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Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Gig Jazz Band Performs at October Jazz Dine Out Fundraiser

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

Holiday Fundraiser Helps the Music Program Crescendo!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our 2022 SEMS Music Program Holiday Fundraiser that will run from November 1st to November 18th and WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this year the best ever! Our goal is to raise \$50,000. The funds raised will help fund vital program needs, including replacing instruments, paying for coaches, and other things that make this program such a great experience for our students. Some of the current instruments are 18 years old, have been well-loved and well-used and need to be updated. 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). This is a great option for anyone who wants to donate directly, as well as those family and friends that may not be able to purchase a poinsettia. (cont.)

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st
Poinsettia Fundraiser
Kick-off

Wednesday 2nd
Booster Meeting
PAC 6:30pm

Tuesday 8th
Parent Band Rehearsal
6:30pm or 7:30pm
Band Room/PAC

Friday 9th
Gig Jazz Band Performs
Veteran's Day - Helen
Bougher Memorial Park

Tuesday 15th
Turkey Concert #1
Beginning Band Period 6
and Concert Band



Holiday Fundraisers (cont.)

We have an amazing music program with 400 students involved and we know together we can achieve this goal. We ordered 1,600 Poinsettias and hope to secure donations to reach 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!

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 new guest performers...YOU! Each 6th Grade 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 8th at 6:30pm or 7:30pm 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 2 p.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. This year's theme, "Honor - Answering the Call to Duty," recognizes the honorable service of our veterans. Retired Colonial Greg Rassatt will join the event as Master of Ceremonies and the San Marcos High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets and local boys and girls scout troops will assist with the ceremony. Music will be provided by our very own Gig Jazz Band. 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.

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Wednesday 16th
Turkey Concert #2
Beginning Band Period 5
and Golden Eagle Band

Thursday 17th
Turkey Concert #3
Beginning Band Period 4
and Wind Symphony

Friday 18th
Poinsettia Orders
are Due

Wednesday 30th
Poinsettia Order
Pick-up
(After School & Evening)

Wednesday 30th
Booster Meeting
PAC 6:30pm

DECEMBER

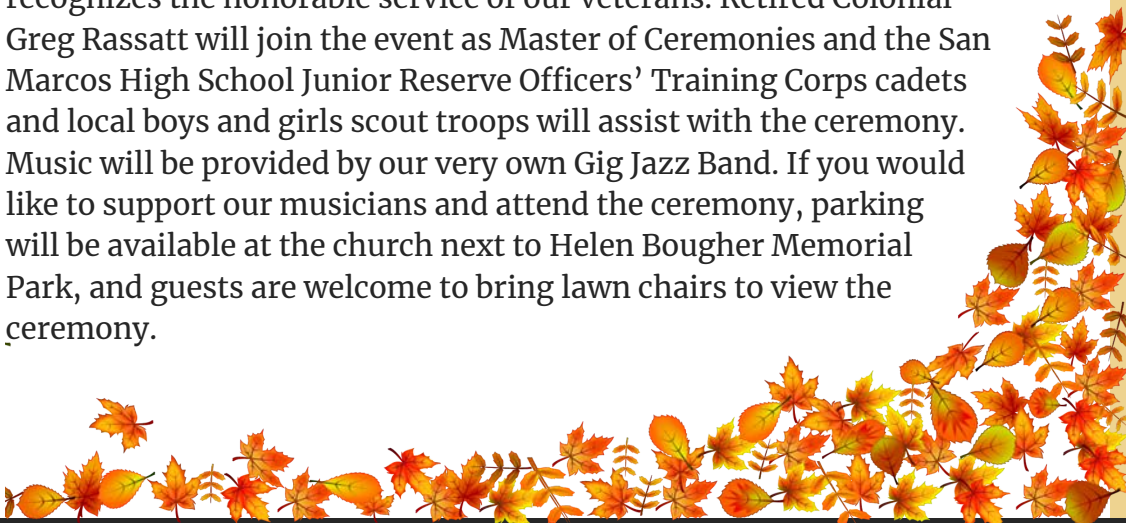
Friday 2nd
SEH Tree Lighting
Advanced Choir, Brass
and Sax Ensembles
Perform

Tuesday 6th
Choir Concert
6:30-8pm PAC

Saturday 10th
Holiday Express Coaster
Train Event
Gig Jazz Performs

Sunday 11th
San Diego Music Studio
Fundraiser

Thursday 15th
SEES Holiday Festival
Jazz Bands Perform





Turkey Concerts Coming Soon!

For three nights, starting on November 15th, 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 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, such as 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 a new Tuba and set of Timpani Drums. We are excited for the Turkey Concerts and hope you all come and enjoy the experience. Please see the attached flyer for additional detail. If you enjoy them, keep your calendar open for Tuesday, December 6th for the Holiday Choir Concert.



San Diego Music Studio Fundraiser - December 11th

San Diego Music Studio has graciously offered a special fundraising event just in time for the holidays. They are opening on Sunday, December 11th 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 have even offered to sweeten the pot and increase the donations to 15% in store credit which the program can use on new instruments, sheet music, and even repairs. They say nothing is off limits... guitars, ukuleles, Yamaha digital pianos, electric drum kits, band/orchestra instruments, reeds, sheet music, accessories... anything your musician can imagine.

Social Media

Facebook: SEMS Band

Twitter: @bandsems

Instagram:

Band: @semsbandofficial

Choir: @semschoirofficial

Mrs. Homes: @mskofmusic

Mrs. McInnis: @mcinnismusic

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