

Hello All!

Nice start to a busy little stretch! We braved the elements and performed our half-time show for the first time this season on Friday (afternoon). We look forward to performing this week with all of our props ready to go, without weather interference! Thank you to all the parents who came to help this weekend with The Cranston East Competition and the Columbus Day Parade! We are always looking for parent helpers! If you haven't volunteered yet, and want to give it a try, come and help us this Friday night or Saturday, or both!

Please read below for reminders about proper uniform dress. I have also included our next three performance dates below. I will also get confirmation on the start time of this Friday's game. Thank you for being patient!

Friday, October 18	Home Football Game (Senior Night) TIME TBA on Tuesday
Saturday, October 19	USBands Competition at Somerset Berkley Regional High School *Complete schedule & Itinerary is attached. 9:00am report; 11:30am parade step off; 2:15 competition performance
Saturday, October 26	Homecoming Parade & Game – 10:30am report; 11:15am group photo; 12:00 parade; 1:30pm game

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

Marching Band Rehearsal

We will rehearse this WEDNESDAY from 5pm – 7pm. 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.

Band Uniforms

We have had three performances this year and I wanted to remind students about what to wear UNDER their uniforms. I understand that weather may be getting cold. It is recommended for ALL students to wear warm clothing in layers. Using Under Armour compression clothing is preferred. We want to stay away from the bulky sweatshirts, flannel shirts, and hooded garments. These add bulk under the uniform and makes it difficult for the uniform to fit snug. Each student was given a marching shirt to wear with their uniform. We would like to see that shirt being worn, with other layers for warmth underneath. I saw too many hooded sweatshirts and bulky, clothing that was sticking out from the collar. We want all students to look neat, even when the parade coats are not being worn. We will go over in more detail in class. Thank you!!

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. TIME OF GAME TO BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY.

Jazz Band Rehearsal

We will have Jazz Band rehearsal this Thursday (10/17/19) after school from 2:15 – 3:30pm. We will start our night rehearsals from 6-8:30pm. On Wednesday, October 23.

USBands Competition – Somerset Musictown Festival

Saturday, October 19, 2019

This is our last competition which also includes a parade. We will meet at 9:00am for this event. I have attached the Schedule & Itinerary to this announcement. This festival includes a parade that steps off from the high school at 11:30am. The parade route leaves SBRHS and travels north on rte 138 (County Street) towards Dighton. The parade is about a mile long and students will be returning to SBRHS by bus. Parents, families, and friends are invited to watch the parade, as this is normally a big parade. Please note the change in admission form the previous announcement I sent out. It is now \$12.00 for adults/ \$10.00 for students & seniors.

Concert & Symphonic Band

All students should have their own three-ring binder for class each day. We will be handing out music for the students to have. They can use their own 3-ring binder to practice and to write notes in. Please make sure that ALL students have a three-ring binder that is used for their band music. Thank you!

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/a1a413Rd3fI2a>

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.

SOMERSET MUSICTOWN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Somerset Berkley Regional High School
626 County Street
Somerset, MA 02726

Reminders:

1. Students should have a good breakfast before arriving at PHS. Students should also pack a snack/small lunch to eat after parade.
2. Upon report time at PHS, students should immediately bring their instrument to the trailer and then change into uniforms.
3. Students are asked to bring dinner money. Students will have the opportunity to eat during the festival at the concession stand after our performance.

4. ADMISSION:

We encourage all parents and families to come and support us in the stands as PHS will be one of 11 high school bands performing that evening.

ADULTS: \$12.00 (****UPDATED PRICING****)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & YOUNGER / SENIOR CITIZENS: \$10.00. Tickets are purchased at the main gate at entrance.

ITINERARY

- 9:00am** Arrive at PHS, change, load instruments, and take attendance
- 9:45am** Depart for Somerset Berkley Regional High School
- 11:30pm** Parade steps off from Somerset Berkley Regional High School
- 12:30pm** Parade ends. Return to Somerset Berkley Regional High School.
- 1:00-1:30** Warm-Up – Show run through.
Food will be available at concession stand for purchase. Students may bring food also for lunch and dinner.
- 1:25pm** Festival starts
- 1:45pm** Exit warm-up area and proceed to Gate.
- 2:00pm** Arrive at Gate to prepare for performance
- 2:15pm** ****PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TIME****
- 2:45pm** Return to equipment trailer to load instruments.
- 3:10pm** Re-enter stadium as a group to watch performances and eat.
Students may use the concession stand for food AFTER we have sat in our section
- 5:45pm** Awards
- 6:15pm** Depart for PHS
- 7:00PM** Estimated arrival at PHS

Somerset Berkley Regional High School Music Town Festival 2019

Performance Competition Schedule

Time	Element
1:25 PM	**THIS IS A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE- SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
1:25 PM	NATIONAL ANTHEM
1:30 PM	Group III A : Bridgewater-Raynham High School (Bridgewater, MA)
1:45 PM	Group III A : Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School (South Yarmouth, MA)
2:00 PM	Group IV A : Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School (Rehoboth, MA)
2:15 PM	Group V A : Portsmouth High School (RI) (Portsmouth, RI)
2:30 PM	Group I Open : Cranston High School East (Cranston, RI)
2:45 PM	Group II Open : Shepherd Hill Regional High School (Dudley, MA)
3:00 PM	Group III Open : New Bedford High School (New Bedford, MA)
3:15 PM	INTERMISSION
3:45 PM	Group IV Open : King Philip Regional High School (Wrentham, MA)
4:00 PM	Group IV Open : Blackstone-Millville High School (Blackstone, MA)
4:15 PM	Group V Open : Dartmouth High School (Dartmouth, MA)
4:30 PM	Group V Open : Mansfield High School (Mansfield, MA)
4:45 PM	Group I A : B.M.C. Durfee High School (Fall River, MA)
5:00 PM	Group I A : Bishop Feehan High School (Attleboro, MA)
5:15 PM	Group I A : Somerset Berkley Regional High School (Somerset, MA)
5:45 PM	AWARDS

DIRECTIONS TO SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Somerset Berkley Regional High School

625 County Street

Somerset, MA 02726

<https://goo.gl/maps/Xj2UXKGUjEU2>

From all points East (via Fall River):

1. Take I-195 West over the Braga Bridge towards Somerset
2. Take RT-103 East exit 4B toward Somerset
3. Turn Slight Right onto Wilbur Avenue (RT-103 East)
4. Remain on Wilbur Avenue (RT-103 East) until it becomes Riverside Avenue (RT-138 North)
5. Remain on Riverside Avenue (RT-138 North) until it become County Street (RT-138 North)
6. Turn Left onto Read Street
7. Turn Right onto Prospect Street

From all points West (via Swansea):

1. From G.A.R. Highway (US-6)
2. Turn Left onto Brayton Avenue
3. Turn Right onto Read Street
4. Turn Left onto Prospect Street



Portsmouth High School Instrumental Music

2019 – 2020 Performance Dates

Version 3 - 9/16/19

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

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