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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



All 2022/23 Beginning Bands Performing together at the 2023 Spring Concert

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



Mrs. Anastasia Homes

Our amazing Directors, Mrs. Anastasia Homes and Mrs. Shannon McInnis, are extremely excited to welcome all student musicians to the 2023-2024 school year! They have so many wonderful things planned and know that parents will be impressed with the growth each musician will have throughout the year. Each year the students have been able to play more difficult and interesting pieces and they are excited for what is to come!

Music Program Website

Have you checked out the Music Program's website? It contains a wealth of information and can be incredibly helpful for new or continuing Music Program parents. Everything from the Directors' biographies, Booster info, Band Merch Square Store, and all the info you need for each choir and band. You can even link your calendar with the Music Program's so you do not miss any important dates or events. Check it out: semsband.com



Mrs. Shannon McInnis

SEPTEMBER

Week of the 4th
Solo and Ensemble
Kick-Off

Thursday 7th / 14th
Back to School Nights
Jazz Band Performs
5:15pm to 5:45pm

Friday 15th
Friar Tux at School
8am-11am

Tuesday 19th
Pizza Nova
Dine-Out Fundraiser
House/Gig Jazz Band
6pm-8pm



OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th
Booster Meeting
All Are Welcome!
PAC 6:00pm

Wednesday 24th
Dine-Out Fundraiser
Gig Jazz Performs
Bushfire - La Costa

Friday 20th
Band / Choir Picture Day

Juice Alive Slushy Sales - Every Friday

Juice Alive is a Slush Drink made with 100% Fruit that is school-nutrition approved! We are able to sell these delicious slushy drinks after school each Friday as a fundraiser in the warmer months. 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.

Solo and Ensemble Kick-off - Week of September 4th

All 7th and 8th grade Music Program students have the opportunity to participate in the Solo & Ensemble program. The Solo & Ensemble program is a great way for students to challenge themselves and learn to perform in a small group. Mrs. Homes and Mrs. McInnis can assist in choosing music, or can arrange music so a variety of instruments can perform together! Click [HERE](#) for more information. For a video compilation of last year's Solo and Ensemble Festival click [HERE](#).

Friar Tux on Campus for Uniforms - September 15th

Keep your musician looking sharp! If your musician is in Concert Band, Golden Eagle Band, or Wind Symphony, they will need the proper concert attire for performances and Picture Day. Friar Tux is offering to provide the attire for your musician's next performance. They know how important it is to make sure garments not only fit well but are affordable. They will be on campus to measure your student on Friday, September 15th. It is very important for your student to be measured on this day so that they can make sure your items are ready on time. Orders are delivered to school and distributed to your musician prior to picture day. Click [HERE](#) for more information and forms.



Jazz Dine-Out Fundraiser - September 19th

What could be better than not cooking dinner and listening to live music? Jazz Dine-Out Fundraisers will be scheduled throughout the year to support the SEMS Music Program. Coordinated to occur at local restaurants (who donate a portion of sales back to the program), these events provide not only a great way to support the program but also a chance to socialize with our wonderful community of student musicians, directors, and parents. These are typically a great opportunity to hear the Jazz Bands perform. SEMS Music Program Alumni (current SMHS students) are also welcome to join in on the fun. Watch your email and social media for more information about our first Jazz Dine-Out of the year at Pizza Nova on Tuesday, September 19th.



Picture Day - October 20th

Shine up your instruments and your smile. All students must have their concert apparel for this photo. Students will have their picture taken with the whole class, as well as opportunities for an individual photo with their instrument and even buddy pictures with their friends or section may be available at a selfie station. No Corners Cut Photography will be on campus Friday, October 21st. Pictures can be purchased directly from the photographer. More information will be available in October. Additional volunteer photographers may be needed to assist with buddy pictures and for checking attire. Questions email semsbandpresident@gmail.com.



Fundraising Opportunities

In order to support and sustain such a large music program, the San Elijo Middle School Music Program participates in different fundraisers throughout the year organized by the Boosters. As a 501 C-3, all direct donations are tax-deductible. We accept direct donations in person, at events, or via our Square Store. We are also happy to work with any parent or supporter whose company generously provides matching funds for any donations made to non-profits. Please reach out to the Booster personnel listed below or go [HERE](#) for more information.

Social Media

Facebook:
SEMS Music Program

Instagram:
SEMSBandOfficial

Mrs. Homes: @mskofmusic
Mrs. McInnis: @mcinnismusic

Click [here](#) to get in contact with the SEMS Music Program Boosters

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