

Hello All!

Special thanks to Mrs. Emily Severa who organized this weekend's mattress fundraiser! Thank you to all who came out to support our music program!

This week brings us our Kate Grana Auditorium Dedication Ceremony on Tuesday evening. The Kate Grana Music and Arts Association (KGMAA) has worked non-stop to get us to this point. The auditorium has brand new seats, new lighting system, and a new sound system! All of this being done in honor of my former colleague, friend, and beloved Portsmouth music teacher, Kate Grana. This special event starts at 7pm and will feature alumni and current students.

Thank you to all the parents who came with us on Tuesday for the Big E. We had a great turnout of help and we appreciated your support! The students had a great day filled with two performances and a parade. It was a great start to our musical season!

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

Marching Band Rehearsal

This Wednesday from 5pm – 8pm. Please make sure that you dress appropriately. Use long sleeve shirts and pants and make sure that you have taken precautions by way of using bug repellent spray before going outside.

Jazz Band Auditions

Jazz Band auditions will be held this Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 26, after school until 3:30pm. Students should sign up in the music suite and pick up an audition packet. All winds (saxes, trombones, trumpets) will audition on Wednesday. Rhythm Section students (piano, drums, bass, guitar) will audition on Thursday. All wind players are invited back on Thursday to play for the rhythm section auditions.

Kate Grana Auditorium Dedication Ceremony

This is the culminating event of all the hard work members of the KGMAA have worked towards! Come celebrate with us as we officiate dedicate the auditorium to Kate Grana. Tuesday, **September 24th from 7-8:30 pm**. If you would like to be part of the chorus that will sing the introduction, please sign up here. The link will also be provided on the BAND app. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aadae2fa4f58-kate>

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>

New Dates:

1. The Taunton Christmas Parade is on **Sunday, December 8, 2019**. It was originally posted as Sunday, December 1st. It has been updated on the calendars.
2. We have added the University of Rhode Island's Annual Band Day on Saturday, November 2, 2019. More information will follow, but this is a fun afternoon in which the PHS Marching Band as well as other area schools will perform at half-time with the URI Rams Marching 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>

** 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.



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	5:00pm	Marching Band
12	Saturday	Cranston East Marching Band Competition	TBA	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	<i>Times to be announced</i>	Marching Band
26	Saturday	Homecoming, Parade & Game	10:30am	Marching Band

NOVEMBER

2	Saturday	URI Band Day	TBA	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>		
16	Monday	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