



APRIL 2025 | ISSUE 8

# KEEPING ON BEAT

Official Newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



March 2025 | House Jazz Band performs at the Point Loma Nazarene University Jazz Festival

**PLACE YOUR SPRING CONCERT AD ORDER BY SUNDAY, APRIL 27**  
Advertising donations are tax deductible through the Booster 501(c)(3).  
Learn more on page 3 or visit [bit.ly/2025-spring-concert-program-ads](http://bit.ly/2025-spring-concert-program-ads) for  
downloadable pdf information flyers.

**Corporate Sponsor Ads:** Do you own a business or know of a business that would like to support our school's music program? SEMS Music Boosters offer business advertisements that are acknowledged on our website **and** printed in our programs for both band and choir Spring Concerts, with a reach of over 400 families! Sizes and pricing are listed on page 3. **But hurry! The deadline to purchase an ad and submit your artwork is Sunday, April 27!**

**Family Shout-Outs:** Don't own a business? No problem! Support our music program through the purchase of an ad, congratulating your musical student! Create a black and white ad with a picture and supportive message, or share a "Noteworthy" note celebrating your child and their musical accomplishments. **But hurry! The order submission deadline is Sunday, April 27!**

**ALL JAZZ DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER | Thursday, April 24 | 6-8PM**  
Pizza Nova, 141 N Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos  
**25% of purchases benefit SEMS Music Program**

What could be better than not cooking a weeknight dinner and listening to live music? Come enjoy a delicious dinner at Pizza Nova while our SEMS Prelude, House, and Gig Jazz Bands entertain us with lots of jazzy tunes. Pizza Nova has generously offered to donate 25% of proceeds to our SEMS Music Program. **When you pay for your order, be sure to mention the SEMS Music Program. If you plan to sit in the courtyard outside of the restaurant, we encourage you to bring your own lawn/beach chairs.**

**ALL students should plan to arrive at Pizza Nova at 5:45 PM. Performance times: 6-6:20 PM Prelude; 6:30-7:10 PM House Band; 7:15-8 PM Gig Band. A pizza dinner will be provided to all student musicians.**

Visit the SEMS Music Program calendar at [semsband.com/calendar](http://semsband.com/calendar)

## APRIL

**Wednesday 4/9**  
Solo & Ensemble Recital  
SEMS PAC

**Saturday 4/12**  
Advanced Choir, Concert  
Band, Golden Eagle Band  
& Wind Symphony  
@ Music in the  
Parks Festival  
Knotts Berry Farm,  
Buena Park

**Monday 4/14**  
SMUSD Honor Choir  
Concert, SMHS

**Thursday 4/24**  
All Jazz Bands  
Dine Out  
6-8 PM, Pizza Nova,  
San Marcos



**March 2025 | Students & parents enjoyed donuts (and music!) at the Beginning Band & Choir Coffee Concerts**

**DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER | Wednesday, April 30 | 6-8 PM**  
**The Habit Burger & Grill, 727 W San Marcos Blvd., #100, San Marcos**  
**20% of purchases benefit SEMS Music Program**

The next passive dine-out will be held at The Habit Burger & Grill in San Marcos. The Habit has generously offered to donate 20% of proceeds to our SEMS Music Program. **When you pay for your order, be sure to mention the SEMS Music Program Fundraiser.**

**ALL JAZZ SPRING CONCERT | Friday, May 16 | 6-8 PM | SEMS**

The end of the year concert is a great way to enjoy all of the hard work and dedication our jazz bands invest throughout the school year (they regularly arrive at school at 7 am to rehearse!). Bring your lawn/beach chairs, and sit and relax as you listen to amazing jazz performances. (Shaded seating will also be available in the lunch dining area.) There will be food trucks to make purchases from, and Music Program Boosters will be available to answer any questions about volunteering. (Please see page 3 for volunteer role details.) SEMS Art Department will also be hosting an art exhibit featuring student visual arts works. Invite your family and friends to come enjoy an evening of music, art, food, and fun!

**EARLIER THIS MONTH**

Musicians and singers who received a "Superior" ranking during the Solo and Ensemble Festival in February were invited to participate in the **Solo & Ensemble Recital on April 9**. The fabulous performances were observed by our music directors who select students to perform during the Spring Concerts.

Congratulations to our **Concert, Golden Eagle and Winds advanced music groups who performed at Music in the Park at Knott's Berry Farm on April 12**. Choir received an excellent rating, Golden Eagle Concert Band received a superior rating, and Wind Symphony received a superior rating. All won first place!

Congratulations also go to **SEMS band and choir students who participated in the district-wide SMUSD Honor Choir Concert on April 14**. We are so proud of all of our vocalists and musicians. It has been an amazing year of wonderful musical performances. Please save the dates for our upcoming feature Spring Concerts:

**ALL CHOIR CONCERT: Wednesday, May 21, Ritz Theater, Escondido**

**ALL BAND CONCERT: Wednesday, May 28, Cali Center for the Arts, Escondido**

Tickets for attending the concerts will go on sale in early May. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, see page 3 for information regarding program ad purchases.

**APRIL**  
**continued**

**Wednesday 4/30**  
**The Habit Burger & Grill**  
**Passive Dine Out**  
**Fundraiser**  
**6-8 PM, The Habit,**  
**San Marcos**

**MAY**  
**save the dates**

**Saturday 5/3**  
**San Diego Percussion**  
**Festival, SMHS**

**Wednesday 5/7**  
**Music Boosters Meeting**  
**6 PM, SEMS PAC**  
**All are welcome!**

**Friday 5/16**  
**All Jazz Spring Concert**  
**6 PM, SEMS**

**Wednesday 5/21**  
**Spring Choir Concert**  
**6 PM, Ritz Theater,**  
**Escondido**

**Wednesday 5/28**  
**Spring Band Concert**  
**6 PM, California Center**  
**for the Arts, Escondido**

**June**  
**save the date**

**Monday 6/9**  
**Spring Music Booster**  
**End-of-Year Event**  
**Time/Location TBA**

## SPRING CONCERT ADS

Celebrate your student and/or promote your business in the Spring Concert program!



### PERSONAL ADS:

**\$100** | B&W, Full Page

**\$50** | B&W, 1/2 Page

**\$35** | B&W, 1/4 Page

**\$20** | "Noteworthy" Message  
(text only, 200 character limit)

### CORPORATE ADS:

**\$400** | Color, Full Page

**\$300** | B&W, Full Page

**\$200** | B&W, 1/2 Page

**\$100** | B&W, 1/4 Page

### SIZE GUIDE:

Full page: 8.5"x11"

Half page: 8.5"x5.5"

Quarter page: 4.25" x 5.5"

Place your order by scanning the QR code below. Then, email your print-ready ad (png, jpg or pdf format) or message (text only) to [semsbandmediamaster@gmail.com](mailto:semsbandmediamaster@gmail.com) by Sunday, April 27. Thanks!



## STAY CONNECTED



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[SEMS Music Program](#)



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### CONTACT

SEMS Music Boosters at  
[semsband.com/contact](http://semsband.com/contact)

## Join the SEMS Music Boosters team!

# ISO: FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR



The individual in this role is responsible for organizing fundraising events to benefit the SEMS music groups and leading fundraising efforts. This includes:

- PASSIVE DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS
- HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALES

Learn more on May 7 at our next Boosters meeting at 6pm in the SEMS PAC. Or, email inquiries to [semsbandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:semsbandpresident@gmail.com).

## HAPPENING NOW | MUSIC BOOSTER RECRUITMENT FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

The Music Program Boosters is a not-for-profit organization that helps the SEMS band and choir programs meet their financial needs and obligations. With over 400 students enrolled and numerous activities held throughout the year, there are many ways we help our program succeed. **We have a fabulous team of volunteers serving our Music Program this year, but several of our boosters are 8th grade parents who will be "retiring" at the end of this school year.**

**WE NEED PARENTS** to join Music Boosters and shadow retiring boosters in their roles for the rest of this school year, becoming familiar with responsibilities of each position. Learn more about open roles at [semsband.com/boosters](http://semsband.com/boosters). Music Boosters is seeking volunteers for these roles:

- Booster President(s)
- Events & Hospitality Coordinator(s)
- Fundraising Coordinator(s)
- Parent Volunteer Coordinator
- Student Activities Coordinator
- Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

## SEMS MUSIC PROGRAM BOOSTERS

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