



SHS BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

~ From Many, One ~

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Rick Barlow

We remember. Do you?



Stirred, not shaken.

Flipping the order of that famous expression may represent the inverse of how fictional British secret agent 007 James Bond prefers his favorite beverage.

But the order as written aptly describes how the student musicians and directors of Schaumburg High School Band navigated through thick and thin since mid-March 2020 – about a week before a soon-to-be global pandemic scuttled a scheduled California trip.

From canceled trips to parades to concerts, the student musicians, eager but frustrated (understandably so), could have buckled, broke and quit.

You know the outcome. Many didn't.

From masking to maintaining physical distances to covering horn bells to Zooming to practicing and performing online, the student musicians in SHS Band may have bobbed and weaved, swerved and heaved, but through it all they persevered. Some graduated; others returned.

To now.

Through the challenges the global pandemic unleashed on us all, the directors, the student musicians and parents prevailed, demonstrating the heart and soul of this august group's motto, "From Many, One."

Be proud of yourselves. All of you. Just recognize, however, that we as an entity didn't come back because we never left. Sure, we navigated and negotiated our way through bouts of emotional, mental and physical anguish and frustration, and those remote online classes and meetings, but we made it through and demonstrated a readiness for the brand new season of band that was ... and now continues onward.

A Word from our President continued...

View the 2021-2022 school year and band season not as a regroup or even a reset, but instead as a refresh and a renewal. We remain a resilient bunch – including the student musicians who march and perform, the directors who lead them and show them the way and the parents who support them as well as the entire program. Keep in mind, too, that they all are buttressed by the voluntary SHS Band Boosters that organize, lead and work a variety of events; conduct numerous fundraisers to provide and repair instruments when needed, and uniforms to be worn and music lessons to be given; and promote student and program development through media, photography, videography and encouraging words at just the right time.

Allow me to extend heartfelt appreciation and a hearty thank you to all of the Band Booster volunteers during the late summer-to-fall season – from the Uniform Team to the Field Crew to the rapid response and outrageously successful Bake Sale team to the hosts and hostesses of the District 54 Junior High Band Night (recognizing and welcoming our future) and the SHS Alumni Night (remembering and saluting our past). So many pitched in this year. For that we truly are grateful. You made a difference.

While the pandemic and the shifting responses could have left us reeling, neither succeeded. Just look at how the 2020-2021 season culminated in the May 17 outdoor concert event, perhaps the notable preamble to this year. That's when the four Saxon bands – comprising one – demonstrated to us all why they truly are bandtastic. They set the bar.

With the marching season having been drawn to a momentous close, we now look ahead to concert performances for the rest of the year and potentially pep band during the winter basketball season, more Dine2Donate events, Benefit Mobile and GLS gift card opportunities and, of course, our Holiday Showcase, which consists of a two-night Concert event with a duo of raffles destined to amuse and surprise.

The SHS Band Boosters continue to seek donations for the raffle, including monetary gifts; gift cards; tickets for comedic, musical, sporting, theatrical or other experiential entertainment performances; products or services. If you are connected in any way to a business or company that may wish to provide a tax-deductible donation (SHS Band Boosters is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization), the Holiday Showcase Task Force would appreciate the reference and/or result. If you have any questions, please email us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

As we look forward to the holidays and scan the horizon even farther out, recognize how much progress we're making on top of what's been built already. Together. Let's make this school year one to remember ... for development, for growth, for spirit and for Saxon Band legacy.

Rick Barlow
President



From our Band Student President — Alan Medina

It has been a little less than a week since the conclusion of the SHS Band Program's 2021 marching season. Over two years of no marching had passed, half of the Band were to march for the first time in their first season ever; and the Program returned with flying colors. Here are some of the things that the SHS Band has been up to in order to get back to business:

Before the school year started, SHS Band students were already hard at work preparing for the upcoming season during band camp week. The long-lived traditional band camp week returned with spirit days, return of traditions, and unprecedented productivity. The SHS Band completely learned the 2021 Friday Night Lights show and held it to the same traditional high standards the band program has always had.

For the first time in many years, the SHS Band donned new uniforms, setting the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the program. Many precedents, traditions and memories were created this season, and the uniforms serve as a symbol of gratitude honoring those who came before us bearing the old uniforms, and the bright future for the Band program that lays ahead as a result. After each halftime performance, the SHS Band was able to improve upon the already strong foundations set prior to the season and after the first game. Each experience led to the Band and individual students' growth, which piled one after another for a stellar season.

A huge and very special thanks goes to the 2021 Band Leadership Team and the Senior class in particular for their outstanding leadership throughout the season. Regardless of unforeseen complications from the pandemic, their leadership and knowledge of the core values of the SHS Band helped restart the history of success, character, and



distinction in the program. An emotional final halftime show and home football game on Friday, October 8th proved the extent to which the impact of the Leadership Team and the Senior class had on this year's important and unusual season.

Another well deserved and salient thanks goes to the SHS Band Boosters for their unwavering conviction to the SHS Band through the fall season. This year's uncertain future and situation coupled with the tough task of navigating through the new band uniforms made for a unique and difficult challenge. The SHS Band Boosters have always been there for the Band, from providing water, to assisting with uniforms and in any way they can; without their much needed support this year, the SHS Band would not have been able to succeed. Thank you to all the Band Boosters, Band families and volunteers for your tireless efforts in helping the Program recover and return to greatness!



From our Band Student President continued...

Moreover, on September 30th, the Wind Symphony performed in the SHS Auditorium for the first time in front of a live audience in more than a year as part of the Music Mosaic Concert. It was an amazingly rejuvenating experience for those who attended and performed. The SHS Jazz Auditions were held in September and the SHS Jazz Ensemble have been hard at work preparing for the SHS Variety Show coming up on October 21st and 22nd. Select students have also submitted their auditions for ILMEA District 7 ensembles, putting in long hours of hard work and practice into their audition recordings.

We have only just started the year and begun the fall season entering the concert season. There are still many upcoming concerts, performances and events ahead in the year such as pep band, jazz events, Variety Show, ILMEA, concerts, etc. Thank you to the SHS Band directors, volunteers, Band families, SHS Band Boosters, and everyone who has supported in being part of an exciting year in the SHS Band Program. We hope you will continue the support and join us in all our upcoming events this semester and school year. From Many, One!



FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM...

Congratulations to the Saxon Marching Band on a very successful fall season! The band was thrilled to return to the field and return music to Friday nights. The SMB worked incredibly hard over the summer and fall, which paid off tremendously in this year's *Friday Night Lights* halftime show to celebrate the band's core motto of "From Many, One." 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 8th, hundreds of students throughout the north and northwest suburbs virtually auditioned for the Illinois Music Education Association's District 7 Band, Jazz Bands, and Orchestra. The SHS Band had 18 students audition for the District 7 concert ensembles and jazz ensembles. Students selected for the concert ensembles will perform at the ILMEA District 7 festivals on November 6th.



The festivals will be in person, but with no audience in attendance due to current site mitigations. The Band festival will be held at Libertyville High School, and the Orchestra festival will be held at Creekside Middle School in Woodstock. Students will record performances at the festival, which will be available to families shortly thereafter (more detailed information to follow). Students selected for the Jazz ensembles will perform at Glenbrook North High School on November 20th and will follow a similar format as described above.

Finally, for families looking ahead to your summer 2022 calendars, next year's Band Camp will be August 1st-5th.

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



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 bands' 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 collared 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

Looking ahead to the holiday season...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. 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 pocket-sized 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 or check out nielsen-woodwinds.com. Instrument care/maintenance kit.

Bassoon: Good quality reeds. Homemade reeds if you can find them. See your private lesson teacher for more information or check out nielsen-woodwinds.com. 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.

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.



BAND HOLIDAY WISH LIST continued...

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

French Horn: Farkus MC or 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 at 847-755-4802 or email agraffeo@d211.org or vinendino@d211.org.





Band Boosters Meetings

7:00-8:00 PM
SHS Band Room

- November 9
- December 14
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10

Dine-to-Donate

- 10/27 - Culver's on Wise
- 11/10 - Portillo's on Golf
- 12/7 - Pilot Pete's at Schaumburg Airport
- 12/22 - Old Town Pizza on Bode
- 1/12 - Portillo's on Golf
- 2/9 - Village Tavern on Wise
- 2/23 - qp Greek Food with a Kick on Roselle
- 3/10 - Pilot Pete's at Schaumburg Airport
- 3/30 - Brazil Express Grill on Roselle
- 4/13 - Portillo's on Golf
- 4/27 - Oberweis on Roselle
- 5/11 - Village Tavern on Wise

Band Boosters Board of Directors



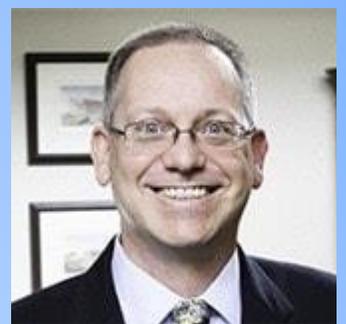
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