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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT
Karla Frantz

“Farwell 2018… Hello 2019…”

As I look back at the first half of the school year, it was a busy season for the Schaumburg Saxon high school band, its directors and band boosters. Football season, NIU Band Day, Columbus Day, Holiday concerts and Tuba Christmas all lead up to the BIG finale of 2018, the announcement of our 2019-2020 band trip to Southern California!

I am certain everyone is looking forward to this exciting trip with great enthusiasm. It will be an experience our band students will never forget. Please join us for our first meeting to discuss the details of our upcoming trip on Monday, February 11, 2019.

As I look ahead at the spring semester of 2019, we have several events to prepare for, such as the D54 Solo and Ensemble, Band Aid, Jazz N Joe, and the Band Awards ceremony/reception. I envision the band boosters making a big finish with the same enthusiasm we started with at the beginning of the school year.

There are still opportunities and I encourage those who are still interested in volunteering for a specific activity to let me know, by sending an email to: saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook for band information, and check out our web page on the Booster tab at www.schaumburgband.com for updates and to share your band photos on our Shutterfly site.

SHS Band Booster Board
Karla Frantz – President • Alan Grimm – Vice President
Dan Alberth – Treasurer • Mary Wishnew - Secretary
Since the conclusion of the marching band season, the SHS Band has gone on to complete several amazing accomplishments. With events ranging from raising money for Adopt-a-Family to touring local elementary schools, the SHS Band has been busy rehearsing, performing, and giving back to the community. The SHS Band looks forward to close out the semester with myriad performances and events, and we hope that you will be able to join us in our music-making.

Regarding the concert band season, the SHS Band has had two concerts so far. The first concert, our Holiday Band concert, was a grand success. Separated into two different concerts, each band played three to four songs which included our annual performance of “Sleigh Ride.” In addition, several raffles were held which raised funds for the band.

The other concert performed was the Wind Symphony’s tour to the elementary schools. At Dooley, Hoover, and Hale, the Wind Symphony played abbreviated versions of their concert set, showcased every instrument, and hopefully inspired some 4th graders to join band. A truly amazing experience, the chance to play for the elementary school students was concluded with a celebratory trip to Portillo’s.

At the same time of both of these concerts, the SHS Band was busy raising money for Adopt-a-Family. This year the SHS Band had the task of raising $1000 for a family of 4, one mother and 3 children. Once the holidays had arrived and our time to raise money for Adopt-a-Family finished, the SHS Band had successfully raised over $1500. Once the money was raised, several leaders in the band went out to purchase gifts and wrap presents for the family. After all of these holiday festivities, we headed into winter break, and now in the new year the SHS Band is preparing for their Band-O-Rama and Band-Aid concerts. This year for Band-Aid, the band has chosen to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We hope to see you at that concert to hear some great music as well as raise money and awareness for AFSP.

From our Band Student President

UPCOMING EVENTS:

  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Game time: 7:10 p.m.
  SHS Gymnasium

- Sat. Feb. 9: D211 Honors Orchestra (select students)
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Show time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

- Fri. Feb. 15: Pep Band B Bball v. Fremd.
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Game time: 7:10 p.m.
  SHS Gymnasium

- Weds. Feb. 20: Cadet & Concert Band Band Aid Concert
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Show time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

- Thurs. Feb. 21: Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony Band Aid Concert
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Show time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

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Once marching band finished, the SHS Band immediately began preparing for the pep band season. So far the SHS Band has played at 6 home games, and there are two more games left. With these pep band games always come festivities. One of the pep band games included a white elephant as well as alumni night. It was a great night; students were trading gifts and meeting with past band members. Also, in addition to performing at the basketball games, the SHS Band performed their annual Pep Band Concert in the auditorium. This year, band members Joey and Ali were our hosts for the concert and led several skits in between songs. As always, at the conclusion of the show the SHS Band gave out flowers in appreciation for the audience members.

The SHS Jazz Bands have seen the same success as the concert and pep bands. The season began with an extraordinary performance at Durty Nellie’s. Opening for the Jazz Consortium Big Band, the Jazz ensemble played an exciting set at an amazing venue. It was an even bigger treat to stay and hear the Jazz Consortium Big Band play. Both Mr. Tipps and his father, current and past band directors, were in the band, and it was an incredible experience to hear them play together. After this gig, the Jazz Bands went on to compete at the Northshore Jazz Festival. All three bands, ensemble, lab, and combo, performed at Northshore, and all three bands received superior ratings. Looking into the future, the SHS Jazz Bands intend to play at Jazz in the Meadows and Jazz ’n Joe.

Inside and outside of the music department, the SHS Band has accomplished so much so far. Even outside of the concert, jazz, and pep settings, the SHS Band has gone to the Midwest Clinic, Tuba Christmas, and the CSO. We are ever grateful for all of the support the SHS Band receives from the boosters, directors, and community. Thank you! We hope that you will join us in all of our upcoming events this semester.
It has been a very busy second semester for the SHS Band. In the coming weeks, all four concert bands will present the 18th annual Band-Aid Concerts, benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This organization was selected by the band student leadership board, who felt strongly about this cause. The band will raising funds for the organization through t-shirt and ticket sales. Guest conductor Dr. Erica Neidlinger (DePaul University) will be working with the students and conducting each ensemble at these concerts. Many students in the band program will also be participating in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Festival and/or Elk Grove Day of Percussion coming up on Saturday, March 2nd. Students have been preparing solos and/or chamber group pieces over the past month, and we look forward to hearing their performances at these upcoming festivals!

Congratulations to the following musicians on these outstanding accomplishments:

- **ILMEA All-State Musicians:** Joaquin Lainson (bass trombone - Honors Band) and Jake Long (bass - Honors Choir).
- **ILMEA Composition Contest:** Tom Schluckbier - 2nd place honors for arranging, instrumental solo, and vocal solo.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sat. Feb 23: Jazzers Jazz in the Meadows**
  - Call time: TBA
  - All Day
  - Rolling Meadows H.S.

- **Tues. Feb 26: SB/WS Orchestra Concert**
  - Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  - Game time: 7:00 p.m.
  - SHS Auditorium

- **Sat. Mar 2: WS/SB/Select Students IHSA Solo & Ensemble**
  - Call time: TBA
  - All Day
  - Location TBA

- **Sat. Mar 2: Percussion Elk Grove Day of Percussion**
  - Call time: TBA
  - Show Time: All Day
  - Elk Grove H.S.

- **Tues. Mar. 5: Jazzers Jazz ‘n Joe Coffeehouse**
  - Call time: 6:00
  - Show Time: 7:00
  - SHS Cafeteria

**FROM THE DIRECTORS’ PODIUM…**

- **North Shore Jazz Festival:**
  - Division I “Superior” rating - Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Sextet.

- **SHS Concerto Competition**
  - Winner: Sam Hessian.

- **D211 Honors Orchestra:**
  - Cedric Mathew, Monica Rogalski, Rosemary Mascarenhas, Andrew Aburto, Josh Manalansan, Jeff DeLaRosa, Austin Morales-Sanchez, Joaquin Lainson, Jackson Anderson.

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Finally, as you may have heard, the SHS Band is planning to travel to Southern California over Spring Break 2020. Highlights of the trip include a parade at Disneyland, a Disney soundtrack workshop, a concert band clinic at UCLA, attending a Los Angeles Philharmonic concert, performing on the aircraft carrier USS Midway, and a music production workshop at the Grammy Museum. More information can be found in the trip letter sent home with students and available on the band website. We will also be holding an optional informational meeting on **Monday, February 11th at 7pm** in the auditorium for families to learn more about the trip. We hope all students will take part in this outstanding experience!

**From Many, One,**
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