

Hello All!

I know this is a shortened week for us, but there are a few things that are coming up, including the playoff game this Saturday. I also want to thank all of the students and their parents for their continued support over the past two weeks. We had three amazing performances at Hathaway, Melville, and Wilbur McMahan for all of the young children in Portsmouth and Little Compton. You are certainly making an impact and your presence known! I received two large packets of thank you notes from the elementary school students in the mail last week, which I will be sharing with the band classes.

Here are your reminders for the upcoming week:

Away PLAYOFF Game Performance

Saturday, November 16

10:00am Meet at PHS

12:00pm Game

The marching band has been asked to join the football team and the cheerleaders for their Superbowl game vs. Bishop Hendricken. I am waiting to hear back if we will be performing our full show at half-time. We will meet at 10am on Saturday morning to change into uniforms, load equipment and instruments.

ALL – STATE Auditions

All – State auditions are coming up on Saturday, November 23. There will be a bus taking us from PHS to Moses Brown. We will meet at 7:45am at door 24. The building will be closed that morning so please plan ahead, especially if you have an instrument. I would like to schedule a time to meet with those students to go over their audition and to see where everyone is at. Students please see me for a time to meet after school. Thank you!

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Introductory Meeting – Tuesday, November 19th – 2:15 Band Room

Portsmouth High School has started its own Tri - Music Honor Chapter. The Tri-M Music Honor Society is an NAFME (National Association for Music Educators) program that recognizes outstanding music students in secondary level school. Tri-M activities increase students' school and community involvement with music. Tri-M members are selected based on their academic and musical achievement as well as on their strength of character. Chapters invite qualified students from any organized music ensemble or class in their school to join this international music honor society. Chapter members regularly get involved with community-service activities and music-enrichment events, nurturing a more cohesive, broad, and unified music program. Please see attached document for more information.

University of Rhode Island's Southern New England Honors Band

Auditions: Dec 3rd & 4th

Festival Dates: January 24 & 25, 2020

Once again, students will have the opportunity to audition for this unique opportunity at The University of Rhode Island. Each year we have several students audition and get accepted. For those that were unsure about auditioning for the Rhode Island All – State, please consider this one! For those already auditioning for All-State, consider this opportunity also!! All auditions are recording here at PHS and then sent digitally to URI. Auditions will be held on December 3rd & 4th after school. If you are interested, please see Mr. Rausch to sign-up. Please see the attached document for more information.

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>

Holiday Concerts Raffle Baskets

The PHS Music Boosters are looking for donations to be used for raffle baskets. Our Concerts are on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12** (Jazz, Strings, & Concert Band) and **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** (Chorus & Symphonic Band). If you would like to donate, please use the following sign-up genius link to donate. Thank you!!!!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a728a1f58-christmas>

2nd Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday, December 7, 2019 1:00pm – 5:00pm

This is our 2nd annual Christmas tree and wreath sale to benefit our music program. Trees are \$50.00 each and wreaths start at \$30.00. Thank you in advance for supporting our music program at Portsmouth High School!

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>