

Hi Everyone!

We had a busy weekend for several music students. On Saturday we had a group of musicians audition for the Rhode Island All-State Festival that is held in March. These students worked hard to prepare for their audition. Hopefully, the results will be in this weekend before we break for Thanksgiving. The Drama Department also had their production of "She Kills Monsters." Thank you to all that came out to support this great production!

We have one more field show performance on Thanksgiving Day, which is a home game. We will meet at 8am, and there will be a light breakfast for all students. The Music Boosters will be organizing a "Pot Luck Breakfast." Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4faba82ba5fd0-thanksgiving>

Looking forward, we have 3 more marching band events left in the season: Thanksgiving Day Game, Fall River Children's Parade and the Taunton Christmas Parade.

Also on Thursday, we have planned a memorial service for Connor Peckham. There will be a dedication ceremony at 9:00am outside of Door 24. PHS Alumni, Adrianna Duarte has worked hard on raising funds and working with the administration to plan a nice way to celebrate Connor's life and what he meant to our music program. Please join us at 9:00am this Thursday, before our Thanksgiving Day game.

I do want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! I appreciate all the support that families have given to our music program. I am proud to be part of a great, supportive musical community! Thank you for all you do!!

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

Thanksgiving Day Game

Thursday, November 28

Report to PHS: 8:00am

Dedication Ceremony: 9:00am

Game: 10:00am

This is our annual Thanksgiving day game vs. Middletown. As mentioned before, there will be a "pot luck" breakfast that morning for our students. Upon arrival students, will eat breakfast, change and prepare for the dedication ceremony. The marching band will be playing at the ceremony.

I know that many families travel on Thanksgiving, myself included. The band will stay until the game concludes and students will be dismissed as quickly as possible after the game. Thank you for your understanding.

Fundraising Information

Monday, November 25, is pick up for the cookie dough and pie fundraiser! Pick up will be from 4-6 PM at door 24. If you are not able to come, please text Emily at 401-378-7822 to arrange alternative pick up arrangements!!

Second, to everyone who participated in the cake roll and butterbraid fundraiser, forms and money are this Monday (November 25). You may put them in the mailbox in the music suite, attn to Maria & Emily.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

ACCEPTANCE FORMS DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Portsmouth High School has started its own Tri - Music Honor Chapter. The Tri-M Music Honor Society is an NAFME (National Association for Music Educators) program that recognizes outstanding music students in secondary level school. Tri-M activities increase students' school and community involvement with music. Tri-M members are selected based on their academic and musical achievement as well as on their strength of character. Chapters invite qualified students from any organized music ensemble or class in their school to join this international music honor society. Chapter members regularly get involved with community-service activities and music-enrichment events, nurturing a more cohesive, broad, and unified music program. Acceptance form is attached to this announcement.

University of Rhode Island's Southern New England Honors Band

Auditions: Dec 3rd & 4th

Festival Dates: January 24 & 25, 2020

Once again, students will have the opportunity to audition for this unique opportunity at The University of Rhode Island. Each year we have several students audition and get accepted. For those that were unsure about auditioning for the Rhode Island All – State, please consider this one! For those already auditioning for All-State, consider this opportunity also!! All auditions are recording here at PHS and then sent digitally to URI. Auditions will be held on December 3rd & 4th after school. If you are interested, please see Mr. Rausch to sign-up. Please see the attached document for more information.

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal

Jazz Ensemble will rehearse this **TUESDAY evening from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.** I have created a BAND APP page for this group. Students and parents are encouraged to join as this will be our main tool for communication. The link to join is: <https://band.us/n/a4ac24H6Ccnc1>

Fall River Children's Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 7th

Meet at PHS: 10:30am

Parade starts at 1:00

*We should be back at PHS by 3:00pm

Taunton Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 8th

Meet at PHS: 9:00am

Parade starts at 12:00

*We should be back at PHS by 3:30pm

Holiday Concerts Raffle Baskets

The PHS Music Boosters are looking for donations to be used for raffle baskets. Our Concerts are on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12** (Jazz, Strings, & Concert Band) and **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** (Chorus & Symphonic Band). If you would like to donate, please use the following sign-up genius link to donate. Thank you!!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a728a1f58-christmas>

2nd Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday, December 7, 2019 1:00pm – 5:00pm

This is our 2nd annual Christmas tree and wreath sale to benefit our music program. Trees are \$50.00 each and wreaths start at \$30.00. Thank you in advance for supporting our music program at Portsmouth High School!

Winter Concert 1

Thursday, December 12th

7:00pm

Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, String Ensemble

Winter Concert 2

Tuesday, December 17th

7:00pm

Chorus, Symphonic Band

Ways to get the information that you need

BAND App. This is our main source of sending information home to you! - The Portsmouth High School Music Department uses the BAND app to disseminate all information quicker and more efficiently to you! Documents, calendars, weekly announcements, and up-to-date information will be available in this one application rather than checking weekly emails or paper documents. The BAND App is completely free to use. You can download the BAND App on your iPhone, Android device, or access it on your computer by going to band.us. We suggest that you set it up on a computer first and then download the app once you have an account established. The names of our BAND groups are listed below. Everyone should be part of the 2019-2020 Patriots Marching BAND app group as weekly announcements for the department will be posted there. Parents should also join the PHS Music Boosters BAND app also. The links are listed below:

PHS Patriots Marching Band – Invitation located at: <https://band.us/n/aea914R638I4j>

PHS Music Boosters – Invitation located at: <https://band.us/n/afa71cRe37H0n>

PHS Color Guard – Invitation located at: <https://band.us/n/a1a413Rd3fI2a>

PHS Dance Team – Invitation located at: <https://band.us/n/a5a61cR43cJaf>

PHS Drumline - Invitation located at: <https://band.us/n/aba514R130Jdw>

PHS Jazz Ensemble – Invitation located at: <https://band.us/n/a4ac24H6Ccnc1>

** We ask that ALL parents who have joined or will be joining – please change your profile name to include your first AND last name. All parents should indicate with a letter “p” after their name in their profile.

For example: Ted Rausch-P

** All students should have their two number year of graduation after their name

For example: Zach Rousseau-21

You can change this setting by clicking “My Info” and follow prompts to “manage” your profile. This is found in the upper right corner of both the app and on the web version.

PHS Band Calendar

Our 2019 - 2020 Band Calendar is available online to download. The majority of the dates that we know of have been placed. There may be additional events added throughout the school year. We will keep you posted ASAP if anything changes. <https://www.portsmouthmusic.org/calendars.html>



Portsmouth High School Instrumental Music

2019 – 2020 Performance Dates

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SEPTEMBER

17	Tuesday	Big E Performance	8am - 9pm	Marching Band
24	Tuesday	KGMAA Auditorium Grand Opening	7:00pm	

OCTOBER

11	Friday	HOME Football Game	4:30pm	Marching Band
12	Saturday	Cranston East Marching Band Competition	2:15pm	Marching Band
14	Monday	Newport Columbus Day Parade	10:00am	Marching Band
18	Friday	HOME Football Game	5:30pm	Marching Band
19	Saturday	Somerset Music Town Festival Parade & Field Show	9:00am	Marching Band
26	Saturday	Homecoming, Parade & Game	10:30am	Marching Band
28	Monday	Hathaway & Melville Elementary Performances	9:15&10:15am	Marching Band

NOVEMBER

2	Saturday	URI Band Day	TBA	Marching Band
7	Tuesday	Wilbur McMahon Veteran's Day Performance	10:00am	Marching Band
23	Saturday	ALL-STATE Auditions	<i>Times to be announced</i>	
28	Thursday	HOME Football Game – Thanksgiving Day Game	8:30am	Marching Band

DECEMBER

7	Saturday	Fall River Holiday Parade	10:30am	Marching Band
8	Sunday	Taunton Christmas Parade	9:00am	Marching Band
8	Sunday	Glen Manor House Performance	TBA	Flute Ensemble
12	Thursday	Winter Concert 1	7:00pm	
		<i>Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, String Ensemble</i>		
17	Tuesday	Winter Concert 2	7:00pm	
		<i>All Choruses, Symphonic Band</i>		

FEBRUARY

13	Thursday	Music Department Student Performance Concert Night	7:00pm	
29	Saturday	RIMEA Jazz Festival	TBD	Jazz Ensemble

MARCH

4	Wednesday	Somerset Jazz Festival	3:30pm	Jazz Ensemble
12	Wednesday	Scholarship Concert	7pm	
		<i>Chorus, Symphonic & Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble</i>		
14	Saturday	Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade	TBA	Marching Band

APRIL

8/9	Wed or Thurs	RIMEA Senior Band Festival	8am-2pm	Symphonic Band
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MAY

13	Wednesday	Spring Concert – Chorus	6:30pm	
14	Thursday	Spring Concert – Bands	7:00am	
16	Saturday	Solo & Ensemble Concert	TBA	
18	Monday	Drum Major Auditions	5pm	
22	Friday	Music Banquet, Whites Restaurant	6:00pm	Music Department

JUNE

5	Friday	PHS Graduation	5:00pm	Graduation starts at 6pm
8	Monday	Marching Band Parent Meeting	6:30pm	All new band students