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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Wind Symphony musicians showing their pearly whites for their yearbook picture.

Holiday Fundraiser Helps the Music Program Crescendo!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our 2023 SEMS Music Program Holiday Fundraiser that will run from November 1st to November 17th and WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this year the best ever! Our goal is to raise \$50,000. The funds raised will help finance vital program needs, including replacing instruments, paying for coaches, and other things that make this program such a great experience for our students. We hope to accomplish this goal one of two ways; by Direct Donations, 100% of which will benefit the program, or by Poinsettia sales at \$15 each (\$9 from every sale goes directly into the SEMS Music Program). Direct Donations are a great option for anyone who wants to donate directly to our 501c3 or for those who do not live locally (delivering a poinsettia would be difficult) but would like to support the Music Program. We have an amazing music program with 400 students involved and we know together we can achieve this goal. Keep a look out for the Music Program's Social Media Posts and share the fundraising page with friends and family. You can contribute by clicking [HERE](#). Thank you for your partnership!

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 7th

Parent Band Rehearsal
6pm or 7pm
Band Room / PAC

Saturday 11th

Veteran's Day
Helen Bougher
Memorial Park
Advanced Choir and
Gig Jazz Perform

Tuesday 14th

Turkey Concert #1
Beginning Band Period 5
and Concert Band
(Gig Jazz Opens)

Wednesday 15th

Turkey Concert #2
Beginning Band Period 6
and Golden Eagle Band
(House Jazz Opens)



Beginning Choir showing their pearly whites for their yearbook picture.

Parent Band - Spend a Night in Your Musician's Shoes

During the Turkey Concerts this month, the student musicians and audience will be treated to amazing guest performers...YOU! Each beginning musician's family can select one adult to perform with their musician's instrument in the "Parent Band". It is a great opportunity to step into your musician's shoes and get a taste of what it is like to rehearse and perform as a band. Parent Band rehearsal for all classes will take place on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00pm or 7:00pm in the PAC/Band Room (choose either session or get extra practice by attending both). Our wonderful directors will lead you in a rehearsal playing one of the most popular songs in the world and will prepare you for your performance debut. The members of the Parent Band will reassemble for their performance. Parent Band will perform on the same night as their musician during one of the three Turkey Concerts.

Gig Jazz Band Performs at City Wide Veteran's Day Ceremony

The City of San Marcos is hosting its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at Helen Bougher Memorial Park, 1243 Borden Road in San Marcos. The ceremony will take place near the City's All Veterans Memorial wall which honors all past and present veterans. Community members are invited to join the City for the ceremony, reception and to enjoy the decorated park featuring white and blue flowers and American flags. Patriotic Music will be provided by our very own Gig Jazz Band and Advanced Choir. If you would like to support our musicians and attend the ceremony, parking will be available at the church next to Helen Bougher Memorial Park, and guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs to view the ceremony.

Turkey Concerts Coming Soon!

For three nights, starting on November 14th, the SEMS Performing Arts Center will be transformed into a Music Hall filled with festive excitement which is the perfect way to get you into the holiday spirit. This is likely the first opportunity you will have to see your musician perform with their respective band. You will be amazed by their development as performers and musicians. Before each of the concerts one of the Music Program's Jazz

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Thursday 16th

Turkey Concert #3
Beginning Band Period 7
and Wind Symphony
(Gig Jazz Opens)

Friday 17th

Poinsettia Orders
are Due

Wednesday 29th

Poinsettia Order
Pick-Up at SEMS PAC

Wednesday 29th

Booster Meeting
PAC 6:00pm
All Are Welcome!

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd

Kiwanis San Marcos
Holiday Parade at
Palomar College
Gig Jazz Performs

Wednesday 6th

Winter Concert
Beginning and
Advanced Choirs
6:00-7:30 PAC

Friday 8th

Carrillo Elementary
Festival of Lights
House Jazz Performs
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Sunday 10th

Coaster Holiday Train
Oceanside
Gig Jazz Entertains
Riders Before/After Trip

Bands will be providing entertainment as you wait for the doors to open. Music Program Boosters will be on hand before, during, and after the concerts providing several opportunities to support the Music Program, through the purchase of refreshments, flowers, and an opportunity to buy your musician's band a new song. You might even see musicians walking around the concerts trying to raise money for new Tubas. We are excited for the Turkey Concerts and hope you all come and enjoy the experience. Please see the attached flyer for additional detail. We also need volunteers to help the Boosters sell concessions on each night of the concerts. If your musician is not performing on one of the nights of the concerts please consider signing up to volunteer [here](#).

1. Click on the Parents/Students/Members tab.
2. Type Semsband in the "School Code" box.
3. Click Enter Parent Area.
4. Under the "Volunteers" drop down menu, select Volunteer Needs.
5. Select the event
6. Select a volunteer shift (or shifts!) and provide your contact info. *Please note: Your information remains private.

If you enjoy the band concerts, keep your calendar open for Wednesday, December 6th for the Choir's Winter Concert, "Stops Along the Holiday Road".

26th Annual Kiwanis San Marcos Holiday Parade - December 3rd

Our Gig Jazz Band has been invited to perform prior to the San Marcos Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Palomar College. The 26th Annual Kiwanis San Marcos Holiday Parade will step off at 1:00 pm at the corner of Mission Road and Comet Circle heading east on Mission Road to the San Marcos Civic Center. Join the Kiwanis as they kick off the holiday season in San Marcos!

San Diego Music Studio Fundraiser - December 10th

San Diego Music Studio has graciously offered a special fundraising event just in time for the holidays. They are opening on Sunday, December 10th from 2pm to 4pm to give SEMS Music Program's musicians and families an exclusive music store shopping experience. Amazingly, they have offered 10% of all sales made during that time will be dedicated back to the SEMS Music Program. They say nothing is off limits... guitars, ukuleles, Yamaha digital pianos, band/orchestra instruments, reeds, sheet music, accessories... anything your musician can imagine.

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Sunday 10th

San Diego Music Studio Fundraiser
2:00pm-4:00pm

Thursday 14th

SEES Festival of Lights
Gig Jazz and
Advanced Choir Perform

Winter Break

December 15th through
January 7th



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