



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

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CONCERTOPOLIS: With Marching Band season on the books, during the next three months you can expect your student musicians to be performing in a number of Pep Band dates for basketball and about six concerts spanning both classical and jazz. Please give a hearty round of applause to those student musicians who participated in the ILMEA festivals this month. Mr. Inendino circulated the list last month. Be proud if you have a student on that list because they earned it, and you no doubt encouraged it. December kicks the concert season into high gear with the **Holiday Showcase** (Concert & Raffle) on Wednesday and Thursday, **December 8-9**. *If you'd still like to donate to the cause for the raffle, there's still time!* The next day, Friday, **December 10**, marks the first **Pep Band Night** – a double-header basketball game! Pep Band during basketball season represents five games over four nights throughout the winter.

Once the calendar year rolls over, we start 2022 with the **Mark Colby Jazz Invitational** on **January 22** at Harper College. **The Pep Band Concert**, originally scheduled for January 18, has been rescheduled for **January 26**. The **ILMEA State Conference** in Peoria is scheduled for **January 27-29**. After that we have the **SHS/D54 Band-O-Rama** (that includes a Dairy Queen Blizzard sale) on **February 7**, followed by **D211 Honors Orchestra** at Palatine High School on **February 12**. The winter concert season draws to a close on **February 26** with **Jazz in the Meadows** at Rolling Meadows High School, followed by the **Jazz 'n Joe Coffeehouse** at SHS on **March 1**.

DINE2DONATE: We hope you've enjoyed our first five Dine2Donate events so far. We schedule these fundraising opportunities on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (except for December, January 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. With five in the tank, we now have 12 remaining! Here are the upcoming D2D dates for the **2021-2022 school year**:

- **December 7 (Tuesday):** Pilot Pete's at Schaumburg Municipal Airport;
- **December 22:** Old Town on Bode;
- **January 12:** Portillo's on Golf Road;
- **January 24-25 (Monday-Tuesday):** Jersey Mike's on Golf (our own double-header!);
- **February 9:** Village Tavern on Wise Road;
- **February 23:** qp Greek food with a kick on Roselle;

- **March 10 (Thursday):** Pilot Pete’s at Schaumburg Municipal Airport;
- **March 30:** Brazil Express Grill on Roselle and Wise (Nantucket Square);
- **April 13:** Portillo’s on Golf Road;
- **April 27:** Oberweis on Roselle & Schaumburg;
- **May 11:** Village Tavern on Wise Road.

If you are unable to dine at one of our D2D locations, consider making a small donation to the band. Finally, the underlined D2D event on the curiously dated and palindromic 12-22-21 has special meaning for one Board Member. It’s Secretary Mary Wishnew’s birthday! Buy a pizza in her honor!

MERCH: If you’re looking to purchase any collectible band shirts or jackets, reach out to Donna Alberth and Tammy Loch; if you’re interested in the latest Saxonwear, including show shirts, beanies, socks, “dri-fit polos” and even window cling stickers, look for the order form to be distributed soon.

MUTUAL FUNDING: Allow me to salute those Band Booster volunteers and Band parents who are allocating volunteer hours within their respective companies to SHS Band Boosters Inc. These dollar donations are making a difference in funding student band activities, projects and supplies. If you’d like to join these dedicated Band Boosters and Band parents donating their company volunteer hours, email us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

SEED FUNDING: Want to make Benefit Mobile and GLS Gift Cards work for you and the band during this holiday season? Imagine investing in a large-enough number of GLS cards for your company to distribute internally as employee gifts. This would generate triple-digit cash benefits for the band program. Or simply purchase enough to cover a holiday celebration for a double-digit return. Band Boosters are – and have been – doing this for the program. Will you join them? For more information, go to the web site and click on the “Fundraising” or email Debbie Grimm, GLS/Benefit Mobile Committee Chair, at dera39@att.net.

PILLOWED: Have you seen the commemorative/decorative band pillow converted (recycled) from the old band uniforms? Look to your right. 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 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. Proceeds will be used to purchase new raincoats for the band. Tammy Loch spearheads this project and production. For more information on purchasing and/or to volunteer to help her production team, email us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.



PHOTOPALOOSA: 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. For some recent examples, check out the October *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, and then look below and the next page here at *ONE!*

MEET MARKET: 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 remaining meeting dates are **December 6 (new earlier date and a Monday!), January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12** and **May 10**.

NEWSLETTER: Just how much did you enjoy perusing the official *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, edited by Band Booster Christina Kayalik, that was distributed last month? Send us your thoughts at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com. The next editions are scheduled for publication in **December, March** and **May**. Meanwhile, *ONE* will be distributed in January, February and April.

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.

REFLECTIONS: It may be hard to believe that Marching Band season (and football season) concluded more than a month ago, but here's one last look back at some fond memories. Next year, we'll see if the Marching Band returns to the bleachers or continues performing in the North End Zone where



people in the stands were able to hear the music during the game between the pre-game and halftime shows and after the halftime show! This year student musicians (and maybe Band Boosters) got a chance to catch a kicked football (two Band members were successful this year ... see the next page). The badges and bottled water system likely will return, too. Without further ado, here are just a few looks at you. Thanks to all for a great season.

The Uniform Team



Keeping order in the auditorium



The Field Crew



The Beastmasters



The scoreboard doesn't matter!



The Gilded Girls



Rhys B. (French Horn) and Soham K. (Flute) enjoy being SHS Band's two celebrated wide receivers!



Come for the band, stay for the fun!



Enjoying a senior moment.



Leading the charge.



The way we were ... not the Barbra Streisand tune.



Ultimate cool-down.

Photos courtesy of Barb and Jose V. and Rick B.

Coming up in the next edition of ONE:

- We'll highlight the winter events in the New Year with a sneak peek at what's in store for the spring season. The next ONE will be in January as the second edition of *SHS Band Boosters Newsletter* comes out next month.

Continue making music matter! **RDB**