

Hello All!

Thank you to all students who auditioned for Jazz Band this past week. It was a record high of musicians to audition. The final roster was posted on Monday afternoon.

Anyone interested in auditioning for All-State, the registrations are due at the end of this week. I have included a copy of the audition form with this message. Please see below for more information.

And....CONGRATULATIONS to our own Mr. Marum and his wife, Shelby, as they welcomed their son, Timmy James this past Saturday, Sept. 21st at 9:05 pm! Wishing the three of you health and happiness!

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

Marching Band Rehearsal

This Wednesday from 5pm – 7pm. We will be ending an hour early as to take precautions with the mosquito warnings in the area. Students should wear long sleeves and pants if possible. As usual, please take precautions when outdoors. The following is from our athletic director:

Use EP approved bug spray with one the following active ingredients DEET (at least 20% strength), Picaridin, IR3535, and oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol.

Our music parents have been working hard on building our props for our Beatles show. This is something you don't want to miss! The students any myself are looking forward to our first performance on Friday, October 11, at our first home football game.

Senior Night

Senior night will be Friday, October 18th. This is our second home football game. All senior band, color guard, and dance members will be announced at half time with their parents that evening.

Jazz Band Rehearsal

We will start Jazz Band rehearsals this Thursday (10/3/19) after school from 2:15 – 3:30pm. We will be rehearsing the next three Thursdays after school until October 23, in which we will start our night rehearsals from 6-8:30pm. At that point jazz band will only meet once per week on Wednesday evenings.

All-State Auditions

Auditions will be held on Saturday, November 23 at Moses Brown. Times have not been determined, but we are normally in the morning. All students who are interested should see Mr. Rausch or Mrs. Gleason to pick up a registration form which is due THIS FRIDAY. There is a \$20 audition fee. Checks should be made out to PHS MUSIC BOOSTERS. This is a great opportunity for students to be part of. All students auditioning will be required to purchase their own audition piece. Please see us for details on your audition piece.

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>

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