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# KEEPING ON BEAT

Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Our Wind Symphony Musicians Compete at the Cal State University Fullerton Music Festival

## A NOTE FROM OUR BOOSTER PRESIDENT...

*Accelerando!* You will read in this issue of *Keeping On Beat* all the incredible ways your student is growing, challenging themselves, and flourishing in the music program. We hope you will join us at our next booster meeting – Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the SEMS PAC to learn about more opportunities to support your student and help our music program grow. We appreciate your support. All are welcome, especially our 6th grade parents, grandparents, and caregivers. With gratitude, your Music Program Boosters.

# SPRING

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## ◀◀◀ MONTH IN REVIEW

As the Music Program continues through our Spring Accelerando, our musicians took their amazing prepared pieces on the road! First, each advanced band and advanced choir performed their pieces at the San Marcos Unified School District Pre-Festival, where the musicians and directors received constructive feedback on their performances. Each group had the chance to refine their pieces based on the feedback they received and then prepared for their competition festivals.

## MARCH

Wednesday 15th  
Concert Band to  
Tustin SCSBOA Festival  
Beckman High School

Friday 17th  
Coffee Concerts  
Beginning Band & Choir

Tuesday 21st  
San Marcos HS  
Wind Symphony  
visits SEMS

Wednesday 22nd  
Double Peak Jazz  
Festival  
All Jazz Bands





Concert Band Musicians Performing at the Pre-Festival at SMHS

Next, the groups traveled to their competition festivals to compare their talents and teamwork with other groups in the Region and State. First to leave the nest was the Golden Eagle Band, who headed to the El Camino High School Festival in Oceanside. At the festival, our musicians got a chance to listen to other middle school bands perform before they headed to the warm-up room. In the warm-up room, they performed their pieces one last time and worked on any areas the musicians needed additional time with before they headed to the stage. Our Golden Eagle Band did a tremendous job performing their two pieces. Once their performance was over, they moved into the sight reading clinic where our musicians were given a piece of music they had never seen before. They had 2 minutes to discuss the piece with their instrument section, and then spent 3 minutes discussing the piece with their director. They then performed the piece for the judge who was able to workshop with the musicians after their performance. This festival was a wonderful introduction to the music festival process and prepared the Golden Eagle Band musicians for the multitudes of festivals in their futures.

Next, our Wind Symphony musicians woke up bright and early on a Saturday morning, loaded up the buses at SEMS, and headed to the Cal State University Fullerton Music Festival to compete. The schedule was similar to what the Golden Eagle Band went through at their festival. After they performed their well rehearsed pieces and attended their sight reading clinic, they were able to watch the one other middle school at the festival perform before listening to the CSUF Symphonic Winds and our friends from San Marcos High School perform. Before heading back home they experienced another impressive college bands performance, the CSUF Wind Symphony. It was a wonderful day of music and comradery and such an amazing rite of passage for SEMS musicians.



Our Golden Eagle Band Musicians Warming Up at the El Camino High School Orchestra Festival

## APRIL

**Tuesday 4th**  
 Jazz Dine-Out  
 Buona Forchetta &  
 Wynston's Ice Cream  
 North City  
 House Jazz 6pm-7pm  
 Gig Jazz 7pm-8pm

**Wednesday 5th**  
 Booster Meeting  
 PAC

**Wednesday 12th**  
 Solo & Ensemble Recital  
 PAC

**Saturday 15th**  
 Sea World Competition  
 All Advanced Bands and  
 Choirs

**Tuesday 18th**  
 Advanced Choir  
 to SCVA Festival  
 Rancho Santa Margarita

## MAY

**Saturday 13th**  
 San Diego Percussion  
 Festival  
 San Marcos High School

**Wednesday 17th**  
 Spring Band Concert  
 CA Center for the Arts  
 Escondido

**Wednesday 24th**  
 Spring Choir Concert  
 The Ritz Theatre  
 Escondido



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## LOOKING AHEAD >>>

Over the next month our musicians will continue to share their talents at festivals and competitions throughout Southern California.

### **Tustin Band Festival - Concert Band - Wednesday, March 15th**

Concert Band Musicians have their chance to leave the nest and spread their wings at a Music Festival at Beckman High School in Tustin on Wednesday, March 15th. The musicians will need to report to the SEMS Campus at 7am in their concert attire. After traveling to the festival and performing their prepared pieces, they are stopping at Bowlero for some lunch and fun. They plan be back on the SEMS campus at 4pm. Please look out for an emails from the Directors for additional details.

### **Coffee Concerts - All Beginning Band and Beginning Choir - March 17th**

Now it's the Beginning Band's chance to show their families everything they learned since the Turkey Concerts. During the Coffee Concerts, family members will be able to sit next to their musicians and attend a class session with them. Following their class session, the musicians and their families will be treated to coffee and donuts hosted by the Music Program Boosters. There will also be an opportunity to take a family picture with your musician and their instrument in front the the Music Program backdrop to commemorate the event. It is truly unique and wonderful experience. See the attached flyer for additional details.

### **Double Peak Jazz Festival - All Jazz Bands - Wednesday, March 22nd**

Our three amazing Jazz Bands have their opportunity to perform at a festival Double Peak School specifically for Jazz Bands. Jazz Band Musicians will leave school mid-day and head over the hill to perform their prepared pieces. Throughout the afternoon all three bands will preform as their support each other during their down time. Parents can pick up their musicians from Double Peak School at 7pm.

See the attached flyer for the next Jazz Dine out on Tuesday, April 4th in North City!

## Social Media

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