



# SHS BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

~ From Many, One ~

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Eric Todd



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Welcome to 2020-2021! A new school year is already upon us and I could not be more proud of the directors and students! From the new virtual learning platform to the safe and productive way band sectionals & camp were conducted, accolades are due all around. It is difficult on the students & directors, however learning goes on, just in a different way.

Much is the same with the SHS Band Boosters. We have conducted two monthly Zoom meetings thus far and are working on ways to assist the band albeit different from the past. The Boosters receive and maintains funds to use and apply for educational purposes such as lessons, uniform maintenance, and instrument assistance. But we're more than just that. We're an extension of the music department and its directors. We are an organization comprised of volunteer parents, who support the directors with all the "behind the scenes" activities for band events throughout the school year. Unfortunately we are not able to participate in events like parades, football games, and performances yet. We are hoping this

will change throughout the school year. 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. Currently we are looking for a chairperson to take over the "Dine to Donate" function since it is the only way we can currently have a fundraiser. Furthermore, we urge you all to sign up for Benefit Mobile and look for new updates regarding this digital fundraising method. Lastly, we 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 October 13th at 7:00 pm!**

# Fundraising Opportunities



## DINE-2-DONATE



### YOU'RE INVITED TO A "DINE-2-DONATE" EVENT!

Thank you for assisting the organization/group listed below in their efforts to raise funds with our "Dine-2-Donate" event. We realize that every dollar counts and we will do our best to provide a fun atmosphere with high quality food and service to make a memorable and profitable experience for the organization. Here's how it works. It is an all-day event, so you can come for lunch, dinner or both (open to close). You can bring your business colleagues from work for lunch and then the family for dinner! Make sure you bring a flyer for each visit!

- These flyers may be copied and passed out to anyone and everyone **PRIOR** to the scheduled event. **ANYONE** suspected of passing out flyers on the day of the event on VTG property may cause a penalty deduction or forfeit the entire donation. Unfortunately, this clause was added due to past abuse of our charitable nature.
- This flyer must be turned in to your server at the time of payment along with a copy of your bill in order to receive credit for the donation. Once you've left the building you may not return with a flyer to apply to a bill.
- Although groups may request sitting in the same section when booking the event, it is not necessary to receive the donation. We may not be able to grant all seating request.
- **20% of the pre-taxed bill, minus any discounts will be donated back to the organization including carry-out orders.**
- **If your organization is interested in booking a "Dine-2-Donate" event at Village Tavern & Grill, please call 847-891-8866**

FOR: SHS Band Boosters

DAY: Wednesday      DATE: October 14      TIME: All Day (11am-11pm)

Dine-2-Donate Event Location: VILLAGE TAVERN & GRILL  
901 W. Wise Road \* Schaumburg, IL 60193 \* (847) 891-8866 \* Web: www.Village-Tavern-Grill.com

SUB-TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SERVER: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BEFORE TAXES AND ANY DISCOUNTS



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# Fundraising Opportunities continued

Thanks for  
choosing Benefit!



## **Pay it with Benefit Mobile**

To all Band Parents and Students,

As we embark on this new school year, we look towards opportunities to continue fundraising for our wonderful SHS Band program. When an in-person fundraising event might not be possible, one such opportunity that is designed to be flexible, easy-to-use, and works very well during these challenging times is Benefit Mobile.

Whether shopping for your weekly groceries, your wardrobe, or even indulging in a latte, the Benefit Mobile app allows you to Pay With Purpose™. Paying is faster, safer, and more rewarding than traditional payment methods. Each purchase earns between 2% - 20% of the transaction total which is sent to our Schaumburg HS Band.

Last year, the Band Boosters made a creative infomercial video with the esteemed assistance of Mr. Inendino and our Saxon Band students. It explains what Benefit Mobile is and how to install, setup, and use your Benefit Mobile account. The video link is located on the band website's home page, under the *eScrip* section. Also located in that section are the links to Benefit Mobile and resource guides.

<https://www.schaumburgband.com/>

Please check it out and see how you can help the continued support of our Saxon band students.

Please email [saxonbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:saxonbandboosters@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Our Benefit Mobile Committee Chair will be happy to assist.

Thanks and regards,

Alan Grimm  
Vice President  
SHS Band Boosters, Inc.

## From our Band Student President

Hello! My name is Jillian Mendez, and I am the band president and one of the Saxon Marching Band drum majors. Throughout my time as a leader in the Band, I was able to witness not only the band's greatest accomplishments, but also their amazing flexibility and positive attitude when it comes to unprecedented times. Despite our year looking very different in our schedule, we have been creative in the way we continue with our rehearsals and performances, and I am excited to share our progress.

The directors and leadership team have been creative as we kicked the year off with our weekly sectionals. July was a busy time for the band as we began rehearsing our halftime show, which featured popular selections from the American rock band Foo Fighters. We got straight to work in our Zoom calls as we learned 'The Pretender, Walk, and All My Life. Preparing for our music and marching fundamentals was a unique experience for everyone since a large majority of the rehearsals were virtual. One important aspect of our rehearsals was strengthening our band and section unity, which was done by doing icebreakers and bonding through games and virtual section outings. We were able to get comfortable and ease into our new online life through the familiar faces of the directors, and welcoming band members in the optimistic fashion that the Schaumburg Marching Band is known to offer.



Following the three weeks of sectionals, we continued with our first ever online band camp. Although this was online, we worked productively through our show music and marching fundamentals. We spent an entire week learning marching from the drum majors, participating in sectionals led by the section leaders, and enjoying each other's company in the virtual capacity. After the five days of band camp, we finished off with selected upperclassmen giving short, yet memorable speeches to the students. Many of those consisted of how significant the band truly is, how the program has become a family to many, and the importance of sticking together especially during strange times such as these. As band camp ended, a group of upperclassmen worked together to carry out our goal of unity through creating the first ever band Discord server.

## From our Band Student President continued...

Over one hundred band members joined this instant messaging platform to compensate for the lack of in-person interactions. There, we've created a community unlike any other, where everyone can casually talk outside of a marching band and host event nights such as sharing music, watching movies, and playing online games.

Although our marching season has been put to an unforeseeable pause, we continued to make music as we would in a concert band setting. In honor of our football and basketball performances, we have been fortunate enough to hold students to a maximum of thirty people at the school to rehearse and practice pep band tunes. After our forty minute long rehearsals, we record our progress on a cloud-based platform called Soundtrap. Outside of pep band and marching band, the four concert bands have been practicing their concert repertoire, and some bands have begun learning chamber music in smaller ensembles. The band has been busy with working

hard on their pieces and perfecting their work on Soundtrap as well. As multiple musicians can collaborate on one project at a time, we are able to create music in a creative and innovative manner. Our normal classroom experience may have changed, but the music and positive atmosphere follows us even if we are sitting at home.

While this year is seemingly unpredictable in more ways than one, we still have many upcoming events planned for either in-person or remotely, such as ILMEA auditions and the Jazz Ensemble's performance for this year's Variety Show. This year so far has been such an extraordinary experience for everyone, and it could not have been done without the support from parents, Band Boosters, private lesson instructors, and the directors who have been leading the band's musical path. We hope to continue making music for our community, and we're eager to show what else we will accomplish this year.



## FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM...

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the first semester! The Saxon Band program has been hard at work over the past several months, learning music in new ways and strengthening our band community. For the past month or so, students have been creating music together using Soundtrap, while also developing their skills as independent musicians. Additionally, we have been meeting virtually on a bi-weekly basis with our Band Leadership Team, consisting of class representatives, drum majors, librarians, members-at-large, and section leaders. This group of approximately 50 students has been working diligently to help keep the band connected and motivated during remote learning.

While most of our work to this point has been done virtually, we have been excited to present hybrid options for students during afternoon Academic Support times throughout the past two months. Two weeks ago, we kicked off our month-long "Peptoberfest," where students can come in person or vir-



tually to learn and record pep band music by section. We have been recording each section and compiling these recordings to share with our community in the coming weeks. We encourage all students to join us during these afternoon times to connect with section members across all of the band periods and make music together. Students are also welcome to sign up for Academic Support times to receive additional help on anything related to band. In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to expanding our virtual and hybrid experiences for students, including our extracurricular jazz program.

Thank you to all of our families for your continuing support! We hope to see you at an upcoming Band Booster Meeting and/or Dine-2-Donate Night!

From Many, One.

**Vinnie Inendino & Anthony Graffeo**



# Band Booster Meeting Information

**Topic: SHS Band Booster Monthly Meeting**

**Time: 7:00 PM Central**

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

**Oct 13, 2020 07:00 PM**

**Nov 17, 2020 07:00 PM**

**Dec 8, 2020 07:00 PM**

**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**

## Join Zoom Meeting

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



## Band Boosters Board of Directors

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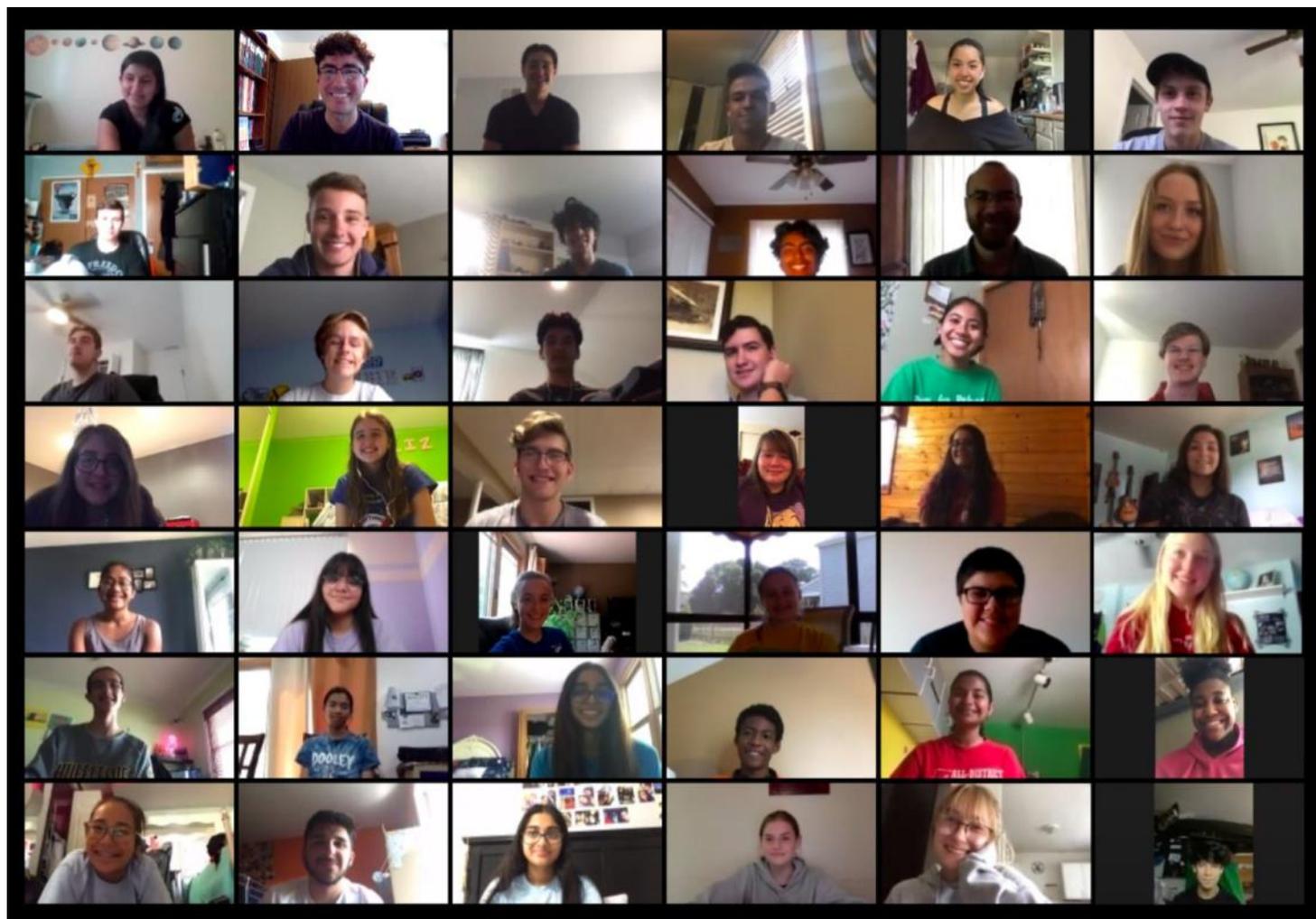


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<https://schaumburgbandboosters.shutterfly.com>

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