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Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Our Advanced Choir Competing at the SCVA Festival in Rancho Santa Margarita

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◀◀◀ MONTH IN REVIEW

As things come to a crescendo for the 2022-2023 Music Program season, our musicians had another amazing month of festivals, performances, and experiences. The entire advanced Music Program competed at the Forum Festival at Chula Vista High School. It was an incredible day where all of our musicians got to shine and received the following awards:

Concert Golden Eagle Band - Silver Rating & Best Percussion Section

Golden Eagle Choir - Silver Rating & Best Alto Section

Wind Symphony - Gold Rating & Best Soloist: Kirk Odom (Tuba)

Gig Jazz - Gold Rating & Best Soloist: Antoan Hyler (Standup Bass)

A few days after the Forum Festival, the Advanced Choir headed to Rancho Santa Margarita to compete in a Southern California Vocal Association Festival. Our vocalists had a wonderful performance and earned the ranking of "Excellent" and then spent the rest of the day blowing off some steam at Boomers.

MAY

Saturday 13th
San Diego Percussion
Festival
San Marcos High School

Wednesday 17th
Spring Band Concert
CA Center for the Arts
Escondido

Wednesday 24th
Spring Choir Concert
The Ritz Theatre
Escondido

JUNE

Sunday 4th
Jazz Band Festival
All SEMS Jazz Bands
SEMS Campus



Wind Symphony performing at the Sea World Forum Festival

On Wednesday, April 12th, the musicians who received a "Superior" ranking during the Solo and Ensemble Festival in February were invited to participate in the Recital. The amazing performances were filmed and reviewed by the directors following the recital to choose soloists and ensembles who will be performing during the Spring Concerts. Those selected musicians will be performing in-between the band performances during the Spring Band Concert. Let's make sure we all show them some extra love during their performances as it is the first time they are performing those pieces to such a large audience.

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LOOKING AHEAD >>>

Band Spring Concert - California Center for the Arts, Escondido Wednesday, May 17th 6:30pm

Our Spring Band Concert lets our musicians showcase all they have learned throughout the school year while they perform for their friends and families. All three beginning bands will converge and perform together in the largest band performing at the Spring Concert in recent years. The Golden Eagle Band and Concert Band are also coming together, as they did during the Sea World Forum Festival, and will dazzle the audience with their big and advanced sound. Our Wind Symphony will close the concert as SEMS most advanced musicians which will be the last concert some of our 8th graders will perform before they spread their wings as high school students. It will be a wonderful night of music and celebration. Tickets are free but assigned seats must be selected beforehand. Please click [here](#) to see what seats are still available.

Choir Spring Concert - The Ritz Theatre, Escondido Wednesday, May 24th 6:30pm

Prepare to be transported to the theatre district of New York as our choirs bring you the "Best of Broadway" at their Spring Concert. The concert will feature a little of everything from Wicked, Les Mis, Annie, to Beetle Juice for a fun evening featuring talent singers. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

JUNE

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Monday 5th
Choir National Anthem
at Padres Game
6:00 - 9:30pm

Wednesday 7th
Last Day of School

Jazz & Art Festival - SEMS Campus

Sunday, June 4th 11am - 2pm

Did you know our Music Program's Advanced Jazz Musicians get to school at 7am everyday to rehearse? They also take their show on the road to perform at numerous events, fundraisers, and festivals throughout the year. The end of the year concert is a great way to enjoy all their hard work and dedication. This year we have decided to join forces with the Art Department to throw an amazing afternoon celebrating the Fine Arts. There will be jazz performances, art shows, pottery demonstrations, silent auctions, and food trucks. Invite your family and friends, bring your lawn chairs, and sit and relax as you listen to amazing jazz performances. The Music Program Boosters will be on hand to answer any questions about volunteering and hosting the silent auction of special baskets and packages.

Thank You to Our Amazing Boosters Who Are Leaving Us!

As the end of the school year approaches we unfortunately have to say goodbye to some amazing Boosters who have tremendously helped our Music Program flourish over the years. Daniela Whitney, our Hospitality Coordinator, ensured every event was perfect, everyone was well fed, judges were properly taken care of, and the hot chocolate was perfect. Twee Hyler, our Jazz Coordinator for the last several years, always ensured the venues were booked, the trucks were loaded, and that the Music Program received the largest cut possible from any fundraising partner. Corinne Grandinetti, our current Student Activities Coordinator, was always willing to help the program in any way possible including making festival and field trip arrangements, tackling the newsletter, and lending a hand whenever she could. Mercedes Noonan, our Fundraising Coordinator, went after COVID funds to make sure the program received our proper share and transformed last year's Holiday Fundraiser to ensure we were able to raise enough to fund all the programs and instruments the Directors could dream of. We thank you all for your wonderful dedication and service. You are leaving big shoes to fill. We will miss you dearly. If you are interested in filling any of these vacated positions or being a Booster at large, please email semsbandpresident@gmail.com or come to the Jazz and Art Festival to discuss open positions.

Slushy Sale Volunteers Needed - Fridays

Our Slushy Fridays are back! If you have a spare Friday to volunteer, it would definitely be appreciated. Our students can help pull slushies, but only adults can manage the money. To sign up to volunteer, go [here](#) and follow these instructions:

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.

Social Media

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