



SHS BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

~ From Many, One ~

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...Alan Grimm

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"Ringing in 2018 with Saxon Pride"

It's hard to believe we're a short time away from spring break and will be concluding another school year soon after that. Where did 2017 go? Reflecting on this past year our amazing band students accomplished quite a lot, from football season, NIU Band Day, Columbus Day, holiday concerts and Tuba Christmas. All this lead up to the BIG finale of 2017, Disney World and the Outback Bowl! An exciting trip, where our Saxon band marched on Main Street at the Magic Kingdom, New Year's Eve in Ybor City and performed at the halftime show at the Tampa Bay stadium. And by the number of well-deserved trophies our Saxons brought home, you know they sounded the best ever!

I give a BIG thank you to all the band booster chaperones who volunteered their time to go on this trip. And the way everything went, despite encountering a few bumps in the road, everyone managed to pull together and overcome the obstacles, without letting the band skip a beat. Once again, you demonstrated how much you truly are the guardian angels on adventures like this.



Already looking at what has been completed during the 2018 spring semester, such as the D54/SHS Band Ensemble, Band Aid concerts, D54 Solo and Ensemble, Jazz N Joe, fundraisers, we have one last big event to prepare for, the upcoming Band Awards ceremony/reception. And I see, once again, the Band Boosters making a big finish with the same enthusiasm we started with at the beginning of the school year.

There is still an opportunity and I encourage those who are still interested in volunteering for the remaining activities to let me know, by sending an email to: saxonbandboosters@gmail.com Again, 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, if you have any questions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❑ **April 7th**

Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Fest (Hersey HS)
- ❑ **April 19-21**

Musical "Into the Woods"
- ❑ **April 26th**

Orchestra Concert
- ❑ **May 1st**

Band Awards Concert
- ❑ **May 21st**

Graduation

FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM...

It has been a very busy second semester for the SHS Band. The Schaumburg Pep Band finished their season in February, including a Disney-themed concert that brought in many boxes of canned goods for the SHS Blessings in a Backpack program. The Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Combo performed this winter at both the North Shore Jazz Festival and Jazz in the Meadows. The jazz groups closed their season with our annual Jazz 'n Joe Coffeehouse featuring Chicago trombonist Andy Baker.

In February, all four concert bands presented the 17th annual Band-Aid Concerts, benefiting the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois. This organization was selected by the band student leadership board, who felt strongly about this cause and wanted to support those in our school and community affected with kidney disease. The bands raised \$1625 for NKFI over our two evening concerts. Members of all four bands performed at IHSA Solo and Ensemble Festival in early March, with 43 SHS Band events receiving Division I "Superior" ratings. The SHS Percussion Ensembles also performed at the Elk Grove Day of Percussion and presented their annual Night of Percussion. Several students were recognized for various honors over the past several months.

Congratulations to the following musicians on these outstanding accomplishments:

ILMEA All-State Musicians: Vincent Chang (Honors Orchestra), Abigail Fledderman (Honors Band), Brandon Jaimes (Honors Jazz Ensemble), Tom Schluckbier (Composition Workshop).



North Shore Jazz Festival: Brandon Jaimes (Birch Creek Scholarship).

D211 Honors Orchestra: Vincent Chang, Daniel Burke, Josh Manalansan, Abigail Fledderman, Brandon Jaimes, Austin Morales-Sanchez, Joaquin Lainson, Keneni Godana, Kyler Perez, Jason Wickland.

Jazz in the Meadows: Carlos Alvarez-Cuatepitz, Sam Hessian, Brandon Jaimes, Nick McCoy (Outstanding Musicians). Brandon Jaimes (Class 4A Outstanding Soloist).

SHS Concerto Competition Winners: Vincent Chang, Brandon Jaimes

IHSA Solo and Ensemble Perfect Score: Michael Burke, Hannah Greenberg.

IHSA Solo and Ensemble Best of Day: Vincent Chang, Nina Teves, Brandon Jaimes, Sam Hessian, Tom Schluckbier, Joaquin Lainson.

D211 Honors Band: Lexi Kurzawinski, Caitlin Wilkes, Vincent Chang, Cedric Mathew, Monica Rogalski, Daniel Burke, Edwin Suresh, Nina Teves, Elena Walser, Christian Monzon, Michael Burke, Hannah Greenberg, Lorelei Halatek, Krzysztof Dutka, Abigail Fledderman, Josh Kim, Nick Meyer, Andrew Aburto, Josh Manalansan, Madison Rodatz, Sam Hessian, Brandon Jaimes, Austin Morales-Sanchez, Joaquin Lainson, Devyn Frantz, Gavin Christensen, Keneni Godana, Ardit Breznica.

In the coming weeks, the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band will be performing at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. This is always a great learning and performance opportunity for the bands, as they get to work with some of the top music educators from across the country. Later in April, the SHS musical, *Into the Woods*, will feature band students both in the pit and on stage. The musical reimagines and intertwines the stories of several favorite fairytale characters.

The Band Awards concert is our capstone concert that features all of our Concert ensembles and is a truly special time where we take time to reflect and recognize our seniors for their dedication throughout their high school career. The Band Boosters will host a reception following the evening's concert.

As we look toward summer, we encourage all students to consider attending a summer music camp. The District 211 Jazz Improvisation Camp will start the first week of summer school and run Monday-Thursday afternoons during the first semester. This camp will provide an introduction to jazz improvisation. The camp is open to all incoming freshmen through seniors and provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn about jazz style and improvisation before jazz band auditions in the fall. There are also several outstanding summer camps in the area for music, including Northern Illinois University, the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Elmhurst College, Blue Lake, Interlochen, and Birch Creek in Door County, Wisconsin. Please consult a band director for more information regarding summer music camps.

Finally, the SHS Band has a new Facebook "Like" page. Just search for and follow "Schaumburg High School Band" on Facebook to keep updated on what's happening in the SHS Band program.

There is an abundance of wonderful music making taking place at SHS every day. We hope you are able to come support and celebrate all of the students in their musical endeavors that will be happening throughout the rest of the year. See you soon!



FLORIDA TRIP FROM A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE...Brandon Jaimes

The Schaumburg Band's trip to the Outback Bowl this year was a grand success. The band brought back not only trophies, but a renewed sense of pride in our organization. Beginning with Disney's "You're Instrumental" workshop, the band took on a plethora of musical engagements while in Florida. At the workshop, the band worked with a guest conductor and sight read arrangements of music from Disney Movies. Our hard work came to fruition when we were able to overlay our audio over the ending to "The Little Mermaid." The following day, the band paraded down Main Street in Disney's Magic Kingdom. Our band took this engagement very seriously, and although the route was short, we performed to the best of our ability. After the band had wrapped up in Orlando, we traveled down to Tampa, where all the Outback Bowl activities were being hosted.

While in Tampa, the Schaumburg Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble put on performances at the Outback Bowl Band Festival. Although it was hectic, it was a privilege to be able to share our music with judges and students from across the nation.

In addition to the Band Festival, the band Marched in the Outback Bowl Parade, which featured all the participating high schools and the bands from the two opposing universities.

At the award ceremony that night, the band was given three 1st place trophies (Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble) for our class size and the Wind Symphony was named the grand champion among all schools. The entire band was ecstatic to hear the news and it definitely seemed like we gained a strong sense of pride for our program.

At the Outback Bowl itself, the band managed to push through the adverse conditions and put on a halftime show worth remembering. In spite of the weather, many fans came out to the game, so the band played to a very large audience. Overall it seemed that the trip validated a lot of the hard work that may go unnoticed during the year. It is difficult to gauge the talent of a band without a lot of outside exposure, but our successes in Florida made it very clear that the Schaumburg High School Band program is on the right track.





UNIFORM NEWS...Tammy Loch

Thank you so much to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped with Band Uniforms this year during Uniform fitting Day, Septemberfest Parade, Football Games, NIU Band Day, and Columbus Day Parade!! There was more work for volunteers this year for the Marching Band Uniforms, since we signed them out, and collected them for each event. I appreciate all your hard work! It could not all run so smoothly if it wasn't for all your help, you are truly "From Many, One"!

Reminder: What is the one single item that all band uniforms have in common? Whether the student is in Cadet Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Symphony; Marching Band Uniform, or Concert Band Uniform, the common item is black socks. The black socks can be regular socks or hose. The shoes for indoor concerts are closed toe black shoes. So, no matter what uniform, or band the student is in, they should wear black socks, and closed-toe shoes. Thank you for your assistance in making sure all band students are uniform!

If anyone has problems with their uniform such as: a button is missing/or fell off; a hem on the sleeve or pants is coming apart; a uniform garment bag is ripped or needs a new zipper; or if your student has grown taller, and the hem needs to be fixed; please let me know so we can get it fixed for your student. Also, if you have any questions or concerns about uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

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