

## 09-29-16 Rehearsal Notes

### PRACTICE REPORTS ARE FOR THE WEEK NOT EACH DAY

Some people are turning in a practice report for each day they practice. However the practice report is **one number totaled for the week.** See **Forms/Documents** for the WSHSB PRACTICE REPORT.

All band members, wind and percussion, are to use this form for reporting the TOTAL of each week's practice, throughout the year. The form requires both the student's FIRST and LAST name and a parent's signature. The required parent signature tells us you agree with and accept the practice time reported. Practice hours will be tallied and the three highest from each band, including Cadet, will be published in the respective concert program.

### UNIFORM DONATION BIN

There is now a large blue bin at the front table where we can accept donations of clothing which band members have outgrown or no longer need. This includes white dress shirts, long and short-sleeved, black pants and shoes. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will manage and bring the bin to and from band every week.

### NEW RHYTHM CLASSES

We will be holding rhythm classes for those recommended by the director via email AND for any other interested band members. Improving rhythms is an integral part of auditioning each year and can better one's chances of moving up chair levels and even band levels. Correct rhythms can be more important than playing every single note correctly. The director will be emailing Concert Band members whom she feels could benefit from this class which will meet after the combined band practice near the top of the hour. Juniors will meet from @7:10 to 7:25pm while Seniors will meet from @8:10 to 8:25pm. Cadets will be generally be handled from 5:00 to 5:15pm.

ALL CADETS and ALL CONCERT BAND RHYTHM CLASS PARTICIPANTS should print out ALL 32 pages (double-sided if possible) of the book Winning Rhythms using this link → [WINNING RHYTHMS](#). Staple the pages together and write your name on it. Bring it with you to band each week.

**ABOUT THOSE JACKETS** - The temperature is cooling and there now brand new coat racks in Cornelius Hall. Everyone is to hang their jacket on the coat rack. Do not leave it with your instrument case. **MAKE SURE YOUR JACKET IS LABELED!**

### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**October 13** – 1. Band Apparel Order Forms to be emailed to all families.

Delay is due to waiting for finalized pricing. Order deadline is TBA.

2. **SIGN –UP DEADLINE** for the **Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade** on **November 25**, the day after Thanksgiving

**October 20** – **Added back** - Regular practices at Resurrection. Borow family plans changed.

**November 15** – 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. See Rehearsal Notes for more info.

**November 24** – **NO BAND** in observance of Thanksgiving Day - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

**November 25** – **FRIDAY evening – Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade**

Gather 5:00pm in parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner Wesley St. and Wheaton Ave.) Step-off 6 pm.

**November 28** – **MONDAY- Winter trimester, BOOSTER VOLUNTEER JOBS to be RELEASED at 7pm. First come, first served.**

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

You must get a sub if you will not be there. 10/06 – Emma T, Micah F

## SECTIONALS FOR 10-06-16

Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Perc. and remaining winds RHYTHMS	Cornelius Hall
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Flutes	Kitchen
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Low brass	Hall
Cadet	5:00-5:15pm	Oboes	Utility Room
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Low brass	Kitchen
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Trumpets	Hall
Junior	5:45-6:00pm	Alto Sax	Utility Room
Junior	7:10-7:25pm	Those recommended for RHYTHMS	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Flutes	Kitchen
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Trumpets	Hall
Senior	6:45-7:00pm	Dixieland Soloists	Utility Room
Senior	8:10-8:25pm	Those recommended for RHYTHMS	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Flutes	Kitchen
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Percussion	Hall
Symphonic	7:45-8:00pm	Trombones	Utility Room

## MUSIC NOTES

### Cadets

SECTIONALS – 5:00-5:15pm CORNELIUS HALL – All Percussion, remaining winds with Mary Claire  
KITCHEN – Flutes w/flute mom helpers  
HALL – Low brass w/Spencer  
UTILITY ROOM – Oboes w/Mrs. Draper

**ATTENTION Cadet Parents** – If your student is struggling to produce sound on their instrument please call the director, 630-231-6155, as soon as , before the next rehearsal on 10-06, to discuss options.

**Notice - 4 WEEK CADET EVALUATIONS will be held on 10/20** - Students will be asked to demonstrate articulation, perform rhythms accurately as well as the 5 notes in review and perhaps one of their exercises.

### FOR HOMEWORK –

1. Work on review pages 4/5, new notes and tonguing in even exercises. Also work on pages 6/7. Exercises 14,18,22,24 and 25 will be part of the Cadet Performance. Review the YELLOW boxes on these pages which introduce new concepts and music theory terms as illustrated on the director's poster at band.
2. Complete exercises 13, 19, and 26 which will be checked at band.
3. Page 42 - rhythm lines 13 and 17
4. As stated above, all Cadets should printout ALL 32 pages (double-sided if possible) of the book Winning Rhythms using this link → [WINNING RHYTHMS](#). Staple the pages together and write your name on it. Bring it with you to band each week.

For daily practice, using whatever means you currently have available to you, listen to the recording for each exercise and try to match the pitch and tone. Use proper tonguing. If you currently have the CD-Rom or online access you can adjust tempo. 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).

**NOTE TO BRASS:** It is imperative for brass players, to play with the recordings! 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. Focus on the trial & error of moving your lips (tightening/loosening). It will take regular practice to reach the notes. Parents please listen while your student plays, to hear whether or not they are hitting the right pitch.

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

### CHECK YOUR FOLDER

Be sure to check your folders for new music, before you take your seat. New music may be used for sight-reading that same night. At this point all music listed in the Rehearsal Notes has been distributed, but a little more may will be coming. If you are missing music currently on your band's list, tell Mrs. Borow at band, otherwise email her as soon as possible, **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT THURSDAY TO TELL HER**

**ATTENTION** - All members need to check the seating charts every week and be seated according to the order indicated as changes continue to occur thru out the season. Refer to the lists and seating charts posted at band. **You need to be in your correct, currently assigned chair every week.**

### ESPECIALLY FOR PERCUSSIONISTS

Any percussion member who is not assigned a part to play in a song is to be seated quietly in the chairs provided. No one is to leave the percussion section during their band time. Likewise no one should enter or be in the percussion area if they are not playing in that specific band.

### BRING TUNERS

If you own a tuner please bring it each week and tune your instrument before your band time begins.

Tuners are also available at the front table.

### Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 5:45-6:00pm KITCHEN – Low brass w/principals on [Step to the Rear](#)

HALL – Trumpets w/Mrs Hoffman and PJ on [Step to the Rear](#)

UTILITY ROOM – Also sax w/Grace on [Step to the Rear](#)

7:10-7:25pm KITCHEN – RHYTHMS – All those recommended

**RED EE BOOK** – Review Yellow boxes on page 4 and 5. Director will announce Warm-up Ex and Rhythms.

Choucouné

Discovery Overture

God Bless America

Guantanamera

Hungarian Dance No. 5

March Trio (*Little Giant, Independentia, Stars and Stripes Forever*)

All Junior band plays 2nd

Mister Joe

New World Symphony

Star-Spangled Banner

Step to the Rear

Tap Step (percussion only)

Te Deum Prelude

Tu Ungane

**6:50 – 7:10, All Junior band plan to stay later each week for combined music practice w/Senior band**

Tap Step and roll-off

March Trio - Little Giant

ABC cadence and roll-off

March Trio - Independentia

1 and 2 cadence and roll-off

March Trio - Stars and Stripes Forever

### Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONALS – 6:45-7:00pm KITCHEN – Flutes w/ principals on [Declaration](#), work on rhythms

HALL – Trumpets w/principals on [Declaration](#), work on rhythms

UTILITY ROOM – [Dixieland](#) soloists on [Dixieland](#), if time [Declaration](#) rhythms

8:10-8:25pm KITCHEN – RHYTHMS – All those recommended

**6:50 – 7:10, All Senior band plan to come early each week for combined music practice w/Junior band**  
See song order listed above, under Junior band

**RED EE BOOK** – Review Yellow boxes on page 4 and 5. Director will announce Warm-up Ex and Rhythms.

Declaration Overture

Dixieland Parade

Finale from Symphony #3

God Bless America

Hall of Fame

Lauda Anima

Madame Butterfly

March Trio (*Little Giant, Independentia, Stars and Stripes Forever*)

[All Senior band plays 1st, except Simeon C, Jeff W and Audrey Y on 2nd](#)

Medieval Fresco

Star-Spangled Banner (Senior band will not play this first trimester 1, but will play trimester 2)

Tap Step (percussion only)

Triad

Water Music

**7:50 – 8:10, All Senior band plan to stay late each week for combined music practice w/Symphonic band**  
See song order listed above, under Junior band

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

**SECTIONALS – 7:45-8:00pm KITCHEN** – Flutes w/principals on [Paul Simon](#), if time [Illiad](#)

**HALL** – Percussion w/principals on [Spiderman](#) and [Paul Simon](#)

**UTILITY ROOM** – Trombones w/principals on [Spiderman](#), [Barnum and Bailey](#),  
if time [Billboard](#)

**7:50 – 8:10, All Symphonic band plan to come early each week for combined music practice w/Senior**  
See song order listed above, under Junior band

Abduction from the Seraglio

Barnum and Bailey's Favorite

Billboard March

Candide, Overture to

Divinum Mysterium

God Bless America

Illiad

La Paloma

Manzoni Requiem

March Trio (*Little Giant, Independentia, Stars and Stripes Forever*)

[All Symphonic band plays 1st](#)

Paul Simon

Tap Step (percussion only)

Theme from Spiderman

Star-Spangled Banner

## **GENERAL NOTES**

### **NEW BUDDY SYSTEM**

We are trying to institute a brand new Buddy System. Experienced families can answer questions from new families and help them as needed to navigate their way through the system so the band experience is not so overwhelming. Sign up at the front table to get a buddy or be a buddy.

**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 25. 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 13**. Only those who sign up by the deadline will receive music.

**BAND APPAREL ORDER** – Emailing of order form is delayed to October 15 due to waiting for finalized pricing. The order deadline is TBA. The form will not be on the web because it contains personal contact information.

### **JACKET AND PANTS FITTING**

We hold a jacket and pants fitting **only once a year**. The jackets are for Symphonic members and 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 15, 7:30 - 8:30 pm.** **YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN-UP IF COMING.** More information will be in the Rehearsal Notes starting mid-October. The sign-up sheet will not be available until then.

**WELL-WISHERS** - Well-Wishers are advertisement spaces sold for inclusion in one of our two annual concert programs and provide an opportunity to help the band in a financial way. This would be beyond our basic fees, which we try to keep to a minimum. Well-Wishers begin at \$5 for one line, for listing a family or business name only. Other donation amounts are below. Most businesses purchase a quarter-page.

There are a number of different ways to use a Well-Wisher as you may have seen in programs for other events.

- *Anyone including Mom, Dad, other relatives or friends can pay for a Well-Wisher and give a shout-out to special band members or recognize a special graduate.*
- *Businesses can advertise and/or “Wish the band well” by placing a Well-Wisher ad.*
- *A group of band members might also use one to encourage an individual(s), an entire instrument section or even the whole band.*
- *Well-Wishers can also be expressions of gratitude, and so on.*

We also have a **Well-Wisher Option** for those who may find the payment of the Family Fee and/or per student fees financially burdensome or for whom it causes a hardship. While **we do not offer scholarships** we can offer this alternative. You must cover your family fee and/or per student fees by making a commitment to obtain an equivalent amount in Well-Wishers for the Concert Program. In the past, ambitious students/families have solicited sufficient amounts with a little planning and effort. **If you use this option you must indicate your decision to do so along with the amount to be covered, in the space provided on the registration form. Please note the deadline for those fee-covering, Well-Wishers will be ONE MONTH EARLIER than the deadline stated on the Well-Wisher form.**

The Well-Wisher form is available to print from our **Forms/Documents** webpage. You can start to collect them anytime. Print off a few forms to have available to solicit a Well-Wisher from businesses you patronize as well as family or friends.

**Parents, family and or friends please consider a placing “Well-Wisher” recognizing/encouraging your special band member(s) and help the band at the same time.**

Donation amounts are -  
\$100 whole page    \$50 half page    \$25 quarter page    \$10 two lines    \$5 one line