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KEEPING ON BEAT

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House Jazz Band and Music Program Alumni Entertain the Crowds at the September Jazz Dine-Out!

Advanced 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 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!

OCTOBER

Friday 20th
Music Program
Picture Day
(Throughout the
School Day)

Tuesday 24th
SMHS Knight
Regiment Marching
Band Visits SEMS

Tuesday 24th
Bushfire Kitchen
La Costa
Dine-Out Fundraiser
Gig Jazz Band
6pm-8pm



Gig Jazz Band and Music Program Alumni Entertain the Crowds at the September Jazz Dine-Out!

Picture Day - October 20th

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" or by clicking [here](#). On Picture Day your musician(s) will have their picture taken with the whole class/band during their normal class period. They will also take an individual photo with their instrument and there will even be a "selfie station" to take buddy pictures with their friends or instrument 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. Questions? Please email 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 1st year musician's family (any student new to the Music Program) 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. You can choose between two different Parent Band rehearsals on Tuesday, November 7th at either 6pm or 7pm in the PAC/Band Room. Then the Parent Band will perform on the same night as their musician's Turkey Concert.

Peer Musician Mentoring Program Kicks Off in Early October!

The Music Mentor Project is a year-long collaboration between older and younger students in the music community. SEMS Band students will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, inspire young students through music, and guide 6th graders into their first year as middle (cont.)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Booster Meeting
All Are Welcome!
PAC 6pm

Wednesday 1st

Poinsettia Holiday
Fundraiser Kick-off

Tuesday 7th

Parent Band Rehearsal
6pm or 7pm
Band Room / PAC

Saturday 11th

Veteran's Day
Helen Bougher
Memorial Park
Gig Jazz Performs
11am

Tuesday 14th

Turkey Concert #1
Beginning Band Period 6
and Concert Band

Wednesday 15th

Beginning Band Period 5
and Golden Eagle Band

Thursday 16th

Beginning Band Period 4
and Wind Symphony

Friday 17th

8th Grade Scales
For Disneyland Due

Friday 17th

Poinsettia Orders
are Due

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schoolers. 6th grade students will be paired up with 8th grade students. All students will be trained in leadership and collaboration techniques to assist their mentee through the school year students will meet weekly and check in. Meetings will be scheduled weekdays at school by the mentors via email to student mentees. Meetings will last for about 20 minutes. Mentors will assist on music, practice methods, chat about their favorite bands, and just be someone older to communicate with on their musical struggles. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the directors.

Dine-Out Fundraisers - Tuesday, October 24th

For our next Jazz Dine-Out the Gig Jazz Band will be performing at Bushfire Kitchen in La Costa. The restaurant has generously offered to donate a portion of the proceeds back to the SEMS Music Program. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our September Jazz Dine-Out at Pizza Nova. It was a wonderful night filled with performances from both the House and Gig Jazz Bands who were also joined by Music Program Alumni. Our first Jazz Dine-Out of the year generated \$1,200 (Pizza Nova/Tips) to the Music Program!

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. We are also happy to work with any parent or supporter whose company generously provides matching funds for any donations made to non-profits.

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