



Weekly Update



Week of

11/17/25 - 11/21/25



News of the Week
Spiritwear fundraiser has begun and will be active until Sunday, Nov. 23. This is the last day for delivery before holiday break.

Select students from 8th grade will perform on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Savannah Airport. More information to come.

Celebrate the Arts is ONLY 8th Grade A-Day.

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

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:

Chamber Rehearsal - Monday, 11/17 3-5pm

Nothing

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.

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 is happening now! Last day is Sunday, Nov. 23.

MY MUSIC OFFICE

Please make sure your account information is up-to-date!

MUSICFIRST

Students should be using MusicFirst for at home assignments and their method books. I understand the interest in purchasing a physical book, but please remember that students will soon be required to submit their assignments only through MusicFirst.

6th Grade



THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

Practice Material

Book - Continuing Exercises 162-171

D Major Scale - Using the bow

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

TESTS:

D Major Scale and Unit Test - Wed. and Thurs. 11/19&20

7th Grade



THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

Practice Material

A-Day

Scale work and Habits
Chumbara

B-Day

Book - Continuing Exercises 162-171

D Major Scale - Using the bow

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

TESTS:

B-Day - D Major Scale - Wed. 11/19

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:

Celebrate the Arts Music

B-Day

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

Student will be working on
- A French Folk Song
- Impulse

TESTS:

B-Day - Impulse VN/VA 25-41 and Cello 21-33

Chamber Orchestra



NEXT REHEARSAL

**Monday, November 17
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.

RECRUITMENT

We will have two days of recruitment on December 3rd and 4th. Details to come.

Chamber Rehearsal Schedule

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

Chamber Concert Schedule

**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**

Fundraiser Information



SPIRITWEAR FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 23
DELIVERY BEFORE SEMESTER BREAK

[HTTPS://CELEBRITEES.PRINTAVO](https://celebrities.printavo.com/merch/rhms-orchestra-2025-2026/)
[.COM/MERCH/RHMS-](https://celebrities.printavo.com/merch/rhms-orchestra-2025-2026/)
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WINNING ORCHESTRA PROGRAM**

You're Invited

RICHMOND HILL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

CELEBRATE
THE ARTS

TUESDAY
6:00-7:00

09

DECEMBER
2025

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!

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

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.

Handbook, Class Syllabus, Rubrics, and Additional Forms



Scan this QR code to access the Parent Google Drive.