

MERIT SCHOOL OF MUSIC



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CONSERVATORY

IMPORTANT
DATES

Please reference the calendar on Merit's website (www.meritmusic.org) for the most up-to-date information throughout the year.

Merit reserves the right to modify or change these dates and will notify families if a class or performance is changed or cancelled.

Please note: * indicates mandatory events where attendance is required.

September

Sept. 3 Conservatory Schedules released to families
Sept. 21 **Symphonic Band/Junior Band Seating Auditions**
String Orchestra Seating Auditions
Sept. 27 Symphonic Band Lock-In, 5:00-10:00 PM
Sept. 28 All Conservatory classes begin
Mandatory New Parent Meetings (10am, 11:40am, 2:30pm – need only attend one)

October

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Regular Conservatory days
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wind Symphony rehearsals, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Oct. 12 **Merit Parent Association (MPA) Meeting, 10 AM**
Tent. Leadership Institute: Essay Writing (Juniors & Seniors)

November

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 Regular Conservatory days
Nov. 5, 12, 19 Wind Symphony rehearsals, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Nov. 12 **MPA Meeting, 5:30 PM**
Nov. 23 *Tent. Leadership Institute: Music Auditions (Juniors & Seniors)*
Nov. 25 – 30 **Thanksgiving Break (No Conservatory on Nov. 30, No Wind Symphony on Nov. 26)**

December

Dec. 3 Wind Symphony rehearsals, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Dec. 7 Regular Conservatory day
MPA Meeting, 10 AM
Dec. 10 Wind Symphony dress rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM*
Dec. 11 Symphonic Band dress rehearsal, 6:30 – 8:30 PM*
Dec. 12 Merit Philharmonic dress rehearsal 6:15 – 8:15 PM*
Dec. 13 Conservatory Winter Concerts, 7:00 – 9:30 PM*
Dec. 14 Conservatory Winter Concerts, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM*
(All instruments except piano)
Dec. 17 **No Wind Symphony rehearsal**
Dec. 21 – Jan. 5 **Winter Break (no classes)**

Absences should be submitted to <https://meritmusic.org/absence-form-conservatory/>

SCHEDULE KEY:

Days Off

Performances

Parent Events

January

Jan. 4 **No Conservatory classes**
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 Wind Symphony rehearsals, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Jan. 11, 18, 25 Regular Conservatory days
Jan. 15 **MPA Meeting, 5:30 PM**
Jan. 17 **(Tentative) Conservatory Chamber Ensembles Concert, 7:00 PM***
Jan. 18 **(Tentative) Conservatory Solo Competition**
Jan. 25 **Conservatory Piano Duet Concert, 5:00 PM*** (time tentative)

February

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Regular Conservatory days
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 Wind Symphony rehearsals, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Feb. 29 **MPA Meeting, 10 AM**
Leadership Institute: Personal Finance (Juniors & Seniors)

March

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Wind Symphony rehearsals, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 Regular Conservatory days
Mar. 12 **MPA Meeting, 5:30 PM**

April

Apr. 4, 18, 25 Regular Conservatory days
Apr. 4 Leadership Institute: Looking ahead to Freshman Year (Seniors)
Leadership Institute: Looking ahead to Senior Year (Juniors)
Apr. 6-12 **Spring Break (No Conservatory on Apr. 11, No Wind Symphony on Apr. 7)**
Apr. 14 Wind Symphony rehearsal, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Apr. 18 **MPA Meeting, 10 AM**
Apr. 21 Wind Symphony dress rehearsal, 6:30 – 8:30 PM*
Apr. 22 Symphonic Band dress rehearsal, 6:30 – 8:30 PM*
Apr. 23 Merit Philharmonic Dress rehearsal 6:15 – 8:15 PM*
Apr. 24 Conservatory Spring Concerts, 7:00 – 9:30 PM*
Apr. 25 Conservatory Spring Concerts, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM*
Apr. 26 Conservatory Graduation, Time TBD (Mandatory for Conservatory Seniors)

May

May 2 2020-2021 Conservatory Entrance Audition Day
May 9 2020-2021 Conservatory Entrance Audition Day

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