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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



Student Musicians from the District Participate in the Empress Quartet Trombone Event

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The Music Department started the Spring Accelerando strong with the 8th Grade Band students and the Advanced Choir participating in the Disney Imagination Campus Performing Arts Workshops Soundtrack Sessions. During these workshops, our musicians sight-read music and worked directly with industry professionals to create a truly magical ensemble piece. The experience culminated with a screening of their recorded work (continued on page 2)



8th Grade Band Musicians at Disney Imagination Campus

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 15th
Choir Pre-Festival
6:30pm San Marcos HS
Wednesday 22nd

Concert Band
Pre-Festival
at San Marcos HS
New Location!

Friday 24th
Golden Eagle Band
and Wind Symphony
Pre-Festival
San Marcos HS
New Day & Location!

MARCH

Wednesday 1st
Booster Meeting
PAC 6:30

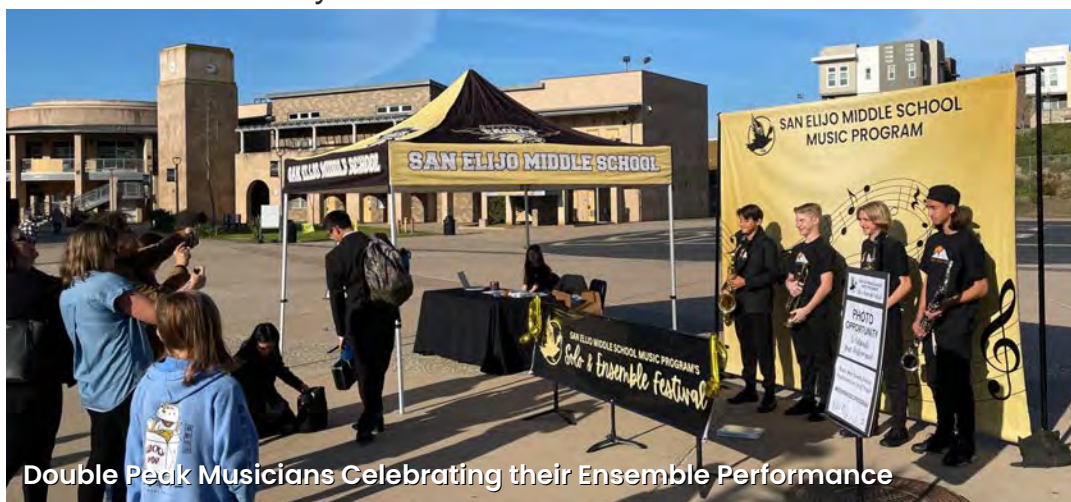
set to Disney film footage. The musicians got to spend the evening in Disneyland blowing off steam and bonding. We are so excited to be able to offer this wonderful experience year after year.



Advanced choir celebrating their day at the Disney Imagination Campus

Many of our Music Program musicians participated in the trombone workshop and performance led by the Empress Trombone Quartet at Mission Hills High School. During the all-day event, the quartet mentored, led workshops, performed, and shared experiences being professional working musicians. The event received rave reviews from the musicians who attended, and the Directors and Boosters plan to arrange several more experiences like this in years to come!

Last weekend, the Music Program was proud to host the Solo and Ensemble Festival on the SEMS Campus. Over 125 musicians from SEMS, Double Peak, and SMHS showcased their talents in over 100 adjudicated solo or ensemble performances. Over 30 parent volunteers helped the day run smoothly as we welcomed the musicians and their families to the SEMS Campus. Student volunteers also helped throughout the day setting up for the event, running judge sheets to the awards table, and arranging instruments for each performance in the school's three different performance venues. It was an incredible day for the Music Program and a great testament to the support and encouragement our musicians receive from their community.



Double Peak Musicians Celebrating their Ensemble Performance

MARCH

(cont.)

Thursday 2nd
Golden Eagle Band to
El Camino Band Festival
(During School Day)

Saturday 4th
Fullerton Festival
Wind Symphony

Wednesday 15th
Concert Band to
SCSBOA Festival in Tustin
(During School Day)

Friday 17th
Coffee Concerts
Beginning Band

Tuesday 21st
San Marcos HS
Wind Symphony
visits SEMS

Wednesday 22nd
Double Peak Jazz
Festival
All Jazz Bands

APRIL

Monday 3rd
Choir Performs
National Anthem at
Padre Game

Wednesday 4th
Booster Meeting
PAC

Wednesday 12th
Solo & Ensemble Recital
PAC



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LOOKING AHEAD >>>

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

Pre-Festival Performances at San Marcos High School

These evening pre-festivals are an opportunity for our musicians to show off their hard work in a supportive environment and respond to any feedback prior to taking their pieces to the competition festivals. The choir will be our first group of musicians to kick things off at San Marcos High School where judges, hired by the district's music programs, will review each piece and recommend improvements. The next week it will be Concert Band, Golden Eagle Band, and Wind Symphony. The concerts are free and families are more than welcome to come watch. Please review the calendar on Page 1 and look out for emails from the Directors with additional details.

El Camino Band Festival - Golden Eagle Band

Our very own Golden Eagle Band will be the first to kick off competition season at the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association festival hosted by El Camino High School. Our musicians will be adjudicated on three prepared pieces of music and sight-read for a rating. This type of event is part of the state and national standards for music education and gives students the experience of putting their music knowledge to the test outside of the regular school day.

Cal State Fullerton Music Festival - Wind Symphony

A two day Band Festival in which students will perform 3 prepared pieces for college music professors. After the performance, students attend a clinic led by one of the professors in a full band setting. The day is filled with high level performances which the students have the chance to hear college level bands play. Our Wind Symphony is one of only two middle school groups that attend the festival comprised of mostly high school bands. It is a great chance to immerse our students in a day of music at the highest level.

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