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Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Our Entire Advanced Band/Choir Music Program Accepting Their Awards at Sea World

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Solo & Ensemble Recital

On Wednesday, April 10th, 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 observed from the audience by the directors who choose soloists and ensembles who will be performing during the Spring Concerts. Those selected musicians will be performing in-between the band and choir performances during the Spring Concerts. Let us make sure we all show them some extra love during their performances as it is their first time performing those pieces in front of such a large audience.

Music in the Park Festival- Sea World

The entire advanced Music Program competed at the Music in the Parks Festival at Sea World. It was an incredible day where all of our musicians got to shine and received the following awards:

- Concert & Golden Eagle Band (combined)- Excellent Rating
- Golden Eagle Choir - Superior Rating, Best Choir in Show
- Wind Symphony - Superior Rating, Best Band in Show

We are so proud of all of our vocalists and musicians. It has been an amazing year filled with wonderful music and performances.

MAY

Wednesday 15th
Choir Spring Concert
Ritz Theatre, Escondido

Thursday 16th
Raising Canes and
Handel's Passive
Fundraiser

Wednesday 29th
Band Spring Concert
California Center for the
Arts, Escondido

JUNE

Sunday 2nd
End of the Year
Jazz Band Concert
All Jazz Bands
SEMS Campus
1pm - 3pm

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LOOKING AHEAD >>>

Choir Spring Concert - The Ritz Theatre, Escondido Wednesday, May 15th 6:30pm

This year's Choir Concert theme is "Harmony in Bloom - A Springtime Serenade" which will feature a night filled of feel good tunes by talented performers. All are welcome at this amazing concert to celebrate all the hard work our singers have put in throughout the year. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Raising Canes & Handel's Passive Fundraiser Thursday, May 16th

Both Raising Canes and Handel's Ice Cream, in the shopping center on Los Posas Road, have agreed to support the SEMS Music Program with fundraising events on the same night. Both places are running the fundraiser from 2pm to 10pm and will be giving back 15% - 20% of their sales. Make sure to mark you calendars for the amazing way to support our student musicians. See attached flyers for more details.

Band Spring Concert California Center for the Arts, Escondido Wednesday, May 29th 6:30pm

Our Spring Band Concert showcases all that our musicians 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 Festival, and will dazzle the audience with their big and advanced sound. Our Wind Symphony will be towards the end of 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 available [here](#) on Monday, May 13th.

Jazz Band Concert - SEMS Campus Sunday, June 2nd 1pm - 3pm

Did you know our Music Program's 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. Invite your family and friends, bring your lawn chairs, and sit and relax as you listen to amazing jazz performances. There will be food and beverage booths for you to enjoy during the performances. Tables and shade will be provided under the lunch-table shade structure. The Music Program Boosters will be on hand to answer any questions about volunteering for such an amazing program.



Juice Alive Slushy Sales Are Back - Every Friday (\$1 Until the End of the Year)

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. In the Parents/Students/Members section, enter Semsband for the "School Code" box and enter.
2. On a mobile device: select the drop down arrow at the top next to the Home icon at the top and click on Volunteer Needs. Or, from a desktop: click Volunteers tab drop down menu then click Volunteer Needs.
3. Choose the shift you would like to volunteer and enter your information and save.
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.

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. Aaron Bonsall has served as our Treasurer for the last two years. He has been an integral part of making sure we remain compliant with our 501c3 status and filing annual taxes as well as being an incredible sales man at our concession stands. Kelly Crothers took on two huge booster positions this year when nobody would step up. She was both the Jazz Coordinator and the Hospitality Coordinator who was not only responsible for arranging all of the Jazz Dine outs (contacting business to host fundraisers, loading and transporting band equipment, and feeding the musicians) but she also prepared for and hosted all the band events (turkey concerts, solo ensemble, coffee concerts, Jazz fest, etc). We can not thank her enough for all that she has contributed to the program this year (and she seconded every motion, even when there was no motion to second). Jana Barsby has served as our ever optimistic and happy secretary over the last year and has kept everyone honest and in line! Kevin Torell has been handling the newsletters and social media posts for the past two years and we will miss his ever-present dedication. We will miss all of our 8th grade parent Boosters and thank them sincerely for all their hard work and dedication. That being said we have several "big shoes" to fill for next school year so if you are interested in being part of an amazing team of dedicated parents please reach out to the booster presidents.

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