30 pm** – **Jacket and pants fitting/exchange**
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 and ask about tree decorating crafts.

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. 11/5– Victoria A

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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.

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SECTIONALS FOR 11-05-26 **Note different times shown in RED**

Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	French horns	Kitchen
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Alto saxes	Utility Room
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	Baritones	Under Stairs
Cadet	4:45-5:00pm	All others	In place
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Clarinets and saxes	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Bassoons	Utility Room
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Oboes	Under Stairs
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	French horns	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Oboes	Utility Room
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Trombones, baritones	Kitchen
Symphonic	@ **9:00-9:10pm**	Percussion on pads	Kitchen

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

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

Review ALL notes, work on Performance songs

KITCHEN – French horns
UTILITY ROOM – Alto saxes
UNDER STAIRS –Baritones
Do not stand on stairs or landing! Use only the area under the stairwell.
AT YOUR PLACE **ALL OTHER** instrument sections, with section leader,
and the same assignment

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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.**

Practice should increase to 30 minutes, daily. 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 (embochure).

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. 13 and 17
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, especially about the SEC.

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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 – Assignment for all sectionals**
Oh Happy Day, esp. melody @ 25 to 43, Peer Gynt - Mvt. 4 –check for note accuracy
KITCHEN – Clarinets and saxes see assignment above
UTILITY ROOM – Bassoons see assignment above
UNDER STAIRS - Oboes see assignment above
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 –pg 10, ex 44-49, Rhythm lines 9, 13 and 17

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.
QUIZ – Saxes 25-35 and 61-71
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
Everyone, write in a fermata 𝄐 over the last note
COMBINED
Star Spangled Banner
God Bless America
Ode to Joy ENCORE
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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)

See and make corrections LIGHTLY IN PENCIL, listed under Capriccio

SECTIONALS – **6:45-7:00pm -** KITCHEN – French horns on Capriccio from 41
UTILITY ROOM – Oboes on Capriccio triplets at 89 and beyond

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

Water Music

Capriccio Italien

NOTE: Mark corrections on your music LIGHTLY IN PENCIL.
Trumpets – Measure 47 should be D# and F# (last note in measure)
Measure 71 should be B natural not B*b*
2nd Alto saxes – Measures 48 through 51 should be all G's and not F's
Measures 63 through 66 should be F# not F natural
QUIZ – Alto saxes, French horns, baritones, tubas - start at 41, not beginning, quiz from 44.
ALL, triplets at 89 and beyond
Trumpets – all solos and duets
QUIZ – ALL - at tempo change to Allegro moderato at 63,
runs from 91 to101
triplets from 105 through108

Jungle Drums
QUIZ 3 before K
Firebirds
Fanfare Prelude: O Worship the King
Pizzicato Polka
Toccata for Band
Aria and Fugue
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
Adoramus and Sanctus
Menuetto and Trio

Symphonic (see notes above) Note different times shown in RED

SECTIONALS – **7:45-8:00pm** KITCHEN – Trombones, baritones on Immortal,
After Sym band @ 9:00-9:10pm KITCHEN – Percussion on pads on Ode to Joy

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

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
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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