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Hi SV Musicians!

This is NOT your usual SV Sunday email! We are heading rapidly toward our concert this coming Saturday and the end of our winter/spring 2026 session. **This is a long email that contains detailed information on the three remaining events**, as well as Zoom links for this week's rehearsals.



Please save and/or print this email and keep it so you have information on the following:

1. Arrival and parking recommendations for this Wednesday's rehearsal, because there is also a large school event;
2. Concert information, including arrival and parking, because it's the same day as the Sudbury 250 celebration, as well as concert dress and other information.
3. Information about our final rehearsal, on Friday, May 22nd, trying the new music for our fall session, and having a social and snack time afterwards.
4. 2026 summer session dates and registration information.

There will also be a separate email with the final concert program and concert streaming instructions that you can share with family and friends.

Meanwhile, hope to see you Wednesday! Don't forget to let us know if you are not coming this week, or if you are planning to join us on Zoom when you usually attend in person or vice versa... (Zoom links are at the end of this email, as usual.)

And — if for some reason you are not playing the concert or if you are playing the concert but are not playing "Polka Party", and haven't yet told us, please let us know right away! Thank you!

Questions? Comments? Email us!

Diane & Linda

1. Rehearsal this Wednesday, May 13th, 2026 — again this week, the regular band & string rehearsals will go from 6:40-8:05, and be followed by a joint string/band rehearsal on "Polka Party" from 8:15-8:45.

➔ This evening is also the student Cum Laude ceremony, starting at 7:00 in the auditorium, with refreshments starting at 6:30 in the A-B Connector. Everything should be fine, but this would be an excellent time to arrive early to rehearsal, so you can get a reasonably close parking space and more easily get through the connector to our rehearsal spaces.

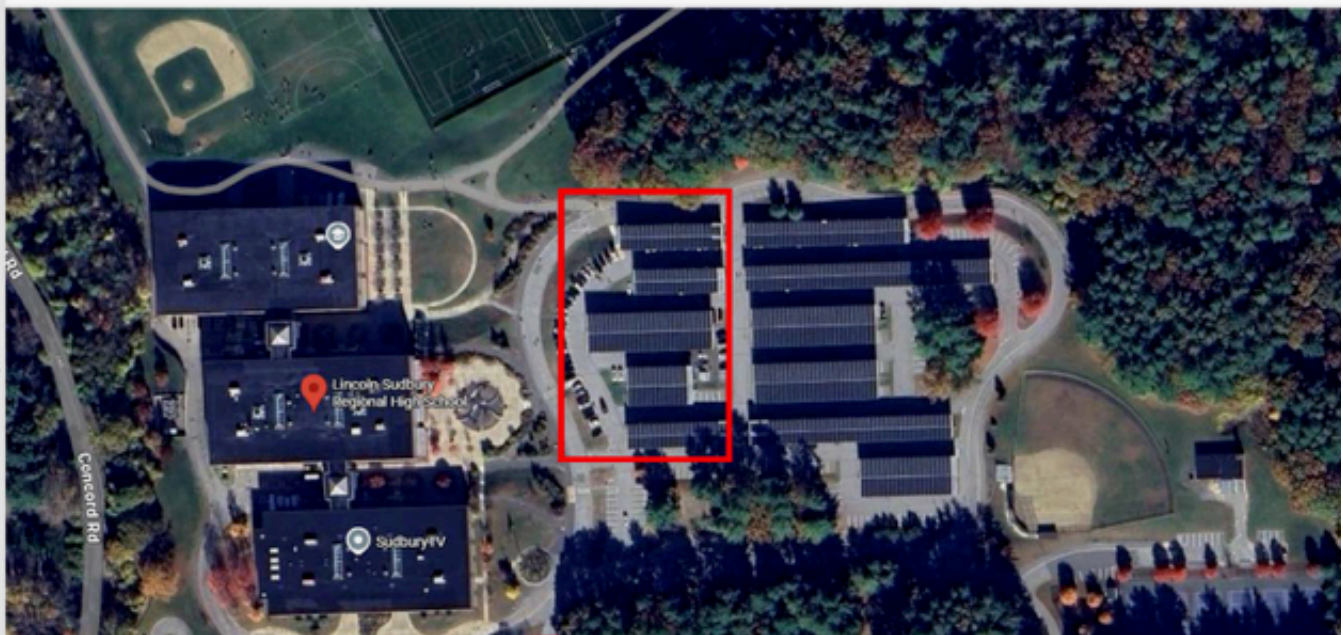
VERY IMPORTANT, particularly this week — please do NOT park in the parking spaces at the front of the building if you are able to park in the student parking lot and walk to rehearsal through the A-B Connector. Please save those spaces for people who need those spaces because they have mobility issues or very large instruments to carry.

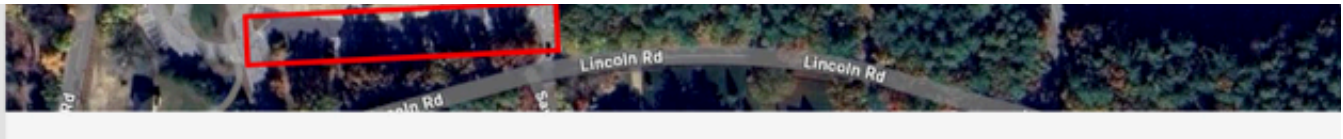
2. Concert this coming Saturday, May 16th, 2026 — call time for musicians, 2:15 p.m., group warm-up at 2:30, concert starts at 3:00 p.m. See below for details on times, dress, concert logistics, and practice in the days before the concert —

Please Note: May 16th, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., is also the “Sudbury 250” celebration. There will be many activities going on in Sudbury Center and parking for this event at L-S. The organizers have worked with us to minimize any disruptions to our concert, but you should note:

> Sudbury Center is the primary location for the events of the day so it will have a lot going on — the main roads will be open, but if you are coming through Sudbury center (the intersection of Route 27 and Concord Road), allow extra time for traffic.

> The organizers are saving the parking spaces closest to the building entrance for us, as well as the spaces in the front of the building — so if you see signs indicating that those spaces are reserved, it is for us and you can park there as usual for our concert. (See the marked spaces on the map below.) And — another reminder about the spaces in front of the building — **please only use those spaces if you have mobility issues or a very large instrument to carry.**





Detailed Concert Information:

Time: warmup starts at 2:30 p.m. — please arrive enough before that so that you can be warmed up, tuned up, used the restroom and ready to play at 2:30. It is always a bad move to show up just before warmup because then you are stressed, hassled and you won't play as well.

Where: Band will be in the band room, strings will be in the choral room

Dress: Concert dress is long black pants (no shorts) or skirt (if a skirt, be sure it is long enough to completely cover your knees when you sit), a white top, and a splash of color if you wish (tie, scarf, pin, socks...)

Logistics: Strings play first, band members are in the audience while the strings play. After the **last** string piece, band members should move into the band room, blow air through their instruments (but do not play) & come out on stage from the band room. Meanwhile, strings move out into the audience for the band pieces (celli may be left in the band room, safely against a wall, if you wish). After the band finishes playing, strings return to the stage to play Polka Party!.

Afterwards: Everybody please help put stands & chairs on racks if you are physically able - Some chairs/stands will be left on the stage - we will instruct you after the concert.

A Note on Practice This Week Before the Concert: If there are any parts in the music that you can't play at this point, you probably have already crossed them out, but if not, do that first. Then, this week, spend your practice time on everything else, focusing primarily on playing musically and enjoying the music. Most important, pace yourself this week, so you don't arrive at the concert at the end of the week with tired muscles from too much practice. (Remember, your "playing muscle" workouts are just like any other muscle workout — you need a balance between hard work and rest and recovery.) So... it's fine if Wednesday, the day of our rehearsal, is a heavy playing day for you, but then go a bit lighter in your practice on Thursday. Friday should NOT be a heavy practice day this week; do not play much on Friday — just a light warmup and some very easy playing, so that you will arrive on Saturday in good shape. Then on Saturday, do warm up before the concert, but be careful not to overdo it, and at the concert, just relax, play and enjoy!!

3. Final Winter/Spring Rehearsal & New Music for Fall:

Current SV members and those who are thinking about playing with us next fall (SV's 20th season next year!!!!): New music will be in the dropbox and a notice will be sent out by Monday, May 18th and will go to all current members and past members. New Music rehearsal is **Friday**, May 22nd - anyone interested in playing with us in the new year is welcome! If you are coming and haven't been playing with us this year, please let Diane know so we can have a chair set for you. We are also planning to have social time and ~~snack afterwards to celebrate our year, so think about whether you would like to bring~~

snacks afterwards to celebrate our year, so think about whether you would like to bring something. Also, you should know that there is also a student concert happening in the cafeteria that evening — this isn't likely to be a very big event and it shouldn't be a problem for us, but you may want to arrive on the early side to make sure you get a good parking space.

4. SV 2026 Summer Session! — June 3rd - July 1st, plus Band Concert on July 2nd

Registration forms for the SV 2026 Summer Session **are attached at the end of this email**, and will also be available at the check-in table Wednesday evening. We hope that many of you will join us for summer fun!

Summer session dates and times: rehearsals 6:45-8:15 on June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & July 1st, and a concert on July 2nd for the band. We have rehearsal spaces for both the band and the strings in the new Wayland community center (indoors & air conditioned!) and the July 2nd band concert will be outdoors at the same location.

The band will be rehearsing music for the July 2nd outdoor band concert, which will focus on “Celebrating America in Music.” For the last couple of years the strings have had a summer session focusing on reading a variety of music and just playing for enjoyment, and that seems to have been quite successful, so that will continue this year as well.

5. Virtual Rehearsal Attendance —

Below are the Zoom links to attend this week's rehearsal virtually.

Logistics

- You can join the meeting at any time — “doors” open at 6:30
- set your Zoom view to speaker & “pin” the conductor
- Mute yourself when you are playing and if you have the “original sound” option on your Zoom, make sure it is turned OFF.
- If you have a question, unmute yourself and speak loudly. Then don't forget to again mute yourself. We will not be able to monitor the Zoom feed all the time, so it will depend on you.
- **AND: If you are on Zoom and can hear the conductor but are not hearing the group well (no sound, occasional sound, scratchy sound), please unmute yourself and speak loudly to get the conductor's attention.** It could be that the “original sound” is turned off and the conductor can fix that so you will be able to hear the group.

Zoom Links:

Band and Joint Strings/Band Rehearsal (Band - 6:40-8:05; Joint Rehearsal - 8:15-8:45) — Wednesday, May 13th:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88019001801?pwd=6xEVHdCFgV95bCXzZffbOr1f3K7O2.1>

Strings Rehearsal (6:40-8:05) — Wednesday, May 13th:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85835104262?pwd=jMLtG0aP6rMKVnPrAESRb6ONGIP2aG.1>

See you in person or in cyberspace!

Diane and Linda

2026 SV Summer session registration forms:

**SV Summer Band
2026 Registration.pdf**
650 KB



**SV Summer Strings
2026 Registration.pdf**
395 KB



