



# SHS BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

~ From Many, One ~

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Eric Todd



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### Happy Holidays fellow Band Boosters!

Since our last newsletter, we have been as active as possible during these interesting times. We have held our monthly meetings via Zoom and I'd like to encourage all of you to start attending these just to see what we do behind the scenes to support the Saxon Band. It's a great way to meet other parents and learn what's happening within the band department from the directors' and students' point of view. It's also one of the few ways we can be involved with our students and instructors.

I'd like to thank all who participated in our recent 'dine/take-out to donate' at the Village Tavern and Riccardo's. Each restaurant donated 20% of the food ordered and we were able to raise over \$700 for our general fund. This is great considering our fundraising efforts have been put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our next 'dine/take-out to donate' fundraiser will be at Riccardo's on January 28th, mark your calendar's!

Also, please don't forget about utilizing Benefit Mobile. We have information on the band website including a great YouTube instructional video.

Check out the fun video because you may recognize some of the directors and students who were used as actors in this production.

A HUGE thank you goes out the directors and students with the way they are all handling the virtual learning. They have all adapted extremely well.

In closing I'd like to encourage you to attend the monthly Band Booster meetings held via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Email reminders and Facebook postings are sent out the week before the meeting.

Please also check out our website at [www.schaumburgband.com](http://www.schaumburgband.com) or "Like" us on Facebook at SHS Band Boosters, Inc. for information, photos and links.

I look forward to seeing you on our next monthly zoom meeting on **January 19th at 7:00 pm.**

Happy Holidays!

Eric Todd





## From our Band Student President

Ever since the conclusion of our brief fall marching and pep band seasons, the SHS Band has continued to accomplish many great things. Within the past month, we have found ways to give back to our community meanwhile encouraging our renowned unity we are known for. From our successful Adopt-a-Family fundraising to the production of our upcoming Band Album, we look forward to sharing our experiences as we close out the semester.

At the end of October, the Jazz Band and Drumline continued with their rehearsals for our annual Variety Show. This year, Variety Show was streamed over a live YouTube link for parents, family, and friends to enjoy. Our Jazz Band and Drumline were able to successfully arrange their pieces through Soundtrap and showcase their amazing performance for a broader audience.

We started November with various online performances through our new platform Soundtrap, along with the announcement of our 8 SHS Band students that have been selected for this year's ILMEA District 7 ensemble. Those select 8 students were able to participate in the Senior Level District Festival Masterclasses, where they worked with the professional musicians in various workshops.



Continuing on with the month of November, we began preparing for our annual Adopt-a-Family tradition where we had the task of raising money remotely for a family of 5: a mother and her 4 children. Upon brainstorming for ways to fundraise money, we found that the best solution was through an online wishlist on Amazon, where students and their parents could directly purchase the requested items in time for the holiday season. Students also took up the opportunity to donate checks in-person through the school office. Altogether, we raised \$1,025 for our Adopt-A-Family to enjoy the holiday season.

By the time December came around, the SHS Band had successfully cleared everything off of the wishlist. As the gifts were shipped to the music department, several leaders in the band were able to wrap presents for the family.



## From our Band Student President continued...

As we finish out our semester, December presents a unique opportunity for the Band to showcase their own musical talents through their final chamber group projects and Band Album compilation. The chamber group projects are a great opportunity for the Band students to express their musical talents through collaborative projects with their fellow band members. The band continues to work on perfecting their work on Soundtrap as they prepare for their final in-class performances.

Alongside chamber groups, the four concert bands are also preparing for their collaborative performance of “Celebrate the Season,” an exhilarating composition with recognizable holiday melodies. Fortunately the band continues with one final project to accompany their holiday festivities: The Band Album. This project ultimately gives band students the musical freedom of selecting their own piece to perform, which is soon to be posted

on the Band’s “SaxonBandDad” YouTube channel. The compilation of music will also include our annual performance of “Sleigh Ride” by members of the Wind Symphony. In addition to our holiday band experience, a group of leaders in the band are preparing for a final virtual party which is sure to excite the SHS Band students.

The SHS Band has accomplished so much despite the circumstances of limited classroom time and in-person rehearsals. No matter what our future holds for us within the upcoming year, we continue looking forward to making music for our community. We are thankful for the immense support and positivity the SHS Band receives from the Band Boosters, Directors, and community. We cannot wait to showcase our talents in the upcoming semester. Thank you very much, and we wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season!

## SHS Band Boosters gives props to **PET SUPPLIES PLUS!**

The Schaumburg High School Band Boosters expresses heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the team at Pet Supplies Plus in Streamwood for their generous support of SHS Band! Under the leadership of manager Joey Keehn, the Pet Supplies Plus store at 61 E. Irving Park Road in Streamwood, donated three 100-count boxes of puppy pads to the band for practicing and performing safely. Play safe, Saxon strong!



**Pet Supplies Plus store manager Joey Keehn supports SHS Band with puppy pad donation for practicing and performing.**



**Pet Supplies Plus proffers a pile of puppy pads for SHS Band practicing and performing.**

## FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM...

Thank you to all of our band families for their support over the course of the first semester. Through the past six months, the SHS Band has found new ways to stay connected and make music together. Whether playing and recording music in person or compiling tracks remotely, it has been great to hear our students create music together during this time. We are excited to continue offering in person, hybrid, and virtual avenues for music making as we approach the next semester.



In early October, hundreds of students throughout the north and northwest suburbs auditioned for the Illinois Music Education Association's District 7 Band, Jazz Bands, and Orchestra. The SHS Band had 5 students selected for the District 7 concert ensembles and 4 students selected for the District 7 jazz ensembles. Representing the SHS Band program: junior Shane Andres (tenor saxophone - jazz ensemble IV), senior Henry Anderson (trumpet - jazz ensemble II), junior Rhys Barlow (horn - orchestra), junior Rix Barlow (trombone - band and

jazz ensemble III), sophomore Mhone Bogonko (clarinet - band), freshman Narin Kim (clarinet - band), junior Alan Medina (alto saxophone - jazz combo), and junior Daniel Pasman (bassoon - band).

For families looking ahead to your summer 2021 calendars: next year's Band Camp is scheduled for August 2-6, 2021. The exact schedule for the week is subject to IDPH/ISBE guidelines, but we ask that families reserve those dates for students to be available for a, hopefully, in-person band camp.

Finally, we leave you with a list of potential holiday gifts for the young musicians in your lives. Thank you once again to all of our SHS Band families for a fantastic fall unlike any other! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us at any time.



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**Vinnie Inendino & Anthony Graffeo**



## BAND HOLIDAY WISH LIST

**‘Tis the season! and what better gift to give your student than the gift of music! Here are some suggestions from the directors on some great gift choices for your students.**

**Upgrade to a Professional or Intermediate Model Instrument:** Over the course of your student’s musical experience, it is important to continue to upgrade what equipment they are using as they mature as musicians. After all, a lot has changed from when they first received their instruments in elementary school. No matter if students plan on playing in college and beyond, students have outgrown their original, student-model instruments by the time they reach high school. Contact a director for suggestions on upgrading instruments.

**Private Lessons:** This is the most valuable thing you can buy! We encourage all of our students to study privately as it is the fastest way to grow as an individual on their instruments. Right now we have a special offer for students who are new to private lessons in which the first two lessons will be completely covered by the boosters. If you want to set up private lessons with one of our teachers or have more questions about private lessons, please contact the Music office or visit our private teacher’s pages on the band website under the about tab.

**Metronome:** Every student already should have a metronome and tuner on their iPad. Some students prefer to have a separate device that is a dedicated metronome and/or tuner. You can find these for around \$20 at any music store.

**CDs/MP3s:** Students should be building a library of “heroes” on their instruments. Find recordings of jazz

or classical music that feature their specific instrument. There are also numerous educational videos out there. Search the internet.

### **Instrument-Specific Items:**

**Flute:** Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Oboe:** Good quality reeds (we highly recommend [Edmund Nielsen](#)). Avoid buying store brand reeds. See your private lesson teacher for more details. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Bassoon:** Good quality reeds (we highly recommend [Edmund Nielsen](#)). Homemade reeds if you can find them. See your private lesson teacher for more information. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Clarinet:** A Rovner or Vandoren ligature. Vandoren mouthpiece (M30/M13/5RV) . Vandoren reeds by the box (at least strength 3). Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Bass Clarinet:** Selmer Focus, Ernst Schreiber, or Vandoren B40 mouthpiece and a Rovner ligature. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Saxophone:** Rovner or Vandoren ligature. Selmer C\* (“C-star”) or Vandoren Optimum mouthpiece. Vandoren reeds by the box (at least strength 3). Jazz saxes need a jazz mouthpiece. Instrument care/maintenance kit.



## BAND HOLIDAY WISH LIST continued...

**Trumpet:** Bach 3C or 5C mouthpiece. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**French Horn:** Farkus MC mouthpiece. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Trombone/Euphonium:** Bach 6 1/2 AL or Bach 4G mouthpiece. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

**Tuba:** Helleberg 7B mouthpiece. Instrument care/maintenance kit.



**Percussion:** There is always a need for the general use sticks and mallets. We offer a stick bag for purchase through the department that has many of these general items. However, sometimes specialty sticks or mallets may be needed. Directors will make suggestions throughout the year if the student has a need for the stick or mallet. However, it's not a bad idea to pick up a pair of the following: staccato timpani mallets, triangle beaters, brushes, and wood tip drum set sticks (5A or 7A). Ask a director for more suggestions.

Some of these items may be unfamiliar to families. If you need some help, feel free to contact us!



## Percussion Ensemble



# UNIFORM NEWS

After a year of collaborating with the DeMoulin Company, we are excited to reveal new uniforms for the Saxon Marching Band! The uniform features some new elements, as well as references to SMB uniforms of the past.

Special thanks to DeMoulin for helping bring our vision to life and to District 211 administration for their support!





# Band Booster Meeting Information

**Topic: SHS Band Booster Monthly Meeting**

**Time: 7:00 PM Central**

**Typically the 2nd Tuesday of the month.**

Jan 19, 2021 07:00 PM

Feb 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 13, 2021 07:00 PM

May 11, 2021 07:00 PM

Jun 8, 2021 07:00 PM

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87235574027?pwd=M2hnTkpuSjMrSFNGb1EzaldqZjRGUT09>



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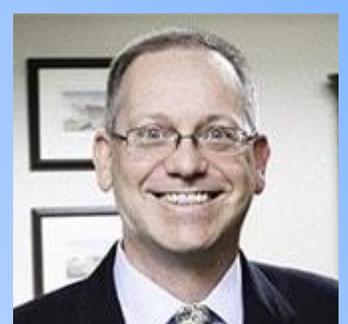
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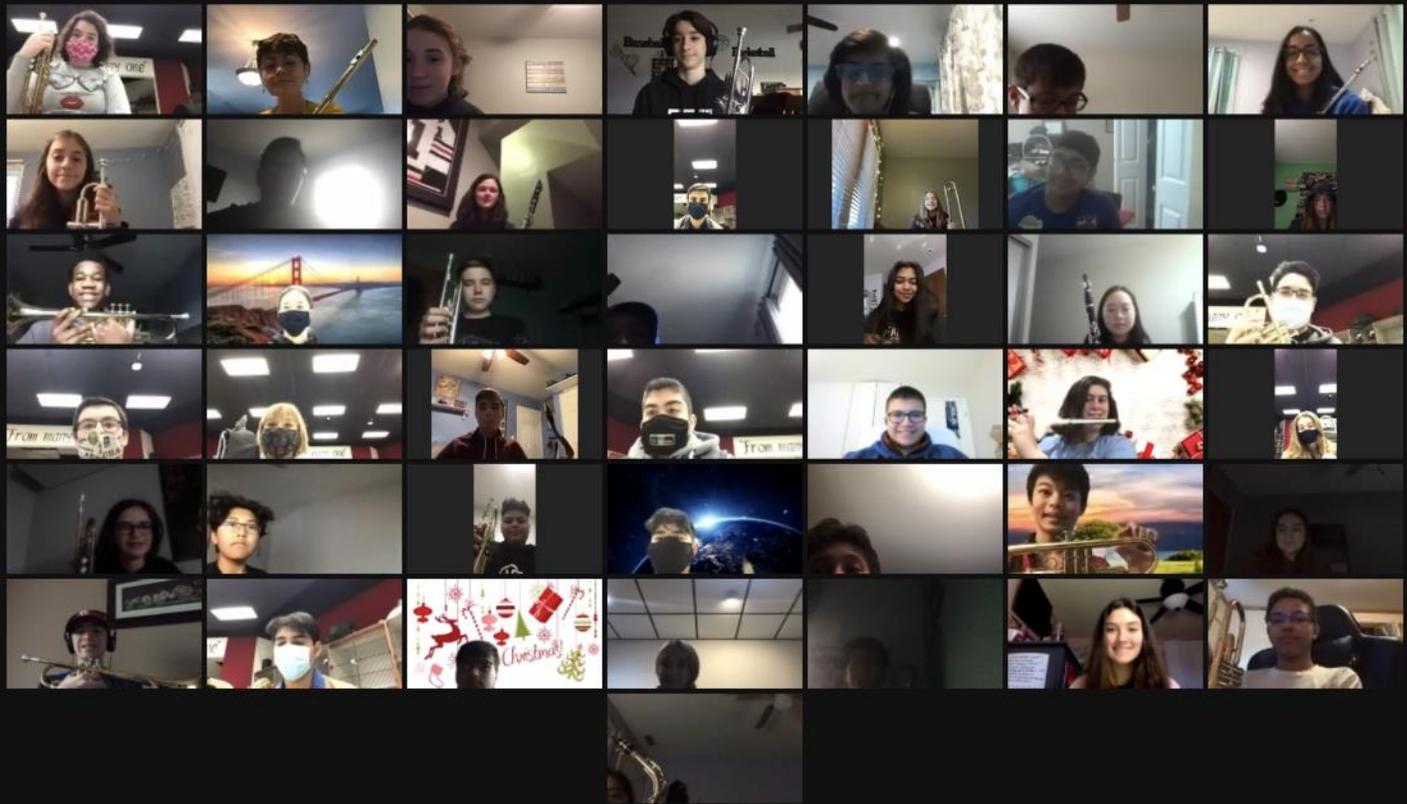
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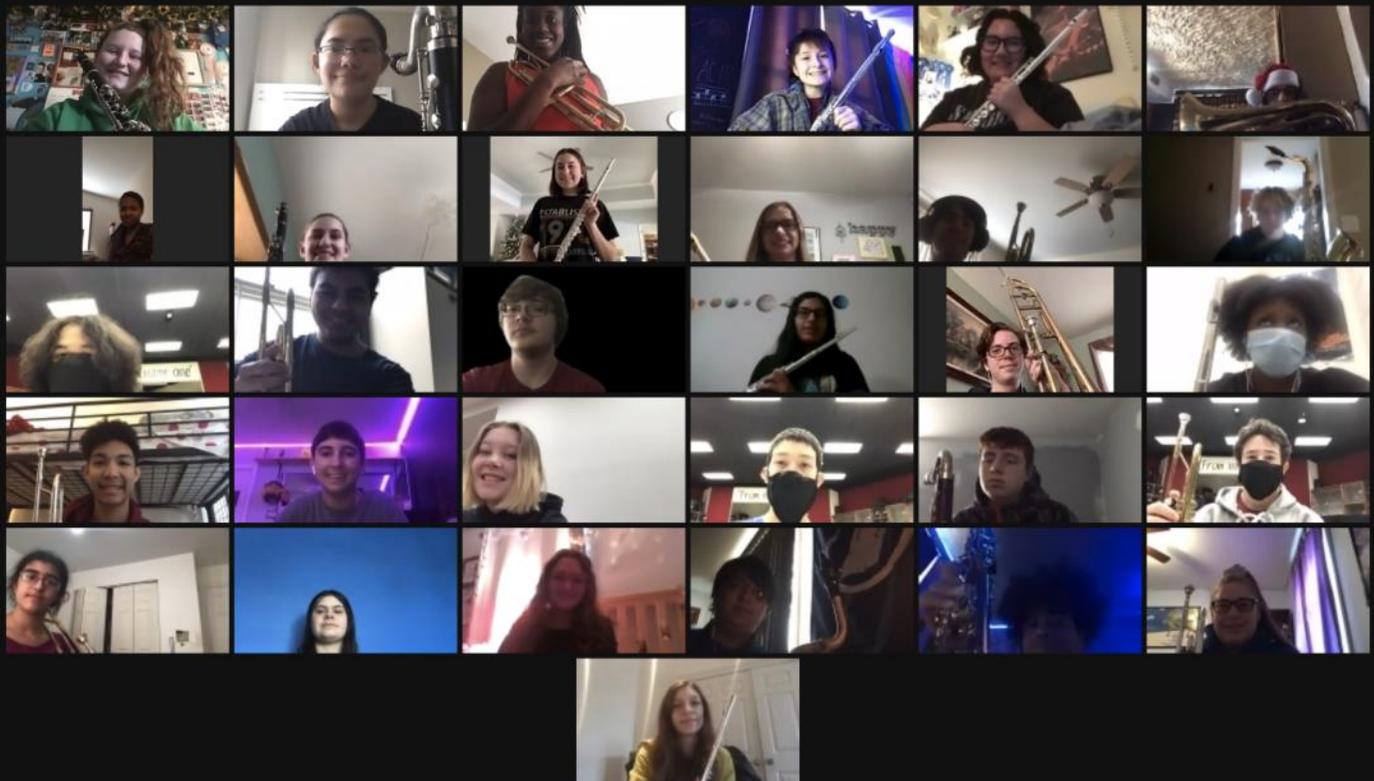
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# Cadet Band



# Concert Band





# Symphonic Band



# Wind Symphony

