Fall is always the busiest season for the Schaumburg High School Saxon Marching Band, as well as its Directors and Band Boosters. The Septemberfest Parade, four home football games, NIU Band Day, the Indoor Marching Concert, and the Columbus Day Parade all happened in a span of six weeks! All of the activities we accomplished this fall would not have been possible without the dedication of our amazing team of Band Boosters. We all have busy lives, but somehow we pull together when needed and make these events happen without the band missing a beat. I’ve seen both new and experienced Boosters stepping up in every way possible. A huge thank you to the veteran parents who have coached our newcomers and shown them how things are done with Saxon pride. To our new Boosters, we are glad to have you, and thank you for marching in!

If anyone was not selected to assist with a particular event, it’s not because our Booster organization is putting a parent on the sidelines. Some of our events have a limited number of volunteers that can be utilized. In other cases, volunteer sheets didn’t make it to the Band Boosters for activity assignment. But there are still plenty of opportunities available, and we encourage those who are still interested in volunteering to let us know by sending an email to saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

If you’ve never volunteered with us before, or you don’t know who the Band Boosters are, by definition, we are a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization that promotes the instrumental music education of students at Schaumburg High School. The organization also receives and maintains funds to use and apply for such educational purposes.

But we are more than just that. We’re an extension of the music department and its directors. We are an organization comprised of volunteers who support the directors with all the “behind the scenes” activities for band events throughout the school year. It’s not just about providing water to band students during parades and football games. We use our time and talents to support the band in whatever way possible.
A Word from our President continued...

Whether it’s grilling hot dogs for concession sales, preparing and mending uniforms, or building and repairing band equipment, the Band Boosters are there.

We’re uniform managers, instrument road crews, fundraiser coordinators, videographers, event chaperones and most importantly, band student guardian angels. We are “From Many, One!”

Again, thank you to all who have helped so far this school year. As we have now wrapped up our marching band season, it’s time to look ahead to our holiday raffle concerts. The Band Boosters are still seeking donations for the raffle, whether they be monetary, gift card, tickets for any type of sporting or musical performance, or a product or service. If you have a connection to a business that may want to provide a tax-deductible donation, we would greatly appreciate the assistance. If you have any questions, please email us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

I wish all of our band families a happy and healthy holiday season, and a relaxing winter break. Please join us in the band room for our monthly meetings (usually on the second Tuesday of the month).

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.

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One of these things is not like the other...
Hi, My name is Samuel Hessian, and I am the current band president and one of the SMB drum majors. As a leader in the band, I’ve witnessed the band grow and am extremely proud of their progress. Since this summer, the Schaumburg High School Band has been busy with rehearsals, football games, parades, and concerts every week, and I am happy to share their growth with you.

The Schaumburg High School Band has been extremely busy since July of this year with rehearsals, football games, parades, and concerts every week. Beginning in July, the SMB started rehearsing their halftime show during weekly sectional rehearsals. Inside and outside, against the summer heat, the SMB prepared music and marching fundamentals. Following these three weeks of rehearsals was our most productive and important week of the summer: band camp. An entire week of learning drill, parading, and enjoying each other’s company, band camp was successful. Its conclusion included the entire show being performed completely from memory, a crowd of alumni proudly spectating, and our annual pizza and water gun party.

After band camp and with the start of school, the SMB continued to rehearse during the school day and after school on Mondays in preparation for Septemberfest, NIU Band Day, and our first football game. This year at the Septemberfest Parade, the SMB was named Best High School Marching Band. Thankful for this honor and opportunity to bring live music to the Schaumburg community, the band had a lot of fun playing All Along the Watchtower, this year’s parade tune.

The next week was NIU Band Day - a day of music making in which several high school marching bands come together to play during NIU’s halftime show alongside the NIU marching band. This year’s halftime show theme was Imagine Dragons; the show consisted of Radioactive, I Bet My Life, and Believer. A highlight of every NIU Band Day, the SMB explored the DeKalb campus and played pep tunes for the other surrounding high school marching bands.
After NIU Band Day, the SMB focused on the football game that upcoming Friday - the first time our 2018 show, “Earth, Wind, and Fire”, would be put in front of a live audience. Under huge floodlights and on a completely renovated football field, the band performed the tunes, *In the Stone*, *Let’s Groove*, *Fantasy*, and *Getaway/September*. A truly memorable night, it was an excellent show that proved the SMB was in a great place for the rest of the season. Soon after, the SMB would perform in the Columbus Day Parade, the Indoor SMB Concert, and three other marching shows. The last show was the best all season, and it was a great way to conclude everyone’s hard work. The end of the last game included several senior speeches, many thank yous, and a final, memorable concert for ourselves.

In addition to the marching season, the Wind Symphony was also preparing concert literature at this time of the year. One week after the first football game, the Wind Symphony performed at the Music Mosaic Concert alongside the orchestra, choir, and several chamber groups. This year’s Music Mosaic performance showcased *Abram’s Pursuit* by David Holsinger, as well as an original composition, *Song of the Sea*, by senior trombonist Thomas Schluckbier. Now with the end of the marching season, all of the bands are working on concert music in preparation for our holiday concerts.

As the concert season began for the Schaumburg High School Band so did the jazz season. So far, the Jazz Ensemble has had the opportunity to play with a German Exchange Band from Schaumburg, Germany and in the Schaumburg High School Variety Show. In regards to upcoming events, the Jazz ensemble will be opening for the Jazz Consortium Big Band at Durty Nellie’s in Palatine on Sunday, December 16th. The Jazz Lab Band has also begun rehearsals and is currently preparing for future jazz competitions.

A lot has already happened this year, and there is still more to come: concerts, field days, pep band, ILMEA, Jazz n Joe, etc. We are extremely thankful for all the support we have received, and we hope to continue the success that we have already seen in the beginning of this year.
Congratulations to the Saxon Marching Band on a very successful fall season! The band has been incredibly busy this fall, performing at four football games, two parades, two in-school performances, one indoor concert, and NIU Band Day. The SMB worked incredibly hard over the summer and fall, which paid off tremendously in presenting this year’s Earth, Wind, and Fire halftime show. A special thank you to our SMB Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Seniors for their leadership throughout the season.

Another huge thank you goes out to all of our Band Booster volunteers. The SHS Band program could not function without the tireless efforts of our Band Boosters. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended events throughout the marching band season, and our first hosting of the ILMEA District 7 Elementary and Junior Festival!

On October 3rd, 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 4 students selected for the District 7 concert ensembles and 4 students selected for the District 7 jazz ensembles. These students performed at the ILMEA District 7 festivals in November. Representing the SHS Band program were: junior Jeff DeLaRosa (trumpet - Jazz Reading Band I), senior Samuel Hessian (trombone – Band and Jazz Reading Band I), senior Joaquin Lainson (bass trombone – Band and Jazz Reading Band I), senior Tom Schluckbier (trombone – Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble II), and senior Nina Teves (clarinet – Band).

Finally, for families looking ahead to your summer 2019 calendars, next year’s Band Camp will be July 29th through August 2nd.

Thank you, once again, to all of our SHS Band families for a fantastic fall! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us at any time.

From Many, One,
Vinnie Inendino, Anthony Graffeo, and Bryan Tipps

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fri. Dec. 14: Pep Band G&B Bball v. Conant. Call time: 5:00 p.m. Game time: 5:40 p.m. SHS Gymnasium
- Sat. Jan. 12: Pep Band B Bball v. Prospect. Call time: 6:00 p.m. Game time: 6:40 p.m. SHS Gymnasium
- Mon. Jan. 12: Pep Band Concert. Call time: 6:30 p.m. Show time: 7:00 p.m. SHS Auditorium
- Sat. Jan. 19: Jazzers Northshore Jazz Festival, Call time: TBA Show time: All Day Glenbrook South High School
- Thurs.-Sat. Jan. 24-26 Select Students ILMEA State Conference, Peoria Call time: TBA Show time: All Day

FROM THE DIRECTORS’ PODIUM…

Vinnie Inendino, Anthony Graffeo, and Bryan Tipps
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 should have one to practice with. All students should have a free metronome app on their iPad, and you can also get credit card-sized ones for about $20 at any music store.

Tuner: Again, we all need them (even percussion) and you can get little ones for around $20.

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.

Tickets: Students need to get out and see professionals on their instrument. Pick up some tickets for an upcoming concert.

Instrument-Specific Items:

Flute: Instrument care/maintenance kit.

Oboe: Good quality reeds. Avoid buying them from a store. See your private lesson teacher for more details. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

Bassoon: Good quality reeds. 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.
BAND HOLIDAY WISH LIST continued...

**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.

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

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

**Trombone/Euphonium:** Bach 6 ½ 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. Our office number is 847-755-4802, and our emails are: agraaffeo@d211.org, vinendino@d211.org, or bjitipps@d211.org.

Tuba Christmas 2018 will be at held at the Palmer House Chicago on Saturday, December 22nd at 12:30 p.m. Several SHS students will perform in this spectacular holiday concert event.

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https://schaumburgbandboosters.shutterfly.com

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