



Weekly Update



Week of

1/12/25 - 1/16/25



News of the Week

Recruitment forms are due by Tuesday.

All dates and ensembles are listed on the orchestra website.



Connections Schedule

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★ 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, 1/12 (3-5pm)**
- **Recruitment - Wednesday, 1/14 - (Chamber Only)**

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:

None for January

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 - Reviewing Exercises learned up to
page 21**

Working on excerpts for concert

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

TESTS:

None this week

7th Grade



THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

Practice Material

A-Day

Scale work in Habits, student will introduced the exercises they will be tested on throughout the semester which will check of standards for their grade level exit requirements.

Chumbara, Kingsfold, and Airplane as prep for concert

B-Day

Students have been given Airplane and Kingsfold

Students will play with the A-day class at the concert on these two pieces

TESTS:

None this week

8th Grade



THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

This week we will be reviewing the material below.

Practice Material

A-Day

This week students will learn the exercises in the Habits book they will be required to complete this semester in MusicFirst.

This will be fluid and will match the standards required for 8th grade.

D, G, and C Major scales 2 Octaves

Continuing work on their concert pieces

B-Day

**Student will be working on
A French Folk Song and Impluse**

TESTS:

B-Day - Friday students will play Impulse for a formative grade

Chamber Orchestra



NEXT REHEARSAL

Monday, January 12 3-5pm

RECRUITMENT

We will visit McAllister on January 14.

**Chamber will not be playing at the January 27 concert.
We will only have grade level performances.**

**Next Chamber concert will be the Pre-LGPE concert on
Feb 19 at 7pm with the high school.**

Chamber Rehearsal Schedule

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

Chamber Concert Schedule

**February 19 - 7pm at RHHS
February 24 - LGPE TBD at RHHS
April 30 - 6pm at RHHS**

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.