



Weekly Update



Week of

**12/8/25 - 12/12/25
and
12/15/25 - 12/19/25**



Connections Schedule

**B A B A B
A B A X B**



News of the Week

Airport Field Trip forms are due by Tuesday.

Select students from 8th grade will perform on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Savannah Airport. Please see the page in this update

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

All dates and ensembles are listed on the orchestra website.

★ 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, 12/8 and 12/15 (3-5pm)
- Celebrate the Arts - Tuesday, 12/9 - (8th Grade A-Day Only)
- Airport Performance - Thursday, 12/11 (select 8th grade students)
- **Thursday, 12/18 is a PBIS DAY there is no orchestra that day**

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 - Reviewing Exercises 171-178

New Scale - C Major Scale

**There will be a Music First Assignment Posted
on Tuesday in Music First.**

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

TESTS:

MusicFirst Assignment will be due by Sunday, Dec. 14

7th Grade



THIS WEEK'S **MUSIC MAKING**

Practice Material

A-Day

Scale work on F Major and Habits
Chumbara and Dark Visions

B-Day

Book - Reviewing Exercises 171 - 178

New Scale - C Major Scale

**There will be a Music First Assignment Posted on Tuesday in
Music First.**

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

TESTS:

**B-Day - MusicFirst Assignment will be due by Sunday, Dec.
14**

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

New music will be distributed

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
Entire Piece**

TESTS:

B-Day - Students will have a test on French Folk Song on December 16.

Chamber Orchestra



NEXT REHEARSAL

**Monday, December 8 and 15
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 visit McAllister on January 14.

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

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**

Airport Trip - Select 8th Grade Orchestra



**Field Trip Forms Due Tuesday,
Dec. 9.**

Itinerary

7:35 - Students report to Orchestra Room

8:15 - Depart from RHMS

9:00 - Arrive at SAV/HH Airport in Pooler

9:30 - Performance

10:15 - Depart for Chick-Fil-A (Bring money for
food)

12:00 - Depart for RHMS

1:00 - Arrive back to RHMS

**CONCERT BLACK WITH BLACK DRESS
SHOES**

Celebrate the Arts



**CALL TIME IS 5:30 in the
ORCHESTRA ROOM**

**Performance time is 6-7PM
Student can be picked up at 7:00**

Students should wear concert black for this performances. **NO ATHLETIC SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED** (this just does not look professional), Shoes should be **ALL BLACK**. The uniform is part of the students grade, please refer to the grading rubric in the parent Google Folder.

Please review the concert attire on the orchestra website.

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.