Fall is always the busiest season for the Schaumburg High School Saxon Marching Band, as well its Directors and Band Boosters. Five home football games, the Septemberfest Parade, NIU Band Day, and the Columbus Day Parade all happened in a span of seven 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 some were 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, 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 volunteered to help so far this school year. As we’ve 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.

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 at 7:00 p.m.).

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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Hey Band! I’m Jeff DeLaRosa, the band president as well as senior intern and trumpet section leader. The Saxon Marching Band had an amazing and successful season this year. First of all, I’d like to give a special thank you to the outstanding Band Boosters for being extremely flexible and helpful throughout this season. Thank you for caring for the band. This year has been extremely busy and I’m proud of how far the band has come in just a short amount of time.

This year’s halftime show theme was Soundtracks to Hollywood, featuring music from Harry Potter, Star Wars, E.T., The Nightmare Before Christmas, and The Incredibles. Also, this year’s parade tune Late in the Evening. The season started off in July with sectionals, where we began to learn new music and review our marching fundamentals. After the three weeks of sectionals, we began band camp, where over two hundred students began to learn drill, music, parade, and play games. On our last day, we decided to give parents a lesson in marching basics and gave a preview to our halftime show. We finished off the five-day camp with a pizza party and our annual water fight. After band camp, we had the amazing opportunity to play in front of the Schaumburg Boomers baseball stadium, performing our halftime show music and other tunes and playing the national anthem behind the pitcher’s mound.

Soon after the school year began, we continued our annual tradition of playing on the front steps of the school on the first day of class. During the school day, the band was still working hard on our drill, music, parading, and adding various visuals to the show. In total, the band performed the halftime show five times, each varying with new choreography and more energy than the last. We also had the opportunity to march in the Septemberfest Parade, where we earned the title of Best High School Marching Band.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sat. Nov. 23:** ILMEA D7 Jazz Fest
  All Day
  (select Students)
  Grayslake HS

- **Fri. Dec. 6:** Pep Band
  G&B Bball v. Conant.
  Call time: 5:00 p.m.
  Game time: 5:40 p.m.
  SHS Gymnasium

- **Tues. Dec. 10:** Cadet/CB/SB
  Holiday Band Concert
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Show time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

- **Weds. Dec. 11:** WS & Spring Valley
  Holiday Band Concert
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Show time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

- **Thurs. Dec. 13:**
  G&B Bball v. Hoffman
  Call time: 5:00 p.m.
  Show time: 5:30 p.m.
  SHS Gymnasium

**From our Band Student President**

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Soon after, we participated in NIU Band Day, where the SMB and other high schools were given the opportunity to march and play alongside the Huskie Marching Band, playing songs from famous musicals such as Mambo from West Side Story, Dancing Queen from Mamma Mia, and This is the Greatest Show from The Greatest Showman.

The 8th grade band students from Frost and Keller Jr. High also visited to play alongside the SMB with selections from the Pirates of the Caribbean and Danger Zone. Since the game was rained out, we are looking forward to having the junior highs come back to SHS for a pep band game this winter. Finally, we closed the season with our senior speeches, giving the Class of 2020 a chance to talk about the importance of band throughout their time in high school.

While the marching season was in progress, the Wind Symphony was preparing for the Music Mosaic Concert. The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo also performed in the annual SHS Variety Show.

Now the bands are preparing for our winter concerts coming in December and slowly getting ready for the pep band season. All of the bands have also had an opportunity to work on a weekly basis with Mr. Brian Logan, retired Director of Bands from Wheeling High School.

The band has been extremely busy this year, working hard and putting in all of our effort into these various events and performances and we have even more coming soon, such as the ILMEA District 7 music festivals later this month. This year so far has been extremely fruitful and successful for the band. We are certain that the rest of the year will be equally successful, if not more. Thank you for all the support from parents and band boosters. Thank you to Mr. Inendino, Mr. Graffeo, and Mr. Tipps for helping, guiding, and teaching all two hundred and twenty students. The band is extremely thankful for the support we have received from the community, family, and friends, and we’re extremely eager to show what we’ve been working on!
Congratulations to the Saxon Marching Band on a very successful fall season! The band has been incredibly busy this fall, performing at our band camp parent preview, five football games, two parades, two in-school performances, and NIU Band Day. The SMB worked incredibly hard over the summer and fall, which paid off tremendously in this presenting this year’s Soundtracks to Hollywood 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!

On October 2nd, 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 7 students selected for the District 7 concert ensembles and 3 students selected for the District 7 jazz ensembles, performing at the ILMEA District 7 festivals in November. Representing the SHS Band program: sophomore Rhys Barlow (horn - band), sophomore Rix Barlow (trombone - band), senior Simon Cooper (percussion - band), senior BJ Czech (bass trombone - orchestra and jazz ensemble III), senior Jeff DeLaRosa (trumpet - orchestra and jazz ensemble II), senior Rosemary Mascarenhas (clarinet - band), freshman Yuma Okada (violin - orchestra), and senior Takeru Satoh (alto saxophone - jazz ensemble II). Continued . . .

FROM THE DIRECTORS’ PODIUM…

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mon. Dec. 16: Orchestra Concert (SB/WS)
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Game time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

- Mon. Jan. 13: Pep Band Concert
  Call time: 6:30 p.m.
  Game time: 7:00 p.m.
  SHS Auditorium

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

- Sat. Jan. 25: Jazzers Northshore Jazz Festival,
  Call time: TBA
  Show Time: All Day
  Glenbrook South High School

- Thurs.-Sat. Jan. 30-Feb.1 Select Students ILMEA State Conference, Peoria
  Call time: TBA
  Show Time: All Day
From the Directors’ Podium continued...

A quick California update: over 130 students are currently registered for our tour over Spring Break. Students can still sign up for the trip through the Bob Rogers Travel website. See the original trip letter (available on the band website) for more information. For any families who would like to follow the band in California, we will be staying at the Embassy Suites Anaheim South. We are currently waiting on flight information and will share that with families once it is confirmed.

Finally, for families looking ahead to your summer 2020 calendars: next year’s Band Camp will be August 3-7, 2020.

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.

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Uniform News

Marching Band Season is behind us, and it’s time to look forward to the indoor concert season. The uniforms are different than Marching Band Uniforms. Please see below for each band’s uniform attire.

Symphonic/Wind Symphony Girls: Formal Wear black blouse, Formal Wear black pants, black closed toe shoes, black socks or hose.

Symphonic/Wind Symphony Boys: Black Tux Jacket, black tux pants, white tux shirt, black bow tie, black dress shoes/marching band shoes, black socks.

If anyone in Symphonic or Wind Symphony has an issue with their uniform, such as, the hem needs to be fixed or a button fell off, please let us know so we can help fix the issue.

Concert/Cadet Bands: Black button up collard long-sleeve shirt, black dress pants (not leggings), black closed toe shoes (can use marching band shoes), black socks.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Band Uniforms this year! Anything you did to help our students look good in their uniforms is very much appreciated. It is fun getting to know you, and hope you will continue to help with uniforms in the future. We could not accomplish it all without your help.

Thank you for your support!

Tammy Loch
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.

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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 6½ 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.

Tuba Christmas 2019 will be held at the Palmer House Chicago on Saturday, December 21st at 12:30 p.m. Several SHS students will perform in this spectacular holiday concert event.

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