WEST SUBURBAN HOME SCHOOL BAND
2026/2027 CALENDAR

Dates and times are subject to change. Last revised 10/23/2026

Concert Trimester 1 (Winter) and 2 (Spring)

2026

September 2026

17 – OVERVIEW AND ORIENTATION MEETING

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

All NEW parents and students, be at the 7pm meeting.

6:30pm –All **RETURNING** members need to do the following - :

(*NOTE: Those only in Cadet band can arrive at 6:45*)

- 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 except Cadets, NEW and RETURNING**
  Pick-up 1st trimester music (additional songs may be distributed at band)
- **Name Tags for all, Cadets too, will also be available in music folders at the front table**

DO NOT RETURN THE FOLLOWING ON THIS DAY.

They will be collected at band rehearsal on 10/8 - DATE CHANGED FROM 10/1

- Laundered marching hats - **hats must be washed and totally dried**
- Summer marching music
- Wind instruments loaned out for summer marching, etc.
- Summer marching percussion equipment

@7:00pm – **OVERVIEW** portion of the meeting begins. **All NEW & RETURNING members and their parent(s) are required to come to this meeting** 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.

After the Overview portion we ask that Returning Members do not stay to socialize in the hall out of respect for the new members who will have their Orientation Meeting afterwards. The noise makes it difficult to hear. We also need to ask you to not gather in the parking lot as we do not have that permission. You must gather elsewhere, off Resurrection's grounds.

@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.

PARADE 4 of 4

19 – Saturday - Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade, arrive by 1 pm. **Step-off** 2pm

24 –Thursday - FIRST BAND PRACTICE for all band levels

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

UPON ARRIVAL ON 9/24 –

JR, SR, SYM Pick-up 1st trimester music and Name Tag unless you received it on 9/17.

Cadets – After assisting as listed in Weekly Rehearsal Agenda below, pick-up Name Tag from your music folder unless you received it on 9/17

AGENDA FOR WEEKLY REHEARSALS

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**. Any Cadets arriving at or just before 5:00 are already late!!!

Arrival at 4:15 for all Cadet PERCUSSIONISTS and their parents who 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.

Arrival between 4:15 and 4:30 for all Cadet WIND players and their parents who must

1. Assist the parent helper in charge with setting-up chairs in the hall.
2. When that task is finished, help carry in any music files and remaining percussion equipment.

ALL ARE REQUIRED TO HELP

ATTENTION: ALL percussionists are to bring their labeled bell kit with them to band every week.

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 (note: on occasion, director may request to rehearse beyond 9 pm)
9:00-9:30 – Reset the 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.

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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.

October 2026

1 - Regular practices

Winter Concert Well-Wishers are due for those using them to cover any fees/tuition. This allows an 8 to 9 week extension beyond the August fee deadline.

8 - Regular practices

This week, upon your arrival, return the following

- Return laundered marching hat **WASHED AND FULLY DRIED** or pay $20 fine for unreturned/missing hat. Your return must be noted at front table.
- Return a **Completed Music Return Form** (on FORMS/DOCUMENTS avail after 10/2) clipped to all summer marching music. Fines apply for missing or damaged music.
- Return Wind instruments loaned out for summer marching, etc.
- Return Summer marching percussion equipment

If you didn't do the following on 9/17, do so on 10/8

- Return ALL audition music and packets.
- Return black band pants and Symphonic Blue jackets if outgrown or no longer needed.

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

Order Link found in the Opening Letter, emailed to all after the Overview/Orientation meeting.

15, 22, 29 - Regular practices

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL GAME

31 – Saturday, 2pm, Aurora Central Catholic High School
1225 N. Edgelawn Drive; Aurora, IL 60506
Meet in parking lot at 12:45pm for rehearsal

November 2026

5 - Regular practices
Band Apparel orders delivered at band rehearsal for those who selected group delivery

10 - TUESDAY – (Date subject to change) 7:30 – 8:30 pm - Jacket and pants fitting/exchange.
Black uniform pants available for all and Symphonic blue jacket fitting/exchange.
You must sign-up in advance. See Rehearsal Notes for more info.

12 - Regular practices

19 - **Cadets' Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal**
Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic
- **SEC online registration begins**
  See the link in the Rehearsal Notes

26 – **NO BAND** in observance of Thanksgiving Day - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

27– **FRIDAY evening – Wheaton Christmas Parade**
Gather 5:00pm in parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner Wesley St. and Wheaton Ave.) Step-off 6 pm.
FUNDRAISER afterwards - Join us at Portillos/Barnelli's in Glendale Heights from 7- 11, tell them you're with the fundraiser or show them the flyer in drive-thru or at the counter, special COUPON CODE PORTILLOS2 for online/app pick-up and in-store kiosk orders. The band gets 20% of our purchases. See details in Rehearsal Notes.

Cosley Zoo Christmas Tree Lane 2026 – Tree Decorating by WSHSB

29 – Sunday, Time TBA, Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave., Wheaton, IL
Sign-up at front table at rehearsal Complete details will be emailed to participants.

30 – MONDAY- Spring trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS

December 2026

3 – **Cadets' Winter Performance in Marvin Hall**
regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic in Marvin Hall

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 and rentals - forms and fees - must be received by this date. 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. It also includes a completed and signed Commitment page along with all fees and a rental form and fee(s) if applicable. **Late fees are**

applicable after this date. See reg. form or Fee Schedule on FORMS/DOCS for particulars. Know that these forms and fees may be returned prior to this date at any band practice.

17, 24, 31 – **NO BAND** in observance of Christmas/New Year's holiday
A Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy New Year!

2027

January 2027

7 - Regular practices

- **All remaining Winter Concert Well-Wishers are due**

14, 21 - Regular practices

28– THURSDAY – (No Cadet rehearsal this evening)
JR, SR, SYM - DRESS REHEARSAL
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126
***All three* bands** *must arrive by 4:30*
Note: Attendance at dress rehearsal is required for inclusion in concert.

29 – FRIDAY 6:30pm WINTER CONCERT, *All three* bands *must arrive by 5:30*
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126
FUNDRAISER afterwards - Join us at Portillos in Elmhurst, 155 S Rt 83, from 9 – 11:45, tell them you're with the fundraiser or show them the flyer in drive-thru or at the counter, special COUPON CODE PORTILLOS3 for online/app pick-up and in-store kiosk orders. The band gets 20% of our purchases. See details in Rehearsal Notes.

Concert Trimester 2 (spring)

February 2027

4 - **SPRING TRIMESTER BEGINS**

- Regular practices
- Winter trimester music returned (Cont'd on nest page)
- Spring trimester music distributed
- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers

11 - Regular practices

- **SEC Online Registration deadline**
  ****Please complete your registration -- the complete schedule will be sent to all ensemble leaders by March 4, 2027.*
  ****Entries submitted after 2/11/2027 are not guaranteed a spot on the SEC Schedule.*
- **Spring Concert Well-Wishers due** for those using them to cover any fees/tuition. This allows a 9 week extension beyond the regular December fee deadline

18 - Regular practices

- **SEC FEE DEADLINE**

25 - Regular practices

March 2027

4, 11– Regular practices

13 – SATURDAY - 9am to @2:30pm, arrivals start at 8:30, see SEC webpage for percussion set-up times
24th Annual WSHSB Solo and Ensemble Contest (SEC)

Christ Presbyterian Church, 903 E. Nerge Rd., Roselle 60172

18 – Regular practices

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

April 2027

1 - 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

19 – **MONDAY**- **Marching trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS**

8, 15, 22 – Regular practices

29 – Regular practices

4 DEADLINES ON 4/29

1. ALL remaining **Spring Well-Wishers are due**
2. **2027-2028 Band Declarations** in YELLOW folder from ALL current, Cadet through Symphonic members, students and adults alike
3. **2027 ONLINE Summer Marching Registrations** from all participating WSHSB wind 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 4/23.
4. Deadline for those graduating from high school to confirm on list at front table.

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

- **Cadet Dress Rehearsal**
- **Cadet Spring Performance**
- **Concert Bands Dress Rehearsal**
- **Concert Bands Spring Concert**

May 2027

Date TBA – **NOT YET KNOWN -** will be set after spring concert date is set. **Cadets' Spring Performance**
Regular practices for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic
Cadets must attend on the Thursday after Concert (date TBA) for annual WSHSB instrument inventory/check, etc.

Date TBA – **NOT YET FINAL – Week after Cadet Performance** will be determined after spring concert date is set
NO CADET PRACTICE JUNIORS must arrive early to set-up.
Regular practices at Resurrection for Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic

Date TBA - Thursday- 6:00PM - Spring Concert Dress rehearsal location and date TBA
***All three bands** must arrive by 5pm*
Note: Attendance at dress rehearsal is required for inclusion in concert.

NOTE Date TBA the DEADLINE for ONLINE Marching Season Registration for NEW PEOPLE
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Date TBA - FRIDAY 6:30pm <u>SPRING CONCERT</u> ***<u>All three</u> bands** must arrive by 5pm*
location and date TBA
FUNDRAISER afterwards - Join us at Portillos from TIME TBA, tell them you're with the fundraiser or show them the flyer in drive-thru or at the counter, special code TBA for online/app pick-up and in-store kiosk orders. The band gets 20% of our purchases. See details in Rehearsal Notes.

DATE TBA - will be determined after spring concert date is set
THURSDAY AFTER CONCERT - Final Concert Season Meeting after the Spring Concert AND Official start of SUMMER MARCHING TRIMESTER
Percussionists must bring any equipment they have at home. It may be reassigned for the summer. ARRIVE AT 4:30 and to help Mrs. Borow prepare for drumline practice.
5pm - Marching percussion/drumline practice
Band members arrive at 6 PM to do returns, etc. CADETS MUST ALSO ATTEND !!!
Those new to WSHSB need not arrive until 7:15
5:00 – 6:00 **Percussion/drumline practice for Summer Marching**
6:00 – 7:30 pm

- Return of all band music
- Return of all WSHSB rental/loaner instruments for the **ANNUAL INSTRUMENT INVENTORY/CHECK**
- Return of all other band property
- Marching music and hat distribution
- **DO NOT return/bring these things to the Borow house or ask them to do return for you.**
- Music filing/organizing by parent volunteers
- **For those NEW to WSHSB – 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 TBA and mail applicable summer rental forms and fees by May TBA. (Dates will be posted once the Spring Concert date is confirmed.) A link to the ONLINE Registration and the fillable PDF Rental form are both on our FORMS/DOCUMENTS web page. Let the director know if you missed the deadline.**

Time approximate 7:30 – 8:15 pm

- Preliminary marching kick-off and music practice - **bring your instrument, lyre and loaded flip-folder**. All marching musicians must attend this preliminary marching practice.

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Marching, Trimester 3 (summer 2027)

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 **<u>Summer Marching</u>** 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 **<u>Auditions</u>** on our website for complete details.

<u>JUNE 2027</u>

- **Dates, Time and Location TBA - Mandatory Pre-camps – i.e. special camp sessions**
  Separate days for Newcomers, Percussionists and Rank Leaders
- **Dates, Time and Location TBA - MANDATORY FULL CAMP**

More details for the Summer Marching trimester will be posted as they become known. See our Summer Marching webpage for particulars..

- Parade Dates
- Audition music release date
- Audition deadline
- Instrument fitting dates
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