



## Weekly Update



**Week of**

**1/26/26 - 1/30/26**



**News of the Week**

**Jan. 27 Concert  
Venue has  
changed to  
RHMS Gym**



**Connections Schedule**

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**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](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:

- **Monday, Jan. 26 - Chamber Rehearsal 3-5**
- **Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Mid-Winter Concert at RHMS 6PM**
- **Thurs. and Friday - Mock at GMEA Conference (will only check emails once a day, please use Band App to communicate.)**

## 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.

# January 27 Concert Information



## **CONCERT LOCATION IS NOW IN THE RHMS GYM**

### **Call-times**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 5:10**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade - 5:20**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade - 5:30**

**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 6:30pm with the high school.**

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**Concert call-times are when students need to be in their  
seats ready to go.**

**Students will enter the side door of the gym.**

**DOORS WILL NOT OPEN FOR PARENTS UNTIL 6:45**

**CONCERT ATTIRE CAN BE FOUND  
HERE:**

**<http://www.rhmsorchestra.org/parent-resources.html>**

# 6th Grade



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

### Practice Material

**Book - Reviewing Exercises learned up to page 21**

**Working on excerpts for concert**

**Students will have packets and review exercises for the remainder of the week. Those assignments will be posted in Google Classroom for Thursday and Friday. I will attending the GMEA Conference Thursday and Friday.**

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

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**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

Students will have exercises located in Google Classroom starting Wednesday. New music will be left for students on Thursday.

### B-Day

Students will have packets and review exercises for the remainder of the week. Those assignments will be posted in Google Classroom for Thursday and Friday. I will attending the GMEA Conference Thursday and Friday.

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**TESTS:**

None this week

# 8th Grade



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

### 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. These will be posted in Google Classroom on Wednesday to be practiced Thursday in class.**

**This will be fluid and will match the standards required for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**D, G, and C Major scales 2 Octaves**

**Continuing work on their concert pieces**

#### B-Day

**Students will have assignments in Google Classroom starting on Wednesday, I will go over these specific assignments Wed. with the students. We will focus the next 4 weeks on fundamentals.**

**Students will be expected to use MusicFirst.**

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**TESTS:**

# 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.**

# Chamber Orchestra



## NEXT REHEARSAL

**Monday, January 26 3-5pm**

**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 6:30pm with the high school.**

**I will send out information next week once I have had a  
chance to communicate with Mr. Johnson.**

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### 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 11:15 am at Garrison School of the Arts**

**April 30 - 6pm at RHHS**



## 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.