

09-24-09 Rehearsal Notes

GENERAL NOTES

REVIEW THE HANDBOOK

Every band family needs to read the [2009-2010 Handbook](#) and print, sign, and return the [2009-2010 Handbook Agreement by October 1](#).

KEEP EMAIL ADDRESSES CURRENT

Since email is our main form of communication, if you change your email address please be sure to let us know.

LOST AND FOUND GROWING - LABEL ALL YOUR BELONGINGS

We are already collecting UNLABELED items in Lost and Found. Be sure to label your music folder, all parts to your music stand including the carry case, all your own books, and refillable water bottles, to name a few. These are some of the items left after practice most frequently.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE SIGN-UP

While fall is just beginning, we must already plan for the WSHSB Christmas Season Performance. In the Handbook, page 16, read about The Wheaton Light a Holiday Parade which will be Friday, November 27. Look for the sign-up sheet 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. For a variety of reasons we will not be performing at Yorktown this year and will appreciate your respect and acceptance of our decision.

WELL-WISHERS

You may have noticed, the Well-Wisher Form for the 2010 Winter Concert Program is already on our website (**Forms/Documents**). 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. For more information about Well-Wishers, see the form itself or page 5 in the Handbook.

IDEAS FOR PASSING TIME

In the past moms of small children wondered what to do/where to go during band time. Suggestions we've received include:

- Bring some popcorn and a good exciting book and read out loud in the car. There are great biographies of missionaries and leaders of the faith written for younger ages. We can never seem to squeeze in enough time to do family reading, and this 'forced down time' could offer that.
- Charlestown Mall is fairly close (5.6 mi @10 min). There is a Merry-Go-Round in the mall. Just take Rt. 59 to North Avenue. Go west and the mall is on the right (north) side of the street, just past Pheasant Run Resort. There is also a Wal-Mart and Toys R Us just east of the mall and a Jewel on the west.
- McDonalds has a Play Place down on the corner of RT 59 and North Avenue.
- Hobby Lobby is also on the NE corner of RT 59 and North Avenue.
- Some prefer to go east on Army Trail Road past County Farm Road to Costco (4.5 mi @7 min). There is also a Jewel at Army Trail and County Farm Roads (3.2 mi @5 min).
- Hang out at the Starbucks reading books and sipping hot chocolate.
- On the NE corner of 59 & Army Trail near the Starbucks is Bartlett Gymnastics. It's a little chaotic in the parking lot in the evening, but it might be fun to go and see the big kids (H.S. team age) practicing. It's pretty amazing what they can do at that age.
- A 1420 S. Route 59 is a nice big Goodwill store, so if you have any discount shopping to do, or have a donation to make (they have a drive through donation door), that might be a good spot.
- Bartlett Library is at 800 S. Bartlett Road (3.5 mi, @8 min). It's good if you have multiple practices to sit through.

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

Mrs. Beth Pfauth a professional, private music teacher will be spending a few minutes in the kitchen with each Cadet, woodwind, instrument section to check things like hand position, embouchure, and tonguing to ensure students are executing these properly.

CADET EVALUATION

Cadets will be evaluated at week 6. The director will choose an exercise from your homework pages that week. She will be checking for things like correct tonguing and embouchure, etc. Watch these notes for more information.

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. Practice every day for no less than 20 minutes. You may split the time between multiple sessions.

Brass Players – 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.

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

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

Junior (see notes above)

Red EE book - work on Ex #6, 7, and 8 and Rhythm lines 5, 13 and 17

Old Man River

Percussion - be prepared to run through this song alone

Cahokia

Percussion quiz, firsts and seconds at measure 61

Woodwinds measures 42 to 52 needs work

Paso Flamenco

Wave the Flag (For Old Chicago)

Clarinets and flutes - quizzes for each group - firsts, seconds and thirds

Discovery Overture

Nearer My God to Thee

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONAL 6:45-7pm – Trumpets meet with Mr. Talcott on Appomattox, starting at measure 19.

*Remember **you need to arrive at 6:30** so you are ready by 6:45.*

Red EE book - work on Ex #3, 4, and 5 and Rhythm lines 5 and 9

The above will be done on 10/1 because it was skipped last week due to the fire drill

Appomattox

Lincoln Celebration, A

Flutes and clarinets - be sure you are in tune

Flutes, oboe, clarinets and bells - practice chromatic scale at 20

Legend of Starved Rock

Chicago (That Toddlin' Town)

Seven Springs

Flutes, clarinets and bells – quiz at measures 18 and 127

Wheaton Overture

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONAL 7:45-8pm – Trumpets meet with Mr. Talcott on Moorside.

*Remember **you need to arrive at 7:30** so you are ready by 7:45.*

River Valley Legacy – *First movement ONLY*

Mansions of the Lord, The

Abduction from the Seraglio, The

Flight of the Piasa

Recorded by Sinatra

Quad City Stomp

Hernando's Hideaway

Moorside March