

11-06-08 Rehearsal Notes

GENERAL NOTES

CHRISTMAS PARADES' SUPPLIES, ETC

There are only two practices left before the [Wheaton Light-a-Holiday](#) parade on Friday, November 28, while the [West Chicago Frosty Fest](#) is not until Saturday, December 6. If you are not memorizing your music, you will need a lyre, flip-folder and a clip-on or headband light. All must wear a Santa Hat (large enough to cover ears is good). Some like fingerless gloves. You might also want to get hand-warmer packets (for hands and/or instruments) and maybe a string or two of battery-operated lights.

We remind you that **ALL CADETS** as well as parents and siblings of any band member **ARE WELCOME TO MARCH WITH US**. If you have jingle bells bring them along to shake while you are marching. We also need up to 9 color guard volunteers for the Wheaton parade. Please email Mrs. Wiesner-Pardee if you would like to help in the color guard. More specific details are in the Handbook, page 11.

JACKET AND PANTS FITTING

Now is the time to check if you have everything you need for our upcoming performances at Yorktown and our Winter Concert. In the Handbook review the Concert Dress Code and Jacket and Pants Fitting on page 14 and the Yorktown dress code on page 15.

The fitting date is **Tuesday, November 18**. There is a sign-up sheet at the front table. Otherwise, you need to contact Mrs. Helen Herbst if you need to exchange or pick up a jacket or pants. She needs to know how many people to plan for and how many volunteers to recruit for assistance. She can also give you the time for the fitting and directions to the Borow's.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

The director strongly encourages ALL band members, Cadet through Symphonic, to participate in the annual Solo and Ensemble Contest (referred to as the SEC). For an explanation and information about the contest, see our SEC webpage. (Details at the top of the webpage will be updated shortly.)

[The SEC date and location have recently been confirmed](#). It will be Saturday, March 14, at the Lutheran Church of the Master, Carol Stream, IL (1 mile north of North Avenue on Kuhn Road). The time will probably be from 10 to 3pm. There will soon be a "Statement of Intention" form at the front table. **This is not registration**. That comes later. The Statement of Intention tells us how many students *plan* to participate, and for how many events we will need to have judges.

It is time to think about music to perform. There is a [JW Pepper Solo and Ensemble](#) music catalog at the front table which you may look at for ideas. Another resource is <http://www.stantons.com/>. Click on [Instrument Solos](#), [Ensembles](#), [Methods](#) under Browse Categories at the top of the page. Many titles have a recording you can listen to. A reminder to Cadets, Juniors and Seniors - You may use a solo from your Essential Element book if you like.

NO CADETS OR CONCERT SENIOR ON DECEMBER 11

Our last practice before Christmas break is on December 11 and will probably be somewhat different than usual. While cadets normally do not have rehearsal on this day, this year neither would Concert Senior. The director is thinking about having Concert Junior come from 6 to 7pm as usual, followed by Symphonic for two hours from 7 to 9pm. We will confirm this arrangement as the date gets closer. In either case Cadets do not have rehearsal on December 11.

WELL-WISHERS

The Well-Wisher Form for the 2009 Winter Concert Program is on our website ([Forms/Documents](#)). You can 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, especially over the holidays. For more information about Well-Wishers, see the form itself or page 5 in the Handbook.

SUMMARY OF ALL HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER PERFORMANCES

- Friday, November 28, 6 pm (step off):
WHEATON LIGHT A HOLIDAY PARADE
- Monday, December 1, 7-8 pm
YORKTOWN SHOPPING CENTER CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
- **Saturday, December 6, event runs 4-7 pm** (We do not yet have an assigned time.)
FROSTY FEST, WEST CHICAGO PERFORMANCE (venue to be announced - parade or ensemble - based on response)

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

FOR HOMEWORK –

PRACTICE TIMES SHOULD NOW BE AT 30 MINUTES A DAY.

You may split the time between multiple sessions.

Always practice **with the recordings** every day.

If your disc does not have exercises beyond #58, refer to the Music Links document sent 10/06/08 which contains links at the top for #59 – end of the book.

1. Repeat exercises 67 and 91 and finish page 17. Start working on pages 18 and 19.
2. We may use exercises 77, 78 and 79, as part of the Cadet Performance.
3. Continue practicing daily, the songs listed below. They are for the Cadet Performance on **December 4**.

22 Split Decision, **A**-Woodwinds, **B**-Brass (*repeat one time, although not written that way*)

24 Listen to Our Sections

25 Lightly Row

30 London Bridge , **A**-Woodwinds, **B**-Brass

31 A Mozart Melody

53 Aura Lee, **A**-Woodwinds, **B**-Brass

At rehearsal this week we will start playing at #54.

54 Frère Jacques, **1**- Brass, **2**-Woodwinds

55 When the Saints go Marching In

56 Old MacDonald Had a Band

57 Ode to Joy

38 Jingle Bells (probably the *ENCORE*)

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

Junior (see notes above)

SECTIONAL: 5:45 – 6pm, clarinets on [European Folk Tune Suite](#), Minka movement with Mrs. Pfauth

CHROMATIC SCALE

All Junior members should work on learning the complete chromatic scale with correct fingering as found in the back of your Essential Elements book. Each week the director will ask an instrument section or sections to play a chromatic octave. **Last week was flutes, trumpets, trombones and saxes. This week will be the remaining sections.**

Greensleeves - *Yorktown*

Good King Wenceslas - *Yorktown*

Christmas Fun - *Yorktown*

Barbara Polka

March Triumphant

Slavonic Pageant

Hungarian Dance No. 5
God Bless America
European Folk Tune Suite
[Quiz for trumpets and low brass on Minka](#)

Strange Pursuit
[Percussion quiz](#)
[Trumpets need a straight mute. This was on the list of supplies in the Handbook page 7.](#)

Children of the Regiment
Repasz Band

NOTE

The two songs above will be played by the combined bands at our Winter Concert. The director is aware they may be very challenging for Junior band members. She suggests you practice them at a slower tempo. Don't get discouraged; just do the best you can. Remember you still have over two months before playing them at the concert along with the other two bands.

March of the Lilliputians
We Need a Little Christmas - *Wheaton parade and Yorktown*
Christmas Spectacular - *Wheaton parade and Yorktown*

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONAL: 6:45 – 7pm, clarinets on Czech Suite with Heather on Festival Band

Conquista
Once in Royal David's City - *Yorktown*
Christmas Prologue – *Yorktown*
[Saxes – watch your notes in the three measures starting at 73, especially the C#, D and C.](#)

Military Polonaise
[Quiz – flute measures 4-8](#)

Czech Suite
[Clarinet quiz on last four measures of Festival Band movement](#)

Slavonic Dance No. 8
African Bell – *Yorktown*
Brighton Beach
[Watch the dynamics. Do not drag at the trio, measure 75.](#)

Children of the Regiment
Repasz Band March
Air for Band
Moravian Hymn Setting, A

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONAL: 7:45 – 8pm, French horns on [Masque](#), 4 before B, 2 before C, 3 before D, I to J

Let it Snow!/Winter Wonderland- *Yorktown*
Sleigh Ride- *Yorktown*
Christmas Festival- *Yorktown*
Masque

[Flute quiz at R](#)

Slavonic Dance #1
Amparito Roca
In a Gentle Rain
Clarinet Polka

8:55 Scheherazade

[From beginning to #5](#)

ENSEMBLE - Song of the Meadowlark
[Depending on time, this may not be rehearsed this week](#)