



*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

SPRING FORWARD: Punxsutawney Phil may have seen his shadow in Pennsylvania, but Woodstock Willie here did not. So ... what does this mean for us? With Pep Band season now behind us, we've got 16 more weeks of a relatively busy concert season ahead of us! Here's the line-up: Today, **Tuesday, February 22**, we have the new **SHS Solo & Ensemble Festival** that starts at **4 p.m.** Parents are welcome to attend! On **Saturday, February 26**, (this weekend!) we have **Jazz in the Meadows** at Rolling Meadows High School, followed by the return of the venerable **Jazz 'n Joe Coffeehouse** at SHS (cafeteria) on **Tuesday, March 1**. Jazz 'n Joe, back after a two-year pandemic hiatus, features the SHS Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band Jazz Sextet, Jazz Quintet, Choraliers and the D54 Jazz Band with professional drummer Joel Baer in accompaniment. Thankfully, we'll also have hot Joe and pastries there with cool Jazz.

Here's the remaining schedule for March:

Thursday, March 3 – Orchestra Concerto Concert – Auditorium

Saturday, March 5 – IHSA Solo and Ensemble Festival (optional) – Harvard (IL) High School

Tuesday, March 8 – Band Aid Concert (Cadet Band & Concert Band) – Auditorium

Wednesday, March 9 – Band Aid Concert (Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony) – Auditorium

Saturday, March 12 – D211 Honor Band – SHS Auditorium at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 – Music Department Chamber Night – Auditorium

Be sure to mark your calendars for all these events.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP: Calling all parents of senior band members! Be sure to encourage your student musicians to apply for the SHS Band Boosters scholarship. Candidates submit a completed application involving a half-dozen short answer/essay questions for the opportunity to earn a \$500 scholarship for their collegiate/university training in the fall of 2022. For more information, reach out to Vice President Alan Grimm at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

POLITICALITY: Although it's only February, it's not too early to be thinking about joining the SHS Band Booster Board of Directors and running for any one of four offices – President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. We seek interested and willing Band Boosters and Band Parents to consider serving this program in a much deeper and more fulfilling way by running for a Board Officer position for the 2022-2023 school year. We will talk more about this opportunity in the March and April Band Booster meetings with the formal vote scheduled to be held during the May meeting.

DINE2DONATE: Our Dine2Donate events have been quite successful so far, thanks to all of you. 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 our next one tomorrow, we will have just 6 remaining! Here are the upcoming D2D dates for the rest of **2021-2022 school year:**

- **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 & Grill on Wise Road.

You may be unable to dine at one of our D2D locations, so please consider making a small donation to the band instead.

MERCH MADNESS: To purchase any collectible band shirts or jackets, contact Donna Alberth and Tammy Loch.

DONOR DOFFING: Thanks again to those Band Booster volunteers and Band parents who allocate volunteer hours within their respective companies to SHS Band Boosters Inc. These dollar donations really help to support 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.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS: We have a number of GLS gift-card-worthy holidays coming up – including Spring Break, Easter and even Tax Day (technically not a “holiday,” but you likely could use some gift cards while awaiting that refund ...)! Also consider investing in GLS gift cards and “pre-pay” for upcoming Dine2Donate events! Remember that Benefit Mobile was closed as of February 18. Raise Right replaces Benefit Mobile, and the band website will be updated with new details. For more information, go to the web site and click on the “Fundraising” or email Debbie Grimm, GLS Committee Chair, at dera39@att.net.

PILLOW UPDATE: Detailed and intricate work continues on the pillow production front as Donna Alberth and Tammy Loch convert the former storied band uniforms into a handsome commemorative memento.

Look to your right. If you would like to help with production, email us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.



BLIZZARDVILLE: Mere weeks before the D54 Band-O-Rama event, which traditionally included a DQ Blizzard fundraiser afterwards, we didn't know if pandemic protocols would allow us to hold the fundraiser. With Mr. Inendino's help, however, we were able to work out an arrangement with administration to do it safely. This involved selling tickets inside for attendees to exchange for their preferred Blizzard flavor(s) outside. Then ... you guessed it. The rules changed again, allowing us to eliminate the ticket sales for Blizzard exchange and to sell the Blizzards inside directly as we had done prior to the pandemic. How'd that go? Take a look at the photos below. Demand was so high that we sold out within 25 minutes. Kudos to Band Booster Barbara Velez who led her team outside the main gym near concessions like a Saxon Band Bazaar! This group just may have set a record that will be hard to beat in years to come – much like the Bake Sale team back in October and the Holiday Raffle team in December!



PHOTOPTIONS: You only have a few months left during this school year to submit photos for publication in the *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, posting on the SHS Band Booster website or even in the SHS Band Boosters Shutterfly account, so please send them in! The Band Directors will assess and choose those to feature, and we'll give appropriate photo credits to you! Submit any band-related photos to saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

MEET & GREET: Only three remaining Band Booster meetings are scheduled for the rest of this school year! We typically hold meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year in the band room, but sometimes we must adjust to a Monday here and there to make way for something else on the schedule. You're all invited to attend and join the Band Booster Community – it's *still* not too late to participate and volunteer for activities that support the student musicians. The three remaining dates this school year are **March 7 (a Monday)**, **April 12** and **May 10**.

NEWSLETTER: The next editions of the official *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, edited by Band Booster Christina Kayalik, are scheduled for publication in **March** and **May**. They serve as bookends to the final edition of *ONE* for 2021-2022, which will be distributed in 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 – pandemic-related or otherwise – may cause date and time changes.

Coming up in the next edition of *ONE*:

- We'll highlight the end-of-school-year events in April and May and tip our hats to ... Summer Marching Band Camp!

Music, man! **RDB**