

Hi Everyone!

Congratulations to the band on two fantastic parade performances this past weekend! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to spend with the band during the parades. Thank you also, to Emily Severa who helped organize the 2nd Annual Christmas Tree sale. All trees sold in out in 20 minutes! Thanks again to Bill's Sales for donating the beautiful trees.

This week brings us our first of two winter concerts on Thursday. This Thursday (December 12), the String Ensemble, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble will be featured. Next Tuesday (December, 17), will feature the Chorus and the Symphonic Band. Both concerts start at 7:00pm in the Kate Grana Auditorium.

Here are your reminders for this week:

Winter Concert 1

Thursday, December 12th

7:00pm

String Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble

REPORT TIME FOR ALL MUSIC STUDENTS: 6:15

Winter Concert 2

Tuesday, December 17th

7:00pm

Chorus, Symphonic Band

REPORT TIME FOR ALL MUSIC STUDENTS: 6:15 (Chorus students check with Mrs. Gleason)

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 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** (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>

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.

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.

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