



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

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SHS Band Boosters Board of Directors: Rick Barlow, President; Alan Grimm, Vice President; Mary Wishnew, Secretary; Dan Alberth, Treasurer

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**CONCERTOPIA:** Once Marching Band season officially concludes with the final home football game on October 8 and before Pep Band season begins for basketball games during the winter season, the band concentrates on performance independent of sporting events to the end of the school year.

First up is Music Mosaic, which happens on Thursday, September 30, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium with the proper spacing on stage and in the audience. Music Mosaic features the top ensembles at SHS, including the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Orchestra and Concert Choir. Call time is 6:30 p.m. The Jazz groups also have started up prepping for the Variety Show, which occurs on Thursday, October 21, and Friday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium with requisite mitigations in place.

Auditions for ILMEA remain underway with the ILMEA District 7 Festival scheduled for Saturday, November 6 and the ILMEA District 7 Jazz Fest scheduled for Saturday, November 20. SHS is part of District 7.

All four of these events showcase your student musician's development and growth and show how he or she is progressing toward future performance events on the local, district, regional and state levels during the upcoming winter and spring seasons. Encourage your student musicians to practice and enjoy the teamwork that accompanies these activities and events.

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**HUTCH & SUCH:** The Band Class of 2020 decorated, dedicated and donated a hutch in the Uniform Room. If you haven't seen it, take a peek inside the Uniform Room and look to your left. Salute Treasurer Dan Alberth, Secretary Mary Wishnew and yours truly for reorganizing a portion of the Uniform Room to accommodate the new piece of furniture and for consolidating all Band Booster paraphernalia around the hutch – including the badges! Plus, the Uniform Team now enjoys some extra room to make things happen on game nights!



**SMART COOKIES:** Hats off – plumes and all! – to the Bake Sale team at the Craft Show on September 11. Under the leadership of Band Booster Kim Diercks, this team of nearly 45 Band Booster and student musician bakers and helpers started the day with four tables worth of cookies, brownies, cakes, cupcakes and other baked goods. By the time the 9-hour day was done this august group set a record in sales. The student musicians decided that what little baked goods remained unsold would be donated to the Schaumburg Fire Department across the street in honor of 9/11. The firefighters expressed appreciation and thanks for the students’ thoughtfulness and chatted with them. Shortly after the Bake Sale team left the firefighters were called out on an emergency. To put Bake Sale team’s achievement in perspective: They had roughly a week to prepare.



Even Mr. I knows a good thing when he sees it! Go Cats!

*Photos courtesy of Robi Vollkommer and Rick Barlow*

**DINE2DONATE:** We hope you enjoyed our first Dine2Donate event that took place on Wednesday, September 8. We schedule these fundraising opportunities at least once a month on the second Wednesday of each month (except for December and March). We encourage Band families to purchase meals at selected Dine2Donate restaurants. Those restaurants then donate a percentage of the proceeds back to SHS Band to support products and services not covered by the school or D211. What follows is the current D2D schedule for the **2021-2022 school year**. **September 8:** qp Greek food with a kick on Roselle Road; **October 13:** Chipotle on Schaumburg and Barrington Roads; **November 10:** Portillo’s on Golf Road; **December 7 (Tuesday):** Pilot Pete’s at Schaumburg Municipal Airport; **January 12:** Portillo’s on Golf Road; **February 9:** Village Tavern on Wise Road; **March 10 (Thursday):** Pilot Pete’s at Schaumburg Municipal Airport; **April 13:** Portillo’s on Golf Road; **May 11:** Village Tavern on Wise Road. We are exploring whether to add a few more dates for a few more venues. Stay tuned for updates. If, for any reason, you may be unable to dine with one of our D2D locations, please consider making a small donation to the band. If you’d like to participate in selecting and setting up D2D venues, please email us at [saxonbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:saxonbandboosters@gmail.com).

**MERCH:** If you’re looking to purchase any band shirts or jackets, be sure to reach out to Donna Alberth and Tammy Loch. Meanwhile, we’re pleased to announce that we’re working once again with Jim’s Spirit Wear for all available SHS Saxon Band merchandise. We will let you know as soon as the online store is up and running again.

**DAYS OF FUTURE PAST:** To comic book fans – X-Men aficionados specifically – the title of this item hearkens to a seminal storyline in 1981 (the Stone Age to the Gen Alphas in high school now, but they can keep up thanks to the 2014 film treatment). But to us in the Band Booster Community, it represents the upcoming D54 Junior High Night (Future) and Alumni Night (Past), scheduled for this Friday, September 24. This is when we'll introduce Junior High band students to the High School band experience, and we honor and recognize SHS alumni. Band alums do return to celebrate! If you would like to volunteer to set up, serve food and clean up for the Junior High dinner before the game and Alumni reception during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, please email us at [saxonbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:saxonbandboosters@gmail.com).

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**PROFUNDITY:** Benefit Mobile and GLS Gift Card programs want you! If you'd like to participate, go to the web site and click on the "Fundraising" button for more information. Feel free to email us at [saxonbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:saxonbandboosters@gmail.com) with any questions or go straight to Debbie Grimm, GLS/Benefit Mobile Committee Chair, at [dera39@att.net](mailto:dera39@att.net). Benefit Mobile and GLS offer great ways to stock up for the holiday get-togethers and family meals – and they help the band, too. *Think about using Chipotle gift cards for the upcoming Dine2Donate at Chipotle on Wednesday, October 13, to ensure a "double-double" benefit. We can obtain Chipotle gift cards in advance of the D2D event for band parents to purchase and use.*

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**PILLOW TALK:** The old band uniforms may have been retired in 2020 after decades of distinction, but there's a way to keep and preserve their tradition – and that prominent band shield icon! Those old uniforms are being converted (recycled) into decorative pillows for purchase. Whether your student musicians are freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors – or even alumni – a Saxon Band pillow makes the perfect gift or memento, highlighting a rich heritage of band performance excellence. Consider buying one or two or more as recognition and rewards for your student musician's efforts and achievements. They'd occupy a great spot on a bed, sofa or mirrored display case. What a great way to support and remember the SHS Saxon Band experience. Proceeds will be used to purchase new raincoats for the band. Tammy Loch is spearheading this project and will distribute a flyer soon. She's also recruiting volunteers for production. If you're interested in helping, email us at [saxonbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:saxonbandboosters@gmail.com).



**PHOTOMANIA:** If you would like to submit photos for publication in the *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, posting on the SHS Band Booster web site or even in the SHS Band Boosters Shutterfly account, please submit them for consideration. The Band Directors will assess and choose those to feature, and we'll give appropriate photo credits to you! Submit your band-related photos to [saxonbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:saxonbandboosters@gmail.com).

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**MEET & GREETES:** 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**.

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**NEWSLETTER:** The official *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, edited by Band Booster Christina Kayalik, is scheduled for publication in **October, December, March** and **May**. The October edition will feature the fall season, the December edition will highlight the winter season, the March edition will look back on the winter season and the May edition will recap the spring season and the entire year. *ONE* will be distributed in November, January, February and April.

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**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> Please note that circumstances may cause time changes.

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**BANDFLAC:** The Aflac duck remains one of my all-time favorite television (commercial) characters, regardless of who or what voices the “quack.” But the service he represents may be an apt metaphor for the Band Booster Community. Stay with me now. What is Aflac? Well, it's a supplemental insurance policy that covers all those “incidentals” (yes, a hotel term) that your primary insurance carrier/policy doesn't cover. (No, I do not work for Aflac or in the insurance industry.)

In SHS Bandworld, the school and D211 may finance the bulk of what the Music Department provides as well as a portion of the Band experience, but not *everything*. That's where the Band Boosters fund-raising steps in – to fill those gaps not covered by the school or the district. Please note that SHS Band Boosters Inc. is a nonprofit entity and that none of the officers benefit financially from the revenues generated by you – and our – participation in fund-raising activities. (But I do receive a fancy nameplate to wear at events.)

All of the proceeds generated by you and any sponsors we recruit are funneled back into the organization to fund the band program. This includes enabling private lessons for student musicians looking to build on their skills and hone their talents, uniform maintenance, food and beverages for student and alumni receptions and so forth. In short, the student musicians and band program benefits. So, the next time you see, read or hear some appeal, message, recruitment or reference to fundraising, think, “Quack! Bandflac!”

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**Coming up in the next edition of *ONE*:**

- Looking ahead to the Holiday Band Concert and Showcase in early December. The next *ONE* will be in November as the *SHS Band Boosters Newsletter* comes out next month.

Until next time, make music matter! **RDB**