

07-11-17 Summer Notes

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Three Beginner Fitting Dates Remain – Just added 7/19 MORNING ONLY, 8/21, 9/18
appointments necessary with Mrs. Borow

Encourage potential members to call director for a fitting appointment.

July 17 – Monday, 7pm, Winter Trimester Booster jobs released, first come first served

July 26 – Wednesday – DuPage County Fair, **Grand Opening**

July 29 – Saturday – Streamwood Summer Celebration **Parade**

August 1 – Tuesday 9-**5pm** note earlier end time. All Concert Junior, Concert Senior and Symphonic **Audition videos are due. IMPORTANT:** Auditions received after **5pm** on August 1 will be considered late and you will be placed at the end of the roster for your instrument.

2016-2017 Winter Registration Forms are also due on this date.

Late fees apply after this date.

September 21 – Overview and Orientation Meeting

6:30pm – Return of Band Property

@6:45pm – Music pick-up for all members, new and returning

@7:00pm – **OVERVIEW** portion of the meeting begins. **All returning parents are expected to attend** as this is the only meeting with the director for the entire year.

@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.

September 28 – FIRST BAND PRACTICE

FOR ALL

FREE TUBA RENTAL – Starting now, the director is offering free rental of a tuba to anyone interested in playing tuba with the WSHSB for this next concert season.

CALLING ALL PARENT MUSICIANS – Below is a list of most needed instrument openings. Any parent who already plays one of these at the Symphonic level and would be willing and interested in playing in the WSHSB should contact the director as soon as possible.

1. Sax
2. Tuba
3. Bassoon

FOR SYMPHONIC AUDITIONERS

A few have asked for more information to help them find a recording of Academic Festival Overture. While the composer is Brahms, the arranger is Safranek.

FOR SUMMER MARCHERS

THANK YOU - To all parents who have been helping with the parades so far. Your assistance and commitment are greatly appreciated. Three down, two to go!

SUMMER BOOSTER JOB OPENINGS

Email Mrs. Kris Levander with any questions.

The following jobs are still open a/o 7/11. Sign-up at [Booster Sign-up Schedule](#)

July 29, Streamwood – 1 flag bearer, 2 Patriot auxiliary

There are also quite a few openings for Music distribution at the Borows

August 15 – one, 17 – one

September 12 – four, 13 – four, 14 – three, 15 - two

DU PAGE COUNTY FAIR CHANGES COMING – It is important that you read next week's Summer Notes and the County Fair Grand Opening Instructions when they are posted. We are anticipating changes in where we are to park and gather, where we will begin, where we will gather afterwards, and more. We have not yet had the final word from the fair organizers. We hope to have the details in next week's notes.

Flag Etiquette Review

At parades one may see proper respect for our nation's flag and one may also see a lack of respect. Some of our member's had questions about this. We should all be aware and know how to conduct ourselves. Please take a few moments to review the document on our Member's News Page, specifically for parades, Flag Etiquette at Parades.

CUMMERBUNDS - When you take a cummerbund, take the SMALLEST size that fits you, so as to leave the larger sizes for people who really need them.

ATTENTION LITTLE PATRIOTS AND PATRIOT AUXILIARY -

Parents need to be discerning about whether or not their child is capable of marching the distance of the parade as a Little Patriot.

If they are not able to, they need to make the choice to bring either a stroller or wagon or just choose to observe the parade.

Please keep in this in mind in relation to the safety duties for those signed-up for the Patriot Auxiliary Booster job.

REMINDERS FROM MARCHING CAMP

1. **PONCHOS** - CLEAR only ponchos, no colors. Get one now before you need it. Know that ponchos make people even hotter so you might get overheated quicker if we have to wear ponchos.
2. **FEELING SICK?** - In the event you feel sick, raise your hand. Your rank leader then raises their hand. Patriot Auxiliary will come to help and escort sick person to the van.
3. **WATER** - No water is provided but you may bring your own water. ALL STRAPS MUST BE WHITE since they go across the shirt. Use a white lanyard-like strap or even a piece of white rope. Disposable, clear water bottles are fine, but should have an easy, pop-open sport cap, with no screw cap to mess with. Otherwise your water container must be solid and match the color of where it will hang – **white, red or black** for over the shirt, cummerbund, or pants. It should also have a pop-up straw and not require two hands.

4. **TAPE MUSIC PAGES** - Tape the ends of each flip-folder page so the music doesn't blow out in the wind and have a rubber band to keep the pages in place.
5. **SHOE LACES** - Double knot shoe laces before marching.
6. **MARCHING DRESS CODE CHANGE**
BOTTOMS ATTENTION: Due to the changing fads in women's pants towards revealing, form-fitting leggings, the marching dress code has been changed to be more specific: Both men and women are now officially required to wear "trouser-style" dress pants. Parents, please help us maintain a military, uniform look to our band by providing the proper style pants for your children. Also remember that the band has black pants you can borrow. Email Mrs. Borow if you want to use band pants. Black conservative "trouser-style" dress pants. No tight-fitting, denim/jeans, low-rise, or Capri-style pants.
Girls have the option of wearing a conservative, modest, below the knee or longer skirt, with only small slits if necessary. No denim or leather. See more information regarding skirts at the end of this list.
For complete Marching Dress Code information see our Summer Marching webpage.