

## 09-26-13 Rehearsal Notes

**REMINDER** - The [2013-2014 Handbook](#) and the [2013-2014 Handbook Agreement](#) are now available on our FORMS/DOCUMENTS webpage. After at least one parent and their student(s) have reviewed the handbook both the parent and student(s) need to sign and date the Handbook Agreement. There is also a place for initials acknowledging careful reading and understanding of the Concert Dress Code portion. In an effort to keep the weekly Rehearsal Notes from being so lengthy, we refer to the handbook frequently for details which will not be duplicated in the notes. *Every family should return bottom of the signed agreement to the Miss Ann Borow at the front table by **October 10**.*

### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**September 28** – WSHSB volunteers play for Crusaders homecoming football game  
**\*\*\*NOTE - JUST ADDED\*\*\*** 3pm practice before game in parking lot

**October 3** – Band Apparel Order Forms to be emailed to all families  
Sign-up begins for Winfield Historical Society performance

**October 10** – **DEADLINE** for returning the signed Handbook Agreement

**October 16** – Sign-up **DEADLINE** for the Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade  
on **November 29**, the day after Thanksgiving

**October 24** – Band Apparel Order **DEADLINE**

**October 31** – **NO BAND** on the Eve of All Saints

### SECTIONALS FOR 10-03-13 – **Note: Earlier start times require earlier arrival**

Cadet	<b>5:00-5:15pm</b>	Trumpets	Hall
Cadet	<b>5:15-5:45pm</b>	Percussion	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Trumpets	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Clarinets	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	See names in notes	Hall
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Tubas	Kitchen

### Sweeping/Trash Assignments for next rehearsal after Symphonic band

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/03 – Sara T, Hannah T

## MUSIC NOTES

### Cadets

**SECTIONAL** – 5-5:15pm HALL – Trumpets with Mr. King

5:15-5:45pm KITCHEN Percussion on **practice pads** with Mary  
on page 6 and 7, pad/snare skills

**Reminder to always sit according to the seating chart posted at band.**

FOR HOMEWORK –

1. All Cadets should play the "Notes in Review" in the yellow box on page 6 - 10 times a day.
2. Work on pages 6 and 7, **playing with the DVD using the Smart Music software with the adjustable tempo.**
3. Page 42 - rhythm lines 1, 2, 3

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).

**BRASS:** *It is imperative for brass players, to play with the DVD!* It would be helpful if you can set your player on "repeat." Whether you can or not, play all the odd exercises (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) and do each one separately for several minutes. Parents please listen while your student plays, to hear whether or not they are hitting the right pitch. It will take regular practice to reach the notes.

Focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening). It will take regular practice to reach the notes.

### **Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –**

**All members should always sit according to ROSTER ORDER within their band.** Refer to the lists and seating charts posted on the poles at band.

All Concert Juniors should bring both their “Gold” and “Red” ” Essential Elements 2000 books and Seniors should be bringing their “Red” Essential Elements 2000 book every week to band. Seniors and Symphonic should both bring the Unisonal book. We will generally do a few exercises/rhythms/lines.

**Tune your instrument before your band time begins.** Tuners are available at the front table.

### **Junior (see notes above)**

SECTIONAL 5:45-6pm – KITCHEN Trumpets with Mrs. Hoffman on [Maiden Voyage](#)

Gold EE book

Director will choose warm-up exercise(s)

Clash and Roar

Eine Kleine Nacht Musik

Fanfare and Presto

Handclappers on Parade

Hawaii Five-O ENCORE

Maiden Voyage

Mystic Gardens Overture

QUIZ – Bass drum and snares at 19

Rock of Ages

Strauss Waltzes

Vandivere Fanfare

Washington and Lee Swing

### **Senior (see notes above)**

SECTIONAL 6:45-7pm – KITCHEN Clarinets with Ann B on [Steeps of Kalmarr](#)

Red EE book

Unisonal scale book

Start with measure 7

Days of Glory

Fiddler on the Roof

Hawaii Five-O ENCORE

Jungle Drums

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Linus and Lucy

Russian Christmas Music

Sabre Dance

Steeps of Kalmarr

Superman Returns

### **Symphonic (see notes above)**

SECTIONAL 7:45-8pm – HALL Jenny Y, Tessa B and Henry D on [Nabucco](#)  
KITCHEN Tubas with Mr. Borow

Unisonal scale book

Ammerland

Blue Tango

Boys of Wexford

Costa del Sol

First Suite in Eb

Hawaii Five-O ENCORE  
His Honor  
Nabucco  
Nettleton  
O Solo Mio

Pencil in at measure 42, *mf* at the maximum

Rise of the Firebird  
Rolling Thunder

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## GENERAL NOTES

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE SIGN-UP

While fall is just beginning, we must already plan for the WSHSB Christmas Season Performance. In the Handbook, read about The Wheaton Light-a-Holiday Parade which is on Friday, November 29. The sign-up sheet is at the front tables. You need not have marched before to participate in the Wheaton parade and Cadets may march as part of the Patriot Auxiliary. ***PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP SO WE CAN GET A FINAL COUNT AND BEGIN MUSIC DISTRIBUTION. Sign-up deadline is October 16.***

### A PERFORMANCE REQUEST

We just received a request from the Winfield Historical Society to play intermittently during their Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 15, from 1 to 3. Location is Hedges Station on Winfield Road, in Winfield, north of CDH and south of Geneva Road. The sign-up deadline is TBA but we will already begin taking names for those willing and interested. At this time we are accepting volunteers from only Senior and Symphonic bands and ask that you sign-up sooner than later. We may possibly add Junior members but not at the moment.

### EARPLUG ORDER

Some have expressed concern about the normally occurring, louder noise level at band. The famous Cavaliers drum and bugle corps, requires their members to wear EYT earplugs. The earplugs are made for musicians and reduce the sound by 20 decibels but still allow you to hear clearly. Mrs. Stevenson highly recommends them. She said, "They are so superior to the ones you buy for shooting or for sleeping. I wear them even to football games and other loud events." We have had a group order for EYT earplugs in the past, and Mrs. Stevenson is willing to do another at this time if there is sufficient interest. EYT earplugs orders will be taken until October 3, but there is no special form. If we order 10 pairs or more they are \$7 a pair including tax and shipping. For more information visit: <http://www.etymotic.com/hp/erme.html>.

ORDERING AND PAYMENT - Please put CASH only, in a sealed envelope labeled with your family name, phone, quantity desired and total amount enclosed. Put that envelope into the large envelope at the front table labeled ETY EAR PLUGS – MRS. STEVENSON October 3.

### PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please encourage your students to access the Rehearsal Notes as early as possible after they are posted on the web.

The MUSIC NOTES portion of the Rehearsal Notes should be considered  
**the week's HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT**

for every band member to prepare for the next rehearsal as if it were a class. There are notes for every band which include specific things, from the director, to work on over the week. All band members, Cadet through Symphonic, should be printing out and utilizing these notes ***AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE***. Waiting until the day before the next band rehearsal to get the notes is not going to do much good. A week's worth of daily practice cannot be done in one day, especially when there are things to correct. Songs are generally listed in playing order for the next Thursday's practice. Band members should put their music in that order, in their folder, to save time at band.

## **REGARDING SECTIONALS**

Sectionals afford extra time for a designated instrument group to hone in on problem passages or other areas needing attention without using precious band time. Most sectionals are held in the Cornelius Hall kitchen for approximately 15 minutes. Cadet sectionals are (although not always) usually held at the beginning of their rehearsal time, while all other bands meet for the 15 minutes PRIOR to their band's rehearsal.

**SCHEDULED SECTIONALS ARE IMPORTANT  
AND CAN BE A WASTE OF THE LEADER'S TIME  
IF THE ASSIGNED GROUP DOES NOT SHOW UP.**

Watch the weekly notes to know which group of instruments may be assigned and for what time. Come prepared having practiced with special emphasis on the specified exercises/passages/measures. Sectional participants need to arrive 30 minutes prior to their band time so they can be ready for their sectional at quarter to the hour.

## **FREE PRIVATE LESSON OFFER**

Mrs. Lisa Martin is a noted local professional brass instructor. She currently teaches students from Glenbard North, York, Wheaton North and WSHSB. She is offering one (1) free private lesson in her studio in West Chicago, to ANY WSHSB brass student. Contact her at 630-520-0292 or email her at [lbsmerk@aol.com](mailto:lbsmerk@aol.com) to arrange your free lesson. Bring clip this notice and bring it with you.

## **FREE FOR THE TAKING**

Check at the front table if you need or would like-

- Patriots hooded sweatshirt, blue, size youth medium
- 2 white, long sleeve button-down dress shirts, size 8 and size 10
- Black dress shoes, size 2 (toes are scuffed)

## **THINKING ABOUT UPGRADING?**

Music and Arts store in Naperville has some specials coming up for the month of October or more. 15% off purchase, some restrictions apply, may be used in combination with financing specials below 0% (free) financing -12mos for purchase of \$399-1,999, 18mos \$2000 – 4000, 24mos over \$4000 Also, there are lots of things going on for their grand opening celebration on October 5.