

11-20-08 Rehearsal Notes

GENERAL NOTES

CHRISTMAS PARADES' SUPPLIES, ETC.

The [Wheaton Light-a-Holiday](#) parade is Friday, November 28, while the [West Chicago Frosty Fest](#) is not until Saturday, December 6. **This information applies to both parades.** 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). You might also want to get some hand-warmer packets (for hands and/or instruments) and maybe a string or two of battery-operated lights.

A reminder 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. Winter parade dress code applies to both parades. Dress code and more specific details are in the Handbook, page 16.

- **WHEATON LIGHT-A-HOLIDAY DETAILS**

Friday, November 28, is the Wheaton Light-A-Holiday Parade. We will gather at 5:15 in the parking lot behind Wheaton's City Hall (NW corner of Wesley St and Wheaton Ave). Step-off is 6pm, and we are unit #28. The preferred way to enter the staging area is to go south on Wheaton Avenue. Do not try to enter the staging area from Hale or Wesley Streets, as you will be redirected. We will disburse at the Wheaton Public Library, near the southwest corner of the library (near Wesley and Cross Streets).

- **FROSTY FEST DETAILS**

We will meet at 3:15 pm. The parade steps off at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6 from the Jimenez Grocery parking lot on the corner of Main Street and Route 59 and travels west on Main Street to the Fox Community Center, 306 Main St., which is a half-mile west of Route 59.

Once the parade ends at the Community Center (Main Street and Center Street), the Mayor will say a few words and light the official City tree as well as the downtown holiday lights. The High School Chamber Choir will perform for the tree lighting ceremony. Once that is complete, members of the band and their families are invited to stay and partake in the festivities ~ reindeer games, sleigh rides, Santa and Mrs. Claus, light refreshments in the Community Center, crafts and much more. The Community Center is the warming center and the craft at the Museum is indoors.

Families should meet their student(s) at the City tree after the ceremony and disburse from there.

YORKTOWN PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 1

All cadets and their families are welcome and invited to attend the band's Yorktown Christmas performance on December 1.

Participants should arrive at 6:15, no later than 6:30, on Monday, December 1. Our performance is 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please refer to the Yorktown item on **page 15 in the WSHSB Handbook** for important details such as location, entrance to use, dress code, etc. While all members should bring their stands and music, members will play with a stand partner to save space. All musicians will stand, with the exception of low brass, bass clarinet(s), and bassoon(s). Those standing should bring a neck strap if needed. Be aware that another group will be performing while we arrive and prepare to perform. Please be quiet in the hallway as you arrive. Noises and voices resonate from the hallway into the performance area.

Anyone who has a tuner should bring it to help speed up the tuning process. ALL adults performing with the band at Yorktown are asked to assist with members tuning their instruments. Remember, "Sharp – it's short -- pull it out".

YORKTOWN LINE-UP

JUNIOR

Good King Wenceslas
Greensleeves
Christmas Fun

SENIOR

Once in Royal David's City
African Bell Carol
Christmas Prologue

SYMPHONIC

Let It Snow/Winter Wonderland
Sleigh Ride
Christmas Festival

COMBINED BANDS

We Need a Little Christmas
Christmas Spectacular

CADET PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 4

Cadet band members will be holding their winter performance, for their parents and siblings and grandparents, during their normal practice time. **All cadets should arrive at 4:45 to assist with unloading and set-up so they can be in their seats ready to play by 5:05 at which time we will tune the band.** The performance will be in Cornelius Hall at Resurrection Church on Thursday, December 4; from 5:15 to 6 pm. Concert dress codes apply to this performance. The dress code is on our **Forms/Documents** page and in the **WSHSB Handbook, page 14**. Concert song order is listed below in Music Notes.

Please note that Cadets will not meet again for practice until January 8, 2009.

TIME FOR SEC "STATEMENT OF INTENTION"

The SEC (Solo & Ensemble Contest) 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. For more general information about the contest, see our SEC webpage. (Forms will be updated shortly.)

At this time we need to know your intentions for the Solo & Ensemble Contest. This is not registration. That comes later. For now you need to complete the "Statement of Intention" form at the front table. You'll need to supply your name, instrument, and indicate solo or ensemble. Each ensemble should choose a representative and only that person should sign-up on behalf of the ensemble. The Statement of Intention tells us how many students *plan* to participate, and for how many events we will need to have judges.

If you haven't yet chosen 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. The director strongly encourages ALL band members, Cadet through Symphonic, to participate in the annual SEC.

NO CADETS OR CONCERT SENIOR ON DECEMBER 11

Our last practice before Christmas break is on December 11. Cadets do not have rehearsal and this year neither will Concert Senior. The director would like Concert Junior to come from 5:30 to 7pm, followed by Symphonic for two hours from 7 to 9pm. We will confirm as the date gets closer.

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. **The deadline is January 8, 2009, our first practice after the Christmas break.**

A CONCERT TO ENJOY

The Salvation Army Chicago Staff Band presents Sounds of the Season with The Lakeside Singers Saturday, November 29th 2008 - 7:00pm, Edman Chapel, Wheaton, Illinois.

This concert will be recorded. Pre-school children will not be admitted.

For more info and complimentary tickets go to <http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www.usc.nsf/vw-dynamic-arrays/80256D0300503A9786256BBC00697EB3?openDocument>

TUBA CHRISTMAS

There are a number of dates for this popular activity for all tuba, baritone and euphonium players. The Illinois dates are all in December; the 6th in Moline and Robinson, the 13th in Flossmore and Springfield, and the 13th in Naperville (2 different times/locations). The Palmer House is December 20. The 21st is in Antioch. For more information see the site <http://www.tubachristmas.com/readtclloc.php?TCState=IL>.

MUSIC NOTES

Cadets

FOR HOMEWORK –

Continue practicing daily, the songs listed below. Watch the 12/04/08 Rehearsal Notes which will include a Cadet assignment for over the break. Read 12/11/08 notes as well. You will not return until January 8, 2009.

DECEMBER 4, PERFORMANCE LINE-UP

We will be using podium etiquette as directed at practice

Director steps off podium – Instruments down

Director steps on podium – Instruments upright, to one side

Director raises arms – Instruments up in playing position

- 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
- 54 Frère Jacques, **1**- Brass, **2**-Woodwinds
- 55 When the Saints go Marching In
- 56 Old MacDonald Had a Band
- 57 Ode to Joy
- 77 Sakura, Sakura
- 78 Up On a Housetop
- 79 Jolly Old St. Nick, **A**- Brass, **B**-Woodwinds
- 38 Jingle Bells (*ENCORE*)

Notes to Junior, Senior, and Symphonic bands –

ATTENTION ALL PERCUSSION

- Please reread the Handbook, page 9, “NO SWITCHING OF PARTS.”
- Be respectful of adult helpers.
- Musical equipment as well as personal property also needs to be respected. Some seem to think if anything is out it is available to try, borrow, or take. Use equipment only if assigned.

Junior (see notes above)

Special Notice to Concert Junior

Due to the Cadet performance on the 4th, Concert Junior may start a little late.

Please be quiet upon entering during the Cadet performance. If possible, walk behind audience not in front. Maintain silence, no talking or chatting. Do not make noise getting your instruments out and ready.

SECTIONAL: 5:45 – 6pm, no sectional due to Cadet Performance

PRACTICE DAILY WITH RECORDINGS!

Red EE continue working on pages 6 and 7, chromatic scale in back of book

(Yorktown line-up is in General Notes. Put your music in order.)

Hungarian Dance No. 5

March of the Lilliputians

March Triumphant

Children of the Regiment

Repasz Band

European Folk Tune Suite (*1st and 2nd movements only, 3rd movement has been cut*)

Quizzes at measure 43

Barbara Polka

Strange Pursuit

Percussion quiz

Slavonic Pageant

Senior (see notes above)

SECTIONAL: 6:45 – 7pm, all flutes AND first clarinets on Czech Suite on last four measures of Festival Band movement with Heather. If time permits, work on other parts of Festival Band.

(Yorktown line-up is in General Notes. Put your music in order.)

Military Polonaise

Quiz – flute measures 4-8

Children of the Regiment

Repasz Band March

Air for Band

Moravian Hymn Setting, A

Czech Suite

Quiz - Clarinets and flutes on last four measures of Festival Band movement

Brighton Beach

Slavonic Dance No. 8

Conquista

Symphonic (see notes above)

SECTIONAL: 7:45 – 8pm, saxes on Moldau with Mr. Gawle

(Yorktown line-up is in General Notes. Put your music in order.)

Sing My Tongue, Alleluia

Moldau, The

Masque

Slavonic Dance #1

Amparito Roca

In a Gentle Rain

Clarinet Polka

Children of the Regiment

Repasz Band March

ENSEMBLE - Song of the Meadowlark