



## Weekly Update



### Week of

10/20/25 - 10/24/25



### News of the Week

**Please see grade levels for details.**

**Please review the uniform requirements for the Nov. 4 concert. Examples of the changes can be found on the website. Orchestra polo from last year is ok to wear.**

**Dates are listed on the orchestra website**



### Connections Schedule

**B A B A B**

### ★ Reminders★

Students should be practicing at home at least 3-4 days a week for a minimum of 15 minutes each day. Practice is the students homework in orchestra and is expected of ALL students.

**[WWW.RHMSORCHESTRA.ORG](http://WWW.RHMSORCHESTRA.ORG)**

# Announcements



Connections Schedules can be found on the RHMS Official Website. The schedule I use is the schedule listed on the school's master calendar.

## **This Week in Orchestra:**

### **RESCHDULED DATE:**

**Wednesday, October 29 - Chamber Rehearsal 3-5pm**

### **ORCHESTRA PACKS**

Orchestra Beginning of the year packs has been extended. This pack is for **ALL STUDENTS**, not just beginners, and contains the yearly subscription to MusicFirst and student binders. Cost is \$20. We only have 116 of 171 paid.

### **METHOD BOOKS**

Please note, no one should purchase a physical method book. We will be using MusicFirst at home which contains the method book. If you are experience issues with internet and need a physical book please let me know so that we can make arrangements.

### **STAY INFORMED!**

Please download the Band App and join our group. This is a new account; returning members' parents will need to join the new group. THIS IS ONLY FOR PARENTS. NO STUDENTS WILL BE PERMITTED AND WILL BE REMOVED.

### **PARENT GOOGLE FOLDER**

Find all forms, handbooks, and program materials in this folder. Check the link on the contact page.

### **FUNRAISING:**

Spiritwear coming soon!

### **MY MUSIC OFFICE**

Account information has been updated; look for login information. Emails were sent out last week.

### **MUSICFIRST UPDATE**

Subscriptions have been ordered. We are currently waiting on the program to go live in Classlink so that the students can just use their school login information. I hope to have this resolved by the end of the week.

# 6th Grade



## THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

### Practice Material

**Book - Continuing Exercises 34-37 adding support with exercises 144-157**

**Students will learn the basic movements and how to create tone with their bows this week.**

**Information for what will be on the Unit Test will be given in class this week. This is a review of all material learned.**

**Students should be using MusicFirst at home to access their method book.**

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**TTESTS:**

**Unit Test 10/27-10/28**

# 7th Grade



## THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

### Practice Material

#### A-Day

**Canyon Sunset -Entire Piece**

**New World Symphony - Focus on notes and Rhythms Entire Piece**

**Rigadoon - Sight-reading**

#### B-Day

**Book - Continuing Exercises 34-37 adding support with exercises 144-157**

**Students will learn the basic movements and how to create tone with their bows this week.**

**Information for what will be on the Unit Test will be given in class this week. This is a review of all material learned.**

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**TESTS:**

**(B-Day)  
Unit Test - 10/28**

# 8th Grade



## THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

This week we will be reviewing the material below.

### Practice Material

#### A-Day

Continuing work on the following:

Fine Tuning their concert music

#### B-Day

Students will continue to work on Scales G, D, and C. Adding the F scale.

Student will continue working on Impulse this week.

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TESTS:

(None)

# Chamber Orchestra



## NEXT REHEARSAL

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29  
3-5pm**

**Due to the changes with the Bell Schedule this year, rehearsals will be between 3-5:00 this year. Please make sure that students are picked up no later than 5:15pm.**

**There has been a change in the schedule, I will need to cancel the October 27 rehearsal and reschedule the rehearsal for Monday, November 3.**

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### Chamber Rehearsal Schedule

**Please review the calendar sent out the First Week of School.**

### Chamber Concert Schedule

**November 4 - 6pm at RHHS  
December 9 - Celebrate the Arts at RHMS  
January 27 - 6pm at RHHS  
February 19 - 7pm at RHHS  
February 24 - LGPE TBD at Garrison School of the Arts  
April 30 - 6pm at RHHS**

# **All-State/District Honor Orchestra**



**First Round Auditions are Saturday, October 25 in the morning at RHHS.**

**Details will be released for those participating as soon as I receive them.**

## **Audition Requirements**

**<https://www.gmea.org/aso-audition-information>**



# MusicFirst Directions



**Go to the RHMS website.**

**Click on Classlink**

**Students will log into their school account**

**Click on the MusicFirst App in Classlink**

**Once in MusicFirst, students will click the software tab and then “PracticeFirst”**

**Search for the appropriate book or piece and practice away!**

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**The expectation is that students are using this program at home for their practice sessions. All levels will have assignments posted in this platform at some point during the year.**

**There will be a portfolio created by each student which will check for mastery of skills based upon the GADOE Music Standards.**

**There will be graded assignments built into this platform as well. Students are encouraged to submit their best recordings for the grade.**



## Orchestra Communication Tools

### Website

[www.rhmsorchestra.org](http://www.rhmsorchestra.org)

Our website is the primary location for all things orchestra. You will find our handbook, policies, and up-to-date information on the main page and under the student/parent resource tabs. This is also where the official calendar is located. We recommend you check this site before contacting the orchestra staff. Most answers can be found in the various documents located on the site.

### Band App

The band app will be our text based communication tool for the 2025-2026 school year. Please download the app and follow the QR code to access our group.



### My Music Office

My Music Office (MMO) is our primary tool for storing your information and communicating via email. You will be provided a student account and temporary password at the beginning of the year. We ask that you update your contact information so that you can stay up-to-date on what is happening in the orchestra. The emails from PowerSchool will be loaded, if that email is not one you check often, we recommend updating this information in MMO. Emails will be seen as "My Music Office" NOT Mr. Mock's school email. The email may be sent to a junk folder. If you need to contact Mr. Mock directly, please use [jmock@bryan.k12.ga.us](mailto:jmock@bryan.k12.ga.us).

### Handbook, Class Syllabus, Rubrics, and Additional Forms



Scan this QR code to access the Parent Google Drive.