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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official Newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



September 2024 | All Jazz Bands (and alumni!) perform at the homecoming Pizza Nova dine out

PICTURE DAY | Friday, October 25

Have your musicians shine up both their instruments and their smiles! All students in the SEMS Music Program (bands and choirs) will be included in the group photos and **must wear their concert-appropriate attire**. If you have questions concerning what your musician should wear, please consult the Music Program's Concert Attire webpage at semsband.com/concert-attire. Photos of each class/band will be captured, and each student will have an individual photo taken with their instrument. "No Corners Cut Photography," owned by Jacob Clement (SEMS Music Program alum and saxophone player), will be taking the photos which will become available for purchase. Please stay tuned for for an email with order information.

20TH ANNIVERSARY FALL FESTIVAL | Thursday, October 10, 4-6PM

This event is a fantastic opportunity to experience the incredible talents and hard work of our SEMS students and community, including **our own Gig Jazz Band and Choir**. Being an Open House-style event, just come and go whenever works for you. This event will celebrate our students' creativity, learning, and community spirit. Hope to see you there!

DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER | Bushfire Kitchen | Tuesday, October 22

3433 Via Montebello, Suite 166, Carlsbad
20% of purchases benefit SEMS Music Program

The next dine-out will be held all day (11AM-9PM) at Bushfire Kitchen in La Costa with Gig Jazz Band performing in the evening. The restaurant has generously offered to donate 20% of proceeds. When you pay for your order, please show the event flyer (available at semsband.com) or use code 'SEMS1022.'

Visit the SEMS Music Program calendar at semsband.com/calendar

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Thursday 10/10
SEMS 20th
Anniversary Fall
Festival

Tuesday 10/22
Bushfire Kitchen
All Day Dine Out
*SEMS Music Program
Receives 20%!*
Use Code 'SEMS1022'

Friday 10/25
Picture Day
During class periods
Big picture after
school until 2:45pm



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SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISERS RECAP

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the September fundraisers. The Jazz Dine-Out at Pizza Nova was a wonderful evening with performances by House and Gig Jazz Bands (who were also joined by Music Program alumni). Our first Jazz Dine-Out of the year generated \$1,200 to benefit the SEMS Music Program! Also, THANK YOU to everyone who took your cars through the Soapy Joe's car wash fundraiser, which generated \$142 for the Music Program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONCERT MASTERS & SECTION LEADERS

In September each advanced band and choir class elected a Concert Master, a student leader who embodies the spirit of that band. The Concert Master serves as a role model and sets an example of what a great musician or singer is. Sometimes this student will get in front of the class to lead warm ups and present announcements for the week. During concerts and trips, the Concert Masters help band directors relay information about the day or event. Any student can approach the Concert Master for help or when in need of information.

Auditions were also held for musicians and singers to serve as Section Leaders. Students vie for these positions in a "blind" musical or singing challenge, with directors and coaches listening but not seeing any students perform. A student may be nominated by their section if no one wants to vie for a particular Section Leader position. Section Leaders are generally the strongest players in their sections, and lead in playing or singing with confidence. Each Section Leader assists their section in keeping up good rehearsal etiquette and serve as a resource for others. Sometimes Section Leaders might lead sectionals during class to work on certain passages in the music. They are available to help their section and the group as a whole be the best performers they can be.

NOVEMBER save the dates

Monday 11/4
Poinsettia
Fundraiser Kick Off

Wednesday 11/6
Booster Meeting
All Are Welcome!
6PM, SEMS PAC

November 19, 20, 21
Turkey Concerts

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Join our fabulous team of volunteers who help make our Music Program so successful! Whether you choose to volunteer one hour each month or one hour this year, we welcome you. There are many ways to help out, big and small.

To join the team, please complete the interest form at:
bit.ly/booster-vol



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PEER MUSICIAN MENTOR PROGRAM KICKS OFF | Early October

The Music Mentor Project is a year-long collaboration between older and younger students in the Music Program. SEMS band students will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, inspire young students through music, and guide 6th graders. Each 6th grade student will be paired with a 7th or 8th grade student. All students will be trained in leadership and collaboration techniques to assist their mentee, and they will meet weekly for check ins through the school year. During each 20-minute meeting, mentors assist mentees with music, practice methods, chat about their favorite bands, and discuss any struggles new musicians may be experiencing.

RAISE RIGHT ONGOING PASSIVE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Earn money for our music program with the purchase of each latté, tank of gas, or grocery run. This is an easy way to get a percentage of purchases, made through various vendors you already shop with, donated back to the SEMS Music Program. Vendor participants include Amazon, Home Depot, Target, Starbucks, DoorDash, Shell Gas, and more! It is easy to use! To learn more and get started, visit raiserright.com and click on the "Sign Up" button. You will need to have the code 'AFL187887L449' to register.

OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

In order to support and sustain such a large music program, the SEMS Music Program participates in different fundraisers throughout the year organized by the Boosters. As a 501(c)(3), all direct donations are tax-deductible. The Music Program accepts donations in person at events, or on our website at semsbandandchoir.square.site/donations.

(Scan the QR code at right for quick access.)



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 visit semsband.com/fundraising for more information.

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