



*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

MEMORIES: No, don't hum the theme from the "Cats" musical or even the ditty that Barbra Streisand made famous (well, technically, that was "Memory" and included in the film, "The Way We Were.")! Think of ... us! Remember this group in the photo below? Mr. Inendino took this during



our very first meeting of the 2021-2022 school year back in August. Do you see yourself? Time flies. There are quite a few more who attended subsequent meetings and participated in a flurry of events throughout the year. Together, we achieved so much progress as we reintroduced or resumed many of our cherished events. As we continued to emerge from fluctuating pandemic

protocols, we demonstrated we could pivot and still perform and produce. Next year, we'll look to expand our reach and stretch our possibilities to share music and perform.

Here's the remaining student musician-related schedule for April and May and then June-August:

Monday, May 16 – Orchestra Concert – Auditorium

Wednesday, May 18 – Band Awards Night/Senior Night – Main Gym/Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 24 – Graduation (Symphonic Band + Wind Symphony perform) – NOW Arena

Monday-Thursday, July 18-21 – Sectionals – Auditorium, Band Rooms

Monday-Friday, August 1-5 – Marching Band Camp – Auditorium, Field, Parking Lot

Mark your calendars for all these events.

MEET & GREET: Only one remaining Band Booster meeting is scheduled for the 2021-2022 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 must adjust to a Monday here and there to make way for something else on the schedule. You're all invited to attend this last hurrah as we elect the four officers of the SHS Band Booster Board of Directors who will lead this organization starting August 1 through the following summer. We'll also look back at our accomplishments during the past year and briefly horizon-scan to the summer and fall months ahead. See you on **Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Band Room.**

GIFT CARD MANIA: Raise Right and GLS remains an available resource for you to invest for spring and summer purchases. Don't limit yourself to just food and beverages ... think also about ... back to school fashions and supplies! Wait, wha??? You know, the 2022-2023 school year is barely four months away – that's a quarter in business parlance! Get a jump on everything early! You know the SHS Band mantra ... "Early is on-time; on-time is late!" Many thanks to our generous alumni for continuing to support this valuable program. For more information, go to the web site and click on the "Fundraising" or email Debbie Grimm, GLS Committee Chair, at dera39@att.net.

PHOTOPTIONS: You only have a month left during this school year 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 so please submit them for consideration. Submit any band-related photos to saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER: The next edition of the official *SHS Band Booster Newsletter*, edited by Band Booster Christina Kayalik, is scheduled for publication in mid-**May**, followed by a special summer edition scheduled for **July** that will welcome incoming Cadet Band parents as part of the future of SHS Band and SHS Band Boosters.

DINE2DONATE: Only two more Dine2Donate events for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you all so much for supporting these events so faithfully. We doubled the number of D2Ds this year and added several new restaurants to the mix to sample their wares. This paves the way for a bright 2022-2023 campaign. 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.

- **April 27:** Oberweis
- **May 11:** Village Tavern & Grill

DONORPALOOZA: We continue to salute those Band Booster volunteers and Band parents who donate volunteer hours within their respective companies to SHS Band Boosters Inc. These dollar donations really help to support student band activities, projects and supplies. See the photo above on display during the recent Jazz 'n Joe for an explicit visual explanation. If you'd like to join these dedicated Band Boosters and Band parents donating their company volunteer hours, email us at saxonbandboosters@gmail.com.



JAZZ 'N JOE WAS A GO! Just as we experienced during the D54 Band-O-Rama event a few weeks earlier, we were concerned how pandemic protocols might affect our ability to serve baked goods and "Joe" as part of the Jazz 'n Joe event, back after a two-year hiatus. Thankfully, as protocols relaxed, we were able to offer an event to remember. We put out a call for baked goods barely two weeks before the event ... and you all delivered. Not only did we receive an abundance of baked goods and beverages to sell that night on March 1, but all the student musicians from SHS and D54 Jazz Band performed before a packed cafeteria that spilled out into the hallway. We broke records in attendance, baked goods and beverages offered and sales, all of which benefited the band program. Kudos to Band Boosters Vicki Shadel, Carrie Bell-McHugh, Vanessa Hensley and their team of Band Boosters and student musicians who set up, served attendees and cleaned up after a night of cool jazz! Any leftover baked goods were divided and donated to the SHS maintenance crew and to a local hospital's clinical staff (just as the October Bake Sale team donated leftover baked goods to the maintenance crew and the Schaumburg Fire Department Station 51). Check out the photos on the next page for a glimpse of yet another successful event and night, a big win for all.



The Jazz 'n Joe Crew ... Back row (left to right): Treasurer Dan Alberth, Machonne Williams, Vice President Alan Grimm, Kathleen Quill, Carrie Bell-McHugh, Scott Eisenmenger, Jennifer Eisenmenger, Melissa Holbek
Front row (left to right): Kim Diercks, Vicki Shadel, Vanessa Hensley
Not pictured: President Rick Barlow (taking the photo), LeAnn Barlow, Reema Mascarenhas, Barbara Velez, Pilar Vences



The Café/Coffeehouse crowd packed the cafeteria at times with standing room only in the back and near the doors.



The SHS Jazz Ensemble closes the show.



The Café/Coffeehouse Crew ... (left to right): Carrie Bell-McHugh, Vicki Shadel, Vanessa Hensley, Elizabeth Czech, Kathleen Quill, A.J. Yuen, Karen Yuen
Not pictured: Secretary Mary Wishnew



Doorbusters! Kim Diercks and Dave Holbek serve as ticketmasters.



Jazz 'n Joe Café is back!

A heartfelt thanks to all who donated to make this event the success it was: Crumbl Cookie, Franco's, Gurnee Donuts, Starbucks, Target and all the Band families who baked and/or donated to the cause.

BAND AID: We give a hearty salute to the Cadet Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony. Over a two-night performance event (March 8-9) these groups raised more than \$1,600 to donate to their selected charity this year, Wounded Warrior Project.



March 8 Booster Crew (left to right): Rick Barlow, Vanessa Hensley, Theresa Tinebra, Stefanie Lubash, Jennifer Eisenmenger, Scott Eisenmenger and Dan Alberth



March 9 Booster Team (left to right): Lisa James, Kim Diercks and Steve Amblad

D211 HONOR BAND: SHS gains the opportunity to host this event every five years, so it's important to salute the Band Booster team that led and managed the reception that followed this great event. This year represented the first in-person event at a participating high school in two years due to pandemic protocols, so we would set the tone for its return. And we excelled with flying colors – Saxon colors. From the superb band performance to the crowded showcase hallway, this was an event to remember, and the Band Booster team served as worthy ambassadors for our program and D211. Hats and plumes off to Vicki Shadel, Carrie Bell-McHugh, Kim Diercks, Machonne Williams, Theresa Tinebra, Reema Mascarenhas and Vice President

Alan Grimm for the win that should make us all Saxon proud.



SCHEDULING: Always remember that 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>.

Gazing back at a successful school year that will shape years to come:

- To the Band Booster Community (BBC), which includes the active Boosters and parents of student musicians ... I consider it an honor, a pleasure and a privilege to have served as your President for the 2021-2022 school year, which for the SHS Band Boosters technically ends on July 31. I hope you all have benefited, grown, learned and progressed from your experiences this past year. To those of you who are continuing forward with SHS Band Boosters and the BBC, may you apply what transpired this year to future growth and success. To those of you who are moving on, may you always remember these times ... and think about volunteering your time, talent and energy here as frequently as possible in the future. There's always plenty to do, people to see and activities/festivities/friendships to enjoy.
- I extend a special thanks to my fellow Board Officers – Vice President Alan Grimm, Secretary Mary Wishnew and Treasurer Dan Alberth – for supporting me and my scroll of questions during the year. I also thank the Band Directors, Mr. Inendino and Mr. Graffeo, for enduring a seemingly endless supply of occasionally outlandish and other times policy-poking ideas that I tossed against the wall for them to consider. Thankfully, a few more stuck than not, but I still had to squeegee any damage. I also salute them for their leadership as we navigated through pandemic protocols and re-emerged for in-person development, growth and performance – a bit like Lando Calrissian dramatically flying the Millennium Falcon out of the exploding Death Star 2 in the nick of time during that climactic scene in “Star Wars: Return of the Jedi.” (Helpful note to the young padawans: That’s Episode 6.)
- Finally, I wrote something on the back (signature) page of the Nathan Hale Elementary School “Howler” (what we named the yearbook) for the 2015-2016 school year that I’d like to adapt and paraphrase appropriately here: “Many people will move with you throughout your life. They may weave in and out frequently over time. But their influence matters and impacts you more deeply than you realize. They help shape who you are and who you become. May the SHS Band Booster Community and SHS Band program for 2021-2022 rekindle fond memories of old and new friends, talented student musicians and wondrous experiences and performances – all earned and deserved as rewards for a job well done.”

All the best to all of you and so much more as you make music together! FMO!

