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KEEPING ON BEAT

Official Newsletter of SEMS Music Program Boosters



October 2024 | SEMS Choir entertains guests at the schoolwide 20th Anniversary celebration

THE POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER IS HERE | November 4 - December 4

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our 2024 SEMS Music Program Holiday Fundraiser that will run from November 4 to December 4. **WE NEED YOUR HELP to reach our fundraising goal of \$50,000.** These funds are used to support program costs including purchasing music and supplies, acquiring and repairing instruments and equipment, sponsorships, festivals, concerts, and more that make our music program such a great experience for our students. We hope to accomplish this goal with: (1) **direct donations**, 100% of which will benefit the SEMS Music Program, and (2) **poinsettia sales** at \$15 per plant of which \$8.70 will directly benefit the SEMS Music Program. Direct donations are a great option for anyone who wants to make a contribution of any size, or for those who do not live locally (making poinsettia delivery difficult), but would like to support the Music Program. We have an amazing music program with almost 400 students involved, and together we can achieve this goal! If every student sells at least 5 poinsettias and receives \$50 in donations, we will meet our goal! The link to share with friends and family is semsbandandchoir.square.site/fundraisers. (At left is a QR code for your convenience.) Thank you for your partnership!



WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with poinsettia distribution on Wednesday, December 11. Tasks include: unloading the truck and organizing the plants in the Performing Arts Center (PAC); distributing plants to families at the end of the school day; and distributing plants during the evening pickup time. If you'd like to help out, please complete the [SignUpGenius form](#). Thank you!

NOVEMBER

Monday 11/4

Poinsettia
Fundraiser Kick Off

Monday 11/11

Gig Jazz Band @Veterans
Day Ceremony

Tuesday 11/12

Parent Band Rehearsal

Wednesday 11/13

8th Grade Night for Band
at SMHS

Friday 11/15

Scales Deadline for 8th
Grade Band Student
Going on Disneyland Trip

Friday 11/22

Disneyland Trip
Permission Slips &
Contributions Due

November 19, 20, 21
Turkey Concerts



Gig Jazz Band entertains diners at the Bushfire Kitchen dine out

**PARENT BAND | Tuesday, November 12 | 6 PM / 7 PM | PAC
Spend An Evening In Your Beginning Band Musician's Shoes**

During Turkey Concerts this month, audiences will be treated to some fabulous guest performers... YOU! Each Beginning Band musician's family may select one adult to perform with their student's instrument in the "Parent Band". It is a great opportunity for parents to experience what it is like to rehearse and perform as a band in the SEMS Music Program. Parent Band rehearsal for all classes will take place on Tuesday, November 12 at 6 PM or 7 PM in either the PAC or Band Room (choose one session or attend both — it's your choice). Our wonderful music directors will lead you in a rehearsal of playing one of the most popular songs in the world, preparing you for your SEMS music performance debut. Each Parent Band member will perform on the same night as their musician performs during one of the three Turkey Concerts (*see page 3 for band schedule details*). Even if you cannot come to the rehearsal, you can still participate! Email Mrs. Homes (Anastasia.homes@smusd.org) or Mrs. McInnis (Shannon.mcinnis@smusd.org) to receive details for the performance.

GIG JAZZ BAND PERFORMED AT CITY-WIDE VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY Monday, November 11 | 10 AM | Helen Bougher Park, 1243 Borden Road, San Marcos

The City of San Marcos annual Veterans Day ceremony took place near the city's All Veterans Memorial wall which honors past and present veterans. Our very own Gig Jazz Band performed patriotic music during the program. Community members enjoyed the tunes played by Gig Jazz Band, a moving ceremony ceremony, a reception, and the park which was decorated with white and blue flowers and American flags.

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

**DECEMBER
save the dates**

Tuesday 12/3
Booster Meeting
All Are Welcome!
6PM, SEMS PAC

Wednesday 12/4
Choir Concert
&
Poinsettia Order
Deadline

Wednesday 12/11
Poinsettia
Distribution

**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



TURKEY CONCERTS | November 19-21 | Gates Open 5:30 PM; Doors Open 5:50 PM; Concert Begins 6:00 PM | SEMS PAC

This month the SEMS Performing Arts Center will be transformed into a music hall, providing you with a great opportunity to see your musician perform with their band. You will be impressed with their progress in developing as performers and musicians. As you wait for the doors to open, you will be treated to entertaining tunes by one of our jazz bands. We are excited for the Turkey Concerts and hope you come enjoy all of the hard work of our students and directors. Not sure which evening your musician will be performing? Here's an easy reference:

- **Tuesday:** Gig Jazz Band | Beginning Band, Period 3 | Concert Band
- **Wednesday:** Gig Jazz Band | Beginning Band, Period 5 | Golden Eagles Band
- **Thursday:** House Jazz Band | Beginning Band, Period 7 | Wind Symphony Band

Music Program Boosters will be on hand before, during, and after the concerts providing opportunities for you to support the Music Program through the purchase of refreshments, flowers, and sponsorship of a new piece of music for the Band Program (as well as other sponsorship opportunities). **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to help sell concessions. Please consider signing up at bit.ly/turkey-concert-vols to help out on one of the evenings that your musician is not performing.

CHOIR WINTER CONCERT | Wednesday, December 4 | 6 PM | PAC

Come enjoy a delightful choral performance featuring both Beginning and Advanced Choirs, led by Mrs. McInnis. The program features many beautiful harmonies and festive melodies with fun surprises sprinkled in. Music Program Boosters will be on hand before, during, and after the concert providing opportunities for you to support the Music Program through the purchase of refreshments, flowers, and sponsorship of a new song for the Choir Program. To volunteer with the Boosters, sign up at bit.ly/choir-concert-vols.

As a 501(c)(3), all direct donations are tax-deductible. The Music Program accepts donations at events or at semsbandandchoir.square.site/donations.
(Scan the QR code at right for quick access.)



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