

Hi Everyone!

Congratulations to the band members and especially the seniors for their final performance of “The Beatles” on Thanksgiving Day! Even though we did not get a lot of “home” game opportunities this season, you all worked hard and showed a great deal of responsibility and commitment to putting on a great show. Think back to August when you all came together started this process. You have all come a long way in a short amount of time!

Thank you to those who helped with the morning breakfast. This is a nice tradition for the kids to be part of. I also know how busy everyone is that morning. Thank you for taking the time to either help setup, take down, or simply donate food to bring!

It was also a fantastic turnout for Connor Peckham’s memorial dedication ceremony. Former PHS students, Adrianna Duarte and Henry Banks, both spoke extremely well about their former classmate. I was proud that our band students stood proudly and reflectively during the ceremony, ending with a performance of Connor’s favorite, “Crazy Train!”

Just two more parades left! I have changed the arrival time for the Taunton Christmas Parade on Sunday to 10:00am not 9:00am. Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

All-State Results!!!

Congratulations to all who auditioned last Saturday for the Rhode Island All-State Festival. Even though some students did not get accepted, you should be proud that you took the time to work on raising your musical achievement level! I would like to congratulate the following students for being accepted:

1. Fiona Buffington – Clarinet – Junior All State Band
2. Marielle Chrupcala – Baritone Sax – Senior All State Band
3. Ian Gannon - Trumpet – Senior All State Band
4. Zachary Rousseau – Electric Bass – Senior All State Jazz Band
5. Vasileios Zarkadas – Violin – Senior All State Orchestra

****CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVMENT AND FOR REPRESENTING PORTSMOUTH!!!!****

Carnegie Hall Performance

Congratulations to Hayden Shea and Logan Quinn who had the exciting opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall this past Sunday through TJ’s Music in Fall River.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Auditions will be held Monday, December 9, and Tuesday, December 10 after school. Students should have signed up for an audition time.

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 **THIS TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL**. You will need to see Mr. Rausch for an audition time.

Bridgewater State University High School Honors Band & Jazz Band Festival

Thursday, February 6th, 2020

This is an annual, one-day festival that is held at Bridgewater State University. There is no audition to participate, however, I need to recommend students. If you are interested, please see the attached information packet. I also have hard copies outside my office. I need to recommend students before we leave for break on December 20th.

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal

Jazz Ensemble will rehearse this **WEDNESDAY evening from 6:00pm – 8:30pm**. This is our last rehearsal before the concert on December 12th. 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: 10:00am *****Time change from earlier announcement.

Parade starts at 12:00

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

****I have attached an itinerary for both parades****

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/a1a413Rd3fl2a>

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