



SHS BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

~ From Many, One ~

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Alan Grimm

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SHS Band Boosters... Who are we?

By definition, the SHS Band Boosters is a 501-c3 non-for profit organization that promotes the education of students at Schaumburg High School, in the field of instrumental music. It also receives and maintains a fund or funds to use and apply for such educational purposes either directly or indirectly.

But we're more than just that. We're an extension of the music department and its directors. An organization comprised of volunteer parents, who support the directors with all the "behind the scenes" activities for band events, throughout the school year. Of course, it's not just about providing water to band students during football games and parades. We use our time and talents to support the band department in any way possible. Whether it's grilling hotdogs for concession sales, preparing and mending band uniforms, building and repairing band equipment, the band boosters are there.

We're uniform managers, concession stand attendees, band road crews, videographers, event chaperons, fundraiser coordinators and the band student Guardian Angels.

We're "From Many, One"!

Interested in joining the SHS Band Boosters? Help is always needed and appreciated. It's also a great way to meet other parents and become involved with your child's high school and band experiences. We encourage you to attend the monthly Band Booster meetings held in the high school's band room on the second Tuesday 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 or "Like" us on Facebook at **SHS Band Boosters, Inc.** for information, photos and links to "SaxonBandDad" band event videos

President - Alan Grimm
Vice President - Bobby Walser
Vice President - Karla Frantz
Secretary - Justine Wickland
Treasurer - Dan Alberth

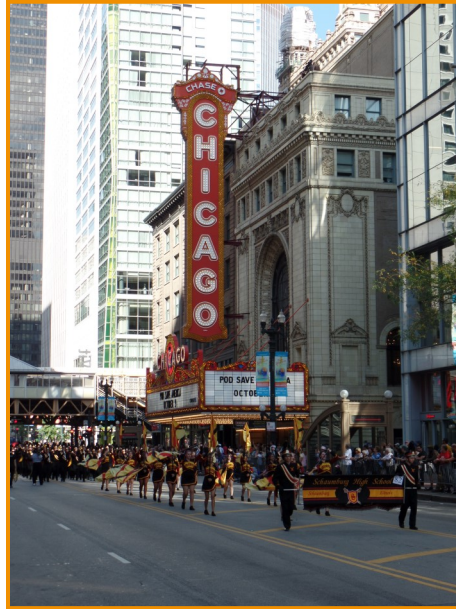
Email us at:

saxonbandboosters@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Fri. Dec. 1st, Pep Band G&B Basketball v. Barrington, 5:00 p.m. call time, 5:40 p.m. SHS Gymnasium**
- **Tues. Dec. 5th, Concert & Symphonic Holiday Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. call time, 7:00 p.m. SHS Auditorium**
- **Weds. Dec. 6th, Cadet & Wind Symphony Holiday Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. call time, 7:00 p.m. SHS Auditorium**
- **Tues., Dec. 12th, Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m. call time, 7:00 p.m., SHS Auditorium**
- **Weds. Dec. 13th, Band Boosters Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Band Room**

FALL RECAP & THANK YOU



As we wrap up another marching season, it's time to start looking ahead to our holiday raffle concerts and the big trip to Walt Disney World and the Outback Bowl. All the activities we accomplished this fall were made possible by the amazing team of Booster volunteers we have. I know professional lives have probably become more involving this year, but that has not taken away from the most enthusiastic band booster team I've worked with and everyone has pulled together and filled in when needed. From the very beginning, which started with band uniform fitting session, throughout the football season and beyond, I saw our Boosters stepping up in every way possible.

This year has seen more veteran

band booster members coaching newcomers and showing them how it's done with Saxon pride.

From Septemberfest to Columbus Day parades, everyone pitched in. And let's not forget NIU Band Day and the bake sale. We had another great time with our traditional yearly events. But it doesn't stop there. We have Booster members coordinating dine-out fundraisers, restarting the band booster newsletter and administering the band website.

If some were not selected to assist with particular events, it's not because the booster organization is putting a parent on the side. Some of the 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 opportunities and I encourage those who are still interested in volunteering for a specific activity to let me know, by sending an email to: saxon-bandboosters@gmail.com. If any Booster volunteer feels their assistance is not welcomed or don't get a sense of direction from veteran members, please see me, Bobby Walser or Karla Frantz. You are still always welcome to email us, at the aforementioned email address, if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fri. Dec. 15th, Pep Band G&B Basketball v. Hoffman Estates, 5:00 p.m. call time, 5:40 p.m. SHS Gymnasium
- Fri. Dec. 22nd, Pep Band G&B Basketball v. Fremd, 5:00 p.m. call time, 5:40 p.m. SHS Gymnasium
- Tues. Dec. 26th—Tues. Jan. 2nd, Outback Bowl Tour, Florida
- Sat. Jan. 20th, Northshore Jazz Festival, Jazzers, Glenbrook South High School
- Thurs. Jan. 25th—Sat. Jan. 27th, ILMEA State Conference, Select Students, Peoria

FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM...

Congratulations to the Saxon Marching Band on a very successful fall season! The band has been incredibly busy this fall, performing at six football games (including a playoff away game), 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 this presenting this year's *Latin 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!

On October 4th, hundreds of students throughout the north and northwest suburbs auditioned for the Illinois Music Education Association's District 7 Band, Jazz Bands, and Orchestra. Schaumburg High School had 8 students selected for the District 7 concert ensembles and 2 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: senior Daniel Burke (Bb and Eb clarinet – band), senior

Vincent Chang (oboe – orchestra), senior Abigail Fledderman (trumpet – band), senior Keneni Godana (tuba – band), junior Sam Hessian (trombone – band), senior Brandon Jaimes (trombone – jazz combo and orchestra), junior Tom Schluckbier (trombone – band), junior Nina Teves (clarinet – choir instrumentalist), and senior Jason Wickland (guitar – jazz reading band II).



Congratulations to these Saxons on this outstanding accomplishment!

Finally, for families looking ahead to your summer 2018 calendars, next year's Band Camp will be July 30th through August 3rd.

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





Here is your 2017-2018 Student Board!

Senior Officers

President: **Brandon Jaimes** is a senior that plays trombone in the Wind Symphony, the Symphony Orchestra, and the Jazz Ensemble. In addition to being band President, Brandon is a section leader and a student intern for the Cadet Band. Brandon loves music because it is a great medium for self expression. He loves band because of the way it brings people together and creates a family. When he's not playing trombone, Brandon likes to swim and spends time reading.

Vice President: **Vincent Chang** is a senior that plays oboe in the Wind Symphony and Symphony Orchestra. Along with his Vice-Presidential role, he serves as a flute section leader. Vincent enjoys music because it allows you to bend ideas in unique ways. He loves band, specifically, because of the unique experiences it allows the students, such as parading in Chicago! When Vincent isn't practicing oboe, he enjoys baking and photography.

Secretary: **Julian Bautista** is a senior that plays trumpet, mellophone, and french horn in the Symphonic band and the Philharmonic Orchestra. In addition to being band Secretary, Julian is also a section

MEET OUR STUDENT BOARD

The Band Student Board is a group that is comprised of student leaders from each of the band's ensembles. Every fall the band holds elections for the Senior Officer positions and the Band Representatives. The student board meets once a week on Wednesday mornings to discuss and plan events for the band. We offer input from a student perspective and use it to influence decisions within the band program. One of our main goals is to promote unity within the band and create a positive environment for all.

leader. Julian loves music because it is a great way to express his emotions. He plays 3 other instruments outside of school: piano, guitar, and ukulele. He loves band because of how the meaning "From Many, One" really shines through and brings everyone in the band together as not just individuals playing a part, but how the whole band comes together as one and unites in all their musical passion.

Treasurer: **Caitlin Wilkes** is a senior flute player in the Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, and Pit Orchestra, as well as a Drum Major for the Marching and Pep Bands. Caitlin also serves as a student intern for the Concert Band. She loves band and music because of the passion behind the music, as well as the impact it can have on a person's life, and the community it creates at SHS. Outside of her musical activities, Caitlin enjoys spending quality time with her friends and family, and being involved with her church.

Also a part of our leadership board are the Section Leaders and Drum Majors. We extend a special thank you to them for their ongoing commitment to excellence in the band program.

Drum Majors: Hannah Greenberg, Caitlin Wilkes, Samuel Hessian

Section Leaders: Maddy Artman, Julian Bautista, Daniel Burke, Michael Burke, Ardit Breznica, Vincent Chang, Gavin Christensen, George Dimeas, Abby Fledderman, Devyn Frantz, Keneni Godana, Lorelei Halatek, Brandon Jaimes, Zahra Khan, Josh Kim, CJ Kulprathipanja, Joaquin Lainson, Jake Long, Josh Manalansan, Austin Morales-Sanchez, Monica Rogalski, Becca Skidmore, Nina Teves, Elena Walser, Hannah Wishnew

Band Representatives

Symphonic Band

Jeff DeLaRosa is a sophomore and plays trumpet in Symphonic Band, Philharmonic Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble and has formed his own jazz combo. Jeff's enjoyment of music comes the way it has such an influence on emotions and also the ability to express one's thoughts and feelings. Apart from his life in band, he is also part of the debate team and also occasionally helps out at his family owned restaurant, La Hacienda De Roselle.

Lexi Graham is a junior that plays trombone in the Symphonic band and Philharmonic Orchestra. In addition to being a member of student board she involves herself in Tri-M and is taking AP music theory to help further herself in music. She loves music because everyone can listen to music and enjoy without even knowing how to play it. Outside of music related activities, Lexi loves to play softball and volunteer at her old junior high.

Aeden Humphrey is a junior as well as a percussionist in the SHS Symphonic Band. He plays the role of a Symphonic Band Board Member as well as Band Historian. Music has always been a fundamental part of Aeden's life. Before high school he played many instruments including violin, trombone, and piano until he found a home with percussion. Aeden has loved being involved in the SHS Band Program because it provides a home for all those who desire to learn more about music through their abilities. In addition it forms a strong community of friends who throughout the years become as close as family.

Concert Band

Molly Greenberg is a sophomore percussionist who is in concert band at SHS. Molly loves band because she has made a lot of friends in the program and gets to spend a lot of time with them. She likes making a lot of good memories with her friends and she loves how close they all can become. In her free time, Molly likes to play volleyball with friends and on a team, and she enjoys to improve her abilities in band and her instrument.

Jayne Kissamis is a senior who is in percussion and is a band representative for Concert Band, and she is also cymbal captain in drumline. Jayne likes being in band because of all the amazing people she has met over the years and by how music brings everyone together. And when she is not participating in band activities she is either playing softball, volunteering at Gigi's Playhouse, working at Anna Shea Chocolates, or gardening.

Cadet Band

Mackenzie Costa is a freshman that plays trumpet in the Cadet band and in the Jazz Lab Band. Mackenzie loves band because everyone is pretty just a big family, you can count on each other, and the music brightens her day up no matter what. When Mackenzie is not doing anything band related, she loves hanging out with her family and friends and playing softball.

Haley Marshall is a freshman trumpet player in Cadet Board. She likes being in band because it is an organization where everyone is considered a family and are all together for one purpose, which is music. Haley volunteers outside of school in Feed My Starving Children, and Baskets of Love. When she is not playing trumpet, she is either playing soccer or watching movies.

Nick McCoy is a freshman that plays percussion in the Cadet Band, the Jazz Lab Band, and is bass drum #3 in Drumline. In addition to being one of the freshman Band Board representatives, Nick also drums outside of school in his church contemporary worship band. Nick loves music because it brings friends and family together. He also can't wait for the Disney trip, and all of the memories that will be made there. When Nick isn't in the band room, he runs cross country, plays baseball, and enjoys the popper bowl at lunch.



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.

BAND HOLIDAY WISH LIST continued...

Bass Clarinet: Selmer Focus or C* (“C-star”) 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.

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 e-mails are: agraffeo@d211.org, vinendino@d211.org, or



Tuba Christmas 2017 will be held at the Palmer House Chicago on Saturday, December 23rd at 12:30 p.m. Several SHS students will perform in this spectacular holiday concert event.

CHECK OUT OUR SHUTTERFLY PAGE!!

<https://schaumburgbandboosters.shutterfly.com>

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