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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official Newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



February 2025 | Golden Eagle Band participates in the SMUSD Concert Band Music Festival at San Marcos High School

FESTIVAL SEASON CONTINUES

In early February, the SEMS 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. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the parent and student volunteers who helped the day run smoothly. It was an incredible day for the Music Program and a great testament to the support and encouragement our musicians receive from their community. [A highlight video of the festival is now available.](#)

As the Music Program continues through Spring festival season, our singers and musicians have been hitting the road to show off their fabulous performance skills! Each advanced band/choir group performed at the San Marcos Unified School District's Festival, where the artists and directors received constructive feedback on their performances. Each group has the chance to make refinements based on the feedback received in preparation for upcoming competition festivals.

Throughout March, SEMS music groups are traveling to festivals to perform with other musical groups throughout our region and state. Please check SEMS Music Program social media channels for ongoing posts of photos and videos from the Solo & Ensemble Festival as well as Spring festivals!



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[facebook.com/SEMSMusicProgram](https://www.facebook.com/SEMSMusicProgram)

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

MARCH

Tuesday 3/11
Advanced Choir
@ SCVA Festival
Ladera Ranch Middle School, Ladera Ranch, CA

Wednesday 3/12
Mini Double Peak
Jazz Festival, DPS

Friday 3/14
Wind Symphony @ SD
Winds Composer Festival
Mission Hills High School

Friday 3/21
Beginning Band & Choir
Coffee Concerts
SEMS PAC



March 2025 | Advanced Golden Eagle Choir sings at the SMUSD Choir Festival

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO BEGINNING BAND & CHOIR COFFEE CONCERTS | Friday, March 21



Beginning Band & Choir get to show their families everything they've learned since the November Turkey Concerts. Families of each student will get to sing a song with them on the risers or sit right next to them in the band during their class. Following each class session, students and their guests will be treated to donuts (and hot beverages for adults), compliments of our fabulous Music Program Boosters. This will be a great opportunity to take videos and photos of your musician/singer up close. It is truly unique and wonderful experience! See [ParentSquare](#) and [semsband.com](#) for details.

- | **Beg. Choir Period 2, 9:10 AM** | **Beg. Band Period 5, 11:45 AM**
- | **Beg. Band Period 3, 10:15 AM** | **Beg. Band Period 7, 1:30 PM**

Is your student performing in the morning? We need a few volunteers for the afternoon concerts. Please consider [signing up here](#).

WIND SYMPHONY GIVES BACK | SING ME A STORY

Wind Symphony is trying something new this year through a partnership with the Sing Me a Story Foundation (SMASF), which gives children in need the opportunity to write and illustrate stories about anything they want. SMASF then gives those stories to songwriters and musicians who turn them into songs. That's where SEMS Wind Symphony comes in. Music is currently being written by a composer for a young boy who has battled cancer. Once complete, our Wind Symphony will practice the original music in preparation for its world-premiere performance at the SEMS Spring Band Concert (5/28). The boy and his family will be present at the concert to hear the song for the first time!

SMASF's mission is to serve children and families in need through the imaginative stories of their children and the power of music. You can learn more about the organization at [singmeastory.org](#).

THANK YOU | Your generosity keeps our music program going!

Thank you to the generous diners who came out to support Gig Jazz Band and purchased food at the Tin Leaf Dine Out on February 25. The Music Program raised \$270 to support ongoing costs.

**MARCH
continued**

Saturday 3/22
Gig and House Jazz Bands
@ Jazz Festival
Point Loma Nazarene
University

Thursday 3/27
Gig Jazz Performs
@ La Costa Meadows
Elementary Open House
5:30 PM, LCM

Wednesday 3/28
Choir Sings
@ La Costa Meadows
Elementary Friday Flag
LCM

**APRIL
save the dates**

Wednesday 4/9
Solo & Ensemble Recital
5 PM, SEMS PAC

Thursday 4/10
Music Boosters Meeting
6 PM, SEMS PAC
All are welcome!

Saturday 4/12
Advanced Choir, Concert
Band, Golden Eagle Band
& Wind Symphony
@ Music in the
Parks Festival
Knotts Berry Farm,
Buena Park

Thursday 4/24
All Jazz Bands
Dine Out
Pizza Nova, San Marcos

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Celebrate your student and/or promote your business in the Spring Concert program!



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Join the SEMS Music Boosters team!

ISO: EVENTS & HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



The individual in this role is responsible for planning and coordinating food and beverage at music events, including:

- TURKEY CONCERTS
- WINTER CONCERT
- COFFEE CONCERTS
- SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Learn more on April 10 at our Boosters meeting at 6pm in the SEMS PAC. Or, email inquiries to semsbandpresident@gmail.com.

HAPPENING NOW | MUSIC BOOSTER RECRUITMENT FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

The Music Program Boosters is a not-for-profit organization that helps the SEMS band and choir programs meet their financial needs and obligations. With over 400 students enrolled and numerous activities held throughout the year, there are many ways we help our program succeed. **We have a fabulous team of volunteers serving our Music Program this year, but several of our boosters are 8th grade parents who will be "retiring" at the end of this school year.**

WE NEED PARENTS to join Music Boosters and shadow retiring boosters in their roles for the rest of this school year, becoming familiar with responsibilities of each position. Learn more about open roles at semsband.com/boosters. Music Boosters is seeking volunteers for these roles:

- Co-Treasurer
- Fundraising Coordinators
- Hospitality Coordinators
- Media Master
- Parent Volunteer Coordinator

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