

## 05-22-09 Post Concert Notes

### GENERAL NOTES

#### CONCERT REMARKS

The concert was a huge success. We received so many positive remarks about the progress of the bands and the quality of the music. Many were inspired by the patriotic music. All the practice and hard work were worth it because in the end it all came together. Hard work always pays off.

On behalf of Mrs. Pfauth, Mrs. W-P and myself, thank you to the entire band for the beautiful flowers and gifts. You have touched us deeply with your expressions of gratitude. To the graduating Seniors, I thank you for your most generous gifts. I very much look forward to lunch with the highly talented Dr. Mallory Thompson, professor of music and director of bands at Northwestern University. What an opportunity! I hope to learn much from her.

Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Helen Herbst, the Booster volunteers and Mrs. Marla Sheldon for once again producing such a smoothly run event. We are also very grateful to Mrs. Daria Skrzypczynski for organizing the post-concert celebration and underwriting the beverages and paper goods.

Congratulations to the entire WSHSB family on a wonderful and productive concert season. Most of all, I thank our dear Lord for guiding us with His providential hand throughout this year. I pray for His blessing on all of you and your families.

#### AUDITION INFORMATION

Audition information for 2009-2010 will be updated on the web very soon. The Calendar is already updated up to the first band practice in the fall.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Any items remaining in Lost and Found after May 28 will be given away or thrown out. Check the container at the front table to see if you recognize anything.

#### RECRUITING FLIERS

After our Spring Concert is over it will be time to get recruiting fliers posted. We are relying on the help of **ALL 70+ band families**. Fliers are available at band and also on our website. It is most important that these recruiting fliers are posted in places homeschoolers frequent. They should be up by early June to give people sufficient time to prepare an audition. Ask those places where you posted Concert fliers to switch to a recruiting flier sometime after May 22.

#### PROCEDURES FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29

Thursday, May 28, marks the end of our concert season and the beginning of the Summer Marching trimester. There is no regular practice, rather a preliminary marching practice will follow immediately after all music and band property has been returned. **Band members should arrive at 7 PM**. Volunteers will be stationed around the practice hall to assist in collecting various items. Please follow the tables around the room. If one station has a very long line, you may do them in any order and return later when the line is down. **When you have completed all the steps listed below, those not participating in any summer events are free to go**. However, all those participating in any summer parade and/or the DuPage County Fair Opening Day will remain for practice as detailed further on.

- **Marching Registration Forms and Fees** All outstanding summer marching registration and instrument rental forms and fees must be turned in this Thursday. Remember - No checks will be accepted without a completed form and vice-versa.
- **Cummerbunds and Bow Ties** All cummerbunds and bow ties are to be returned. Please check the tag sewn in the cummerbund for the size. Lay it on the table in the correct pile: S, M, L, XL, XXL or XXXL. You need to be sure that you are checked off by a parent helper for each item you return. If it is not recorded that you returned these items, you will be billed for them.

\*\*\*\*NEW RULE FOR RETURNING BOW TIES \*\*\*\*

If your bow tie is coming apart you have one of two choices when returning it –

1. Make the necessary sewing repairs **with red thread** before returning it and owe nothing.
2. Pay \$5 along with the unrepaired bow tie. Make it known that it needs repair

- **Blue Band Blazers** If you are not returning to band in the fall, or if you are returning in fall but have outgrown your jacket and/or pants, return the dry-cleaned jacket, in the cleaner's bag with cleaning tags/receipt attached. Pants being returned should be laundered. Those returning to band will be fitted for a different jacket and/or pants in the fall.
- **WSHSB Rental Instruments** Return ALL rental instruments even if you plan to rent one over the summer. Those using their rental instrument for marching practice on Thursday night will turn it in after the practice. Parent helpers must also turn in the instruments they have been using, as we need to make them available to incoming Cadets in the fall. Anyone planning to rent an instrument for the summer must pay for the summer's rental this Thursday. It will be returned to you once the instrument is inventoried and checked over.

**IMPORTANT RENTAL INFO** – Even if you are playing a rental instrument over the summer, there is no guarantee that anyone will have the same exact instrument they played previously. Our first priority is to provide rental instruments to new Cadets. After Cadets are taken care of, remaining band members will be accommodated.

- **Percussion Equipment** ALL WSHSB percussion equipment is to be returned to the band this Thursday. This includes but is not limited to such things as, mallets, carriers, quad set, maracas, etc. There is to be no percussion equipment kept at anyone's home.
- **Music Collection and Amnesty Returns – Odds and Ends**  
Instructions for returning all music are below under Music Notes.
- **Lost and Found – Going Once...**  
Any items remaining in Lost and Found after May 28 will be given away or thrown out. Check the container at the front table to see if you recognize anything.
- **For summer parade and/or DuPage County Fair Opening Day participants**  
After having turned in all music, bow ties, and cummerbunds, rental instruments, etc., anyone participating in summer marching band events needs to do the following –
  - Pick up a marching hat.
  - Check your band folder for any new marching music that may be there. Put it in your flip folder immediately.
  - Prepare for practice with your instrument, lyre, flip folder and music.
  - Wait patiently for music collections to be completed before practice begins.

## DRESSING FOR MARCHING CAMP

There are to be no short-shorts, and no low-cut, skimpy or tight-fitting tank tops worn to camp. There should be no bare midriffs. Everyone must wear good shoes that cover and support your feet, **no sandals or flip-flops**.

## MUSIC NOTES

### All band levels

### Music Collection

There should be **no original music remaining** in anyone's folder, or in piles in your home. Keep any photocopies you made for yourself. There is a fine of **\$4 per song**, for damaged (in our judgment) or lost/unreturned music. Bring cash or a check with you. **All fines are due on May 28.**

**Do not keep ANY music** presuming because you are returning to band you can use it next year. This has caused problems in the past with people playing formerly assigned parts which are no longer current. All music is redistributed and part assignments can and do change.

## **NEW MUSIC RETURN SYSTEM THIS YEAR**

This year you will only need to stand in one line for music returns. Students should return all their music together at the table for their HIGHEST band. To help lines move smoothly and quicker, arrive at band with your music in the order found on the lists below, top to bottom. (This is the same order as on the check-in sheets the moms use.) Wait at the table while your music is checked in. [The fine for any missing marching size music is \\$1.00, while any full size missing music is \\$4.00.](#) You are expected to pay your fines when you return your music. Come prepared to do so.

**Note** - Members who previously returned their music should double-check the lists and return anything you may have overlooked. Also, some may find they do not have a few titles because they turned them in earlier this trimester. That fact will already be recorded on the lists.

## **AMNESTY RETURNS – ODDS AND ENDS**

If you find you have any other music that should have been returned previously (music from Christmas, the winter trimester or a previous year) or any other **originals** of titles not included in the lists below now is your chance. Put your first and last name and highest band level on a slip of paper and clip it together with you amnesty returns. Now is your opportunity to return any and all music that you haven't known what to do with.

## **MUSIC TO RETURN**

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*** [Salute to America's Finest](#) and [Star Spangled Banner](#) are listed under all three bands. They should be included in order with the music from your highest band.

Return ALL music at the table for your highest band. Read about the new music return system above for more details.

### COMBINED BANDS TITLE

Star Spangle Banner

### CADET TITLES

Vandivere

Buglers Dream

### CONCERT JUNIOR TITLES

Over There

The Schumann Suite

Adventure on Snake River

Te Deum

This is My Country

When the Koalas - Conga

Salute to America's Finest

Stars & Stripes Forever

### CONCERT SENIOR TITLES

Songs of the American Soldier

Battle Cry of Freedom

Chanteys

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Mission Impossible

Regiment's Return

Salute to America's Finest

Stars & Stripes Forever

Easter Prelude – Were You There?

Acclamation

### SYMPHONIC TITLES

Land of Make Believe

Scheherazade

America the Beautiful  
American Salute  
Missing Man  
Salute to the Patriots  
Sonata in Eb  
Suite in A Minor  
Salute to America's Finest  
American Overture  
Stars & Stripes Forever  
Festival Overture

COMBINED BANDS TITLE  
God Bless America