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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Gig Jazz Band performs at the SEES Festival of Lights

SPRING *accelerando*

The Music Program is picking up the TEMPO as we head into SPRING!

Take a deep breath... things in the Music Program are really going to pick up tempo (*accelerando*) until the end of the school year. From Disneyland to Fullerton to Sea World, our musicians are going to be sharing their talents and everything they have worked on this past few months with the community. Workshops in January, pre-competition festivals in February, competitions in March, and even more in April and May. Keep an eye on the calendar as some of these events are quickly approaching.

To kick things off, in January our 8th Grade Band Musicians will be participating in the Disney Imagination Campus Performing Arts Workshops Soundtrack Sessions. During this workshop our musicians will sight-read music and work directly with industry professionals to create a truly magical ensemble piece. The experience culminates with a screening of their recorded work set to Disney film footage. This is a beloved and amazing experience that the younger SEMS musicians look forward to participating in during their 8th grade year. In February it is our Advanced Choir's turn to head to Disneyland and participate in the workshop!

JANUARY

Monday 22nd

8th Grade Band Students
to Disneyland
Sound Studio

Wednesday 31st

Choir Trip to Opera
Don Giovanni

FEBRUARY

Saturday 3rd

SEMS Solo &
Ensemble Festival
SEMS Campus
All Day

Monday 5th

Advanced Choir Trip
to Disneyland
Sound Studio



**San Elijo Middle School Music Program's
Solo & Ensemble Festival
Saturday, February 2nd (All Day, Schedule TBA)**

The Music Program is proud to host the Solo and Ensemble Festival on the SEMS Campus. The festival is open to 7th and 8th grade musicians at SEMS and Double Peak, as well as musicians at SMHS, who selected to build their musicianship and showcase their talents in either solo or ensemble performances. There will be three performance venues: the Performing Arts Center for larger ensembles, the Library for solos and smaller ensembles, and the Gym for vocal groups and solos. Local music educators will be serving as judges for the students to give them comments on their performance. Students also receive written feedback from a judge with a rubric and rating. Each performer is awarded a ribbon based on their rating as a token of their hard work. Top performers are then invited to perform in a recital later in the year as a celebration of their dedication and talents. Mrs. Homes, one of Yamaha Music's "40 under 40" featured Music Educators, authored a wonderful and informative article on the Festival that can be found [here](#). Our music community is invited to come and support our brave musicians throughout the day. Big things can come from small moments and that is what our Solo and Ensemble Festival does for our music program every year. A video featuring some of the performances from last year's festival can be found [here](#).

This amazing event can not be successful without the help from volunteers. This all-day event requires a team to ensure everything runs smoothly, from friendly check-in table workers, to concession stand assistants, to door guards to make sure performances are not interrupted, we need a small army of volunteers to pull it off. Be on the look out for email in the next couple of weeks once we finalize the performance schedule and know where and when we will need help from our Music Program Community

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 7th
Booster Meeting
SEMS PAC 6pm
All Are Welcome!

Wednesday 21st
(tentatively)
Concert Band
Pre-Festival
at Mission Hills HS

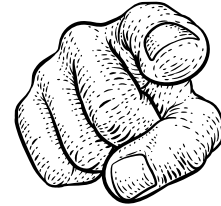
Thursday 22nd
(tentatively)
Golden Eagle
Band Pre-Festival
at Mission Hills HS

Friday 23rd
(tentatively)
Wind Symphony
Pre-Festival
at Mission Hills HS

February 29th
Golden Eagle Band to
El Camino Festival in
Oceanside



BOOSTERS PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE...



The Music Program Boosters is a Not-for-Profit organization that helps support the band and choir through administration and fundraising for financial needs. With over 400 students and numerous activities throughout the year, there are many ways we help our program succeed and provide our musicians opportunities to showcase their talent and dedication. We have developed a solid team to serve our Music Program this year, but unfortunately several of our boosters are 8th grade parents and will be “retiring” at the end of the year. It would be great if we had interested parents be able to shadow the retiring boosters in their roles for the rest of the year so we can start the 2024/2025 school year on the ground running.

ROLES CURRENTLY OPEN OR FILLED BY PARENTS OF CURRENT 8TH GRADERS:

CO-TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for posting and depositing all checks received, making payments for the band and for preparing monthly financial statements.

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR (currently open)

Hospitality is responsible for planning and coordinating the food and beverages offered at band events. Important dates include Picture Day, Turkey Concerts, Winter Choir Concert, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Coffee Concert, and Jazz End of Year Concert.

JAZZ COORDINATOR

The Jazz Coordinator is responsible for scheduling and confirming all jazz band events, communicating with jazz band parents as well as ensuring that we have adequate transportation for the jazz band equipment/instruments.

MEDIA MASTER

The mediamaster runs the Facebook and Instagram Music Program as well as puts out the monthly newsletters to keep families informed of happenings in the program.

SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary is responsible for taking the minutes at our monthly board meetings and other miscellaneous correspondence.

If interested in any of the positions listed about please reach out to the current Co-Presidents at semsbandpresident@gmail.com.

Social Media:

Facebook:
SEMS Music Program

Instagram:
SEMSMusicOffical

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