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# KEEPING ON BEAT

Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



## NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

### Band Leadership Taking Shape



The classrooms were buzzing with activity during the months of August and September getting ready for a fantastic year of music. Things kicked off with each advanced band electing a Concert Master. A Concert Master is a student leader voted on by the band class and someone who embodies the spirit of that band. This student leads by example as a role model of what a great musician is. At times this student will get in front of the band to lead warm ups and present band announcements for the week. During concerts and trips this student will help the directors with relaying information to the band about the day or event. They are someone any student can come to for help or when in need for information with the Band. Later in the month, auditions were held for musicians looking to be a leader in their own instrument section. This leadership position is called Section Leader. Some students challenge for this position in a blind playing challenge with the director(s) and coaches. Some students are nominated by their section if no one wants to compete with them. These students are generally the

## OCTOBER

Wednesday 5th  
Booster Meeting  
PAC 6:30pm

Monday 10th  
Pick up Friar Tux Orders  
After School

Week of the 17th  
Dine-Out Fundraiser  
Buona Forchetta  
6pm-8pm

Friday 21st  
Band / Choir Picture Day

Tuesday 25th  
SMHS Marching Band  
Knight Regiment @  
SEMS

Thursday 27th  
Choir Trip to  
San Diego Opera

### *Band Leadership (cont.)*

strongest players in their sections and lead in playing, confidence, as well as musicianship. Other students in their section can ask for help on music and section leaders are to help their section keep up good rehearsal etiquette. At times section leaders will lead sectionals during class to work on certain passages in the music. Section leaders are there to help their section and the band be the best they can. Congratulations to all Concert Masters and Sections Leaders!

### **Picture Day - October 21st**

Have your musicians shine up their instruments and smiles because Picture Day is just a couple weeks away. All students in the SEMS Music Program (All Bands and Choirs) will be included in the photos and must have their concert appropriate apparel for this day. If you have questions concerning what your musician should wear, please consult the Music Program's website under "Concert Attire". If you ordered your apparel from Friar Tux, your musician can pick up their paid orders after school on Monday, October 10th. Any outfits that are not paid for at that time will have to be picked up at their store in Vista. On Picture Day your musician(s) will have their picture taken with the whole class/band, as well as opportunities for an individual photo with their instrument and even buddy pictures with their friends or section. "No Corners Cut Photography", owned by Jacob Clement - SEMS Music Program Alumni (Saxophone) will be capturing the images on the day of the event and photos will be available for purchase directly from the photographer. Keep your eyes peeled for emails containing additional ordering information. Additional volunteer photographers needed to assist with buddy pictures and for checking attire. Questions email [semsbandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:semsbandpresident@gmail.com).

### **Act Like Your Musician for the Night - Parent Band**

During the Turkey Concerts in mid-November, 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 in the PAC/Band Room. Then the Parent Band will perform on the same night as their musician during one of the three Turkey Concerts.



*SEMS Jazz Band musicians take a break from entertaining parents during Back-to-School Nights!*

## **NOVEMBER**

**Tuesday 1st**  
Poinsettia Fundraiser  
Kick-off

**Wednesday 2nd**  
Booster Meeting  
PAC 6:30pm

**Tuesday 8th**  
Parent Band Rehearsal  
6:30pm  
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

**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)



## **Dine-Out Fundraisers - Thursday, October 20th**

For our next Jazz Dine-Out the Gig Jazz Band will be performing at **Buona Forchetta** in the newly developed North City near CSUSM. The restaurant has generously offered to donate a portion of the proceeds back to the SEMS Music Program. Parking can be found in the nearby parking structure and your ticket can be validated. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our September Jazz Dine-Out at SETS in San Elijo Hills. It was a wonderful night filled with performances from both the House and Gig Jazz Bands. SETS was wonderfully generous by donating \$500 to the Music Program following the event.

## **Poinsettia Fundraiser Kick-off**

The Poinsettia Sale is the biggest fundraiser of the year. We need your help to make this year as successful as possible. Please encourage your family, friends, businesses, etc. to place poinsettia orders or make donations to our SEMS Music Program. Approximately 50% of each poinsettia sold goes directly towards the Music Program to help fund coaches, new instruments, transportation, competitions, and so much more. The kick-off for this fundraising event is November 1st. Final orders are taken the Friday before Thanksgiving and delivery of the poinsettias to the school for pick up occurs the first week of December.

## **Fundraising Opportunities**

In order to support and sustain such a large music program, the San Elijo Middle School Band and Choir participate in different fundraisers organized by the Boosters throughout the year. As a 501 C-3, all direct donations are tax deductible. We accept direct donations in person, at events, or via our Square Store. The Band and Choir also participate in the Amazon Smile program, where a portion of the items you already buy on Amazon gets donated directly to our program. 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 Band

Twitter: @bandsems

Instagram:

Band: @semsbandofficial

Choir: @semschoirofficial

Mrs. Homes: @mskofmusic

Mrs. McInnis: @mcinnismusic

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