

Hello All!

Congratulations to everyone on a successful weekend of performances! I first want to say how proud I am of our students in representing our community, school, and our marching band. We challenged the students this weekend to have fun with PRIDE, EXCELLENCE and RESPECT, and they did just that! We had our Senior Night on Friday, which is always nice to see families come together in acknowledgment of the students' hard work over the past 4 years.

We had a busy day on Saturday with a parade to start the day and then our performance right afterwards. It was great to see so many parents and family members in attendance at the parade and at the competition. The students were rewarded this week with an outstanding performance in Somerset. Their score improved by 8 points, which is not easy to do! I am very fortunate to work with two amazing instructors that make sure our students are always prepared and focused. Ms. Forrest and Ms. Severa have done a fantastic job with our kids!

This weekend would not be possible without the support of all of our music parents! I also want to acknowledge all of the parents that volunteered their time to help this weekend. From helping with uniforms, towing the trailers, moving props and equipment, and being there to make sure all of our students had a safe experience, I can't thank you enough! We have the best band parents around! We also want to invite those who have not had the chance to volunteer to come and join us. We always could use the help!

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

Homecoming Pep Rally

We will have our homecoming pep rally this Friday at 1:00pm in the "new" gym. Marching Band members will be dismissed a little early to get setup in the gym. We will be performing some of our field show tunes during the rally. We will go over the particulars in class this week

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal

Jazz Ensemble will rehearsal will start this Wednesday evening from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. 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>

Homecoming Parade & Game

10:30am report

11:15am group photo

12:30 parade

1:30pm game

We will have our Marching Band group photo for the yearbook on this morning at 11:15 am. Students may want to bring something to eat before we step off for the parade. Students are not to leave the game early to prepare for the homecoming dance that evening.

Hathaway & Melville Elementary Performances!

The marching band will, once again perform for the students at Hathaway and Melville Elementary School on **MONDAY, October 28th**. We will perform at Hathaway @9:15 and Melville@10:15. This is one of our favorite days as we get to connect and spend time with the elementary students. If you are free and want to come, just let me know! (need to be VIS cleared, however - <https://www.portsmouthschoolsri.org/domain/100>). Students will be dismissed at 8:30am and will return by 11:45am. Students will eat 4th lunch before returning to class.

Wilbur McMahon Veteran's Day Performance

The marching band will be performing for the Wilbur McMahon school on **THURSDAY, November 7th** at 10:00am. This is their annual Veteran's Day Assembly in which the band performs at the assembly and for the school after the assembly. Students will be dismissed at 8:30am and will return by 11:45am. Students will eat 4th lunch before returning to class.

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!

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.



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>		
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

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>