



*From the Desk
of the SHS
Band Boosters
Inc. President*

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RENEWAL: How do you do, everyone? I'm Rick Barlow, President of SHS Band Boosters Inc., and I'd like to welcome you all to the 2021-2022 Band Performance season. It's been a while since many of us have seen one another in person and refreshing to see the new group of freshman musicians joining the Cadet Band.

I'd also like to introduce you to the first edition of *One* (which amplifies the SHS Band motto "From Many, One"), a periodic newsletter from me to update you with what's going on and how you may participate and share in the experiences of your student musicians.

One is distinct from the official *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, edited by Band Booster Christina Kayalik, that offers unique reviews and previews of events by the Band President and Band Directors, Mr. Inendino and Mr. Graffeo. It even includes an introductory note by me to lead it off. Look for the quarterly *SHS Band Booster Newsletter* in **October, December, March** and **May**.

REGENERATION: Allow me to salute and thank everyone who participated in last Saturday's Uniform Fitting Day, including current and alumni Band Booster parent volunteers, the parents of student musicians and the student musicians themselves. We've persevered through more than 18 months of interrupted schedules and remote learning challenges and opportunities but regathering in person and seeing the fashionably dashing and lighter-weight new uniforms being worn for the first time seemed like an ample reward! Admittedly, it may take a little time to get used to the zippers in the back instead of the front (like with the previous classics!), but we'll have plenty of rehearsals until the half-time shows start at month's end.

RESPECT: In conversing with parents, student musicians and volunteers on July 31, two things stood out. Firstly, the Band Booster volunteers marveled at how well and willing the student musicians moved from station to station, seemingly content to start a new season of performances to showcase their skills and talents. Secondly, illustrations of commitment and dedication were on display. Several devoted volunteers were Band Booster veterans whose student musicians had graduated years earlier, but they continue to participate because they

enjoy volunteering and simply love the program and what it provides. Hopefully, this motivates each one of us to remain active in the Saxon Band Community.

HYDRATION: Band Camp takes place this week. Please remind your student musicians to keep hydrated. If you'd like to see your student musician in action, learning and practicing this fall's marching show, pop in for a spell between 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. ***If you'd like to volunteer this week, reach out to us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com. We do need help with uniform fittings on Wednesday afternoon!***

PARADE: On **Friday, August 6**, the Band is scheduled to march through the neighborhood just to the west of the school. This remains an annual Band Camp tradition that draws neighborhood parents and children alike out to their front porches to watch just like the days of yore. A photographer from the *Daily Herald* has been invited to record the performance preview. It's a great time for parents to see how their student musicians developed during the week!

BOOMING: Don't forget: On **Tuesday, August 10**, the Band performs at Wintrust Field before the Schaumburg Boomers game. Student musicians can enjoy the game for free; parents can buy tickets at a discounted rate. Mr. Inendino will share more details this week. **Call time: 4 p.m.**

MEETINGS: Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars. The Band Boosters hold meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year in the band room. You're all invited to attend and join the Band Booster community, participate and volunteer for activities and learn how your student musicians are progressing. The meeting dates are **August 17, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12** and **May 10**.

SCHEDULING: If you have **any** questions about upcoming events – including call times – be sure to check calendar updates online by clicking here: <https://www.schaumburgband.com/calendar.html>

Coming up in the next edition of *One*:

- What to expect before, during and after the football games.
- Highlights of fall events and fund-raising activities that include Dine 2 Donate restaurants, a mobile app, gift cards and, of course, that staple of all bands – *merch!*
- Marching band: Sport or athletic?

Until next time, keep making a difference through making music. **RDB**