

Hello All!

Congratulations on a great Spirit Week, concluding with our annual parade and football game! We will return to a more normal schedule this week, starting with the Elementary Tours on Monday. We will also be visiting Wilbur McMahon in Little Compton on Thursday, November 7th. The Marching Band will be performing for the Veteran's Day Ceremony, which will include a special performance for the school of our half-time show. These three performances have always been an integral part of our music program. Making the connections with all of the elementary students is very rewarding for all of our students in Portsmouth and Little Compton. If parents are available, this is a great opportunity to see our high school students work with the younger children!

As always with these trips, I want to make sure that student's school work comes first. If for any reason a student cannot make the Wilbur McMahon trip, please send me an email so that I can have an accurate roster for attendance purposes.

This Saturday the marching band will be traveling to the University of Rhode Island to take part in the URI Band Day. Information and itinerary is attached.

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

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.

University of Rhode Island BAND DAY - Saturday, November 2, 2019

The PHS Marching and will have an opportunity to interact with the dedicated members of the URI Ram Marching Band and perform for halftime during the football team's contest against Merrimack College.

Before the halftime performance, BAND DAY will include a morning rehearsal with the Ram Marching Band and the traditional pre-game march through campus. Students will also be able to see the Ram Marching Band perform one of its field shows as soon as the game is over. Portsmouth will be one of a couple of area high schools participating in this mass-performance!

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal

Jazz Ensemble will rehearse 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>

Annual Common Fence Point Halloween Parade

PHS Band Students and Alumni, please consider taking part in this fun, annual tradition! This is a great community event for all ages! There will be games, snacks, and a parade including past and present PHS Marching Band Members! During the parade, children are welcome to join in the fun and march with the band as we are escorted around Common Fence Point. For any questions, please reach out to Lauren McKone, PHS Alumni, at ltmckone@gmail.com

*Please remember that this is NOT mandatory. This is volunteer only. No Marching Band uniforms needed, you will be in your Halloween costume

Report time for the parade is 4:30 step off at 5:30 at the Community Hall on Halloween.

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/a1a413Rd3fl2a>

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>