SYCAMORE MUSIC BOOSTERS

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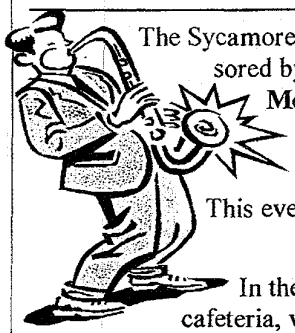
JAZZ NITE



The Sycamore High School Jazz Nite is one of the major events that is sponsored by the SHS Music Department. This year's event will be held on **Monday March 26th**, at the high school. The featured band for the evening will be the internationally renowned NIU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of **Ron Carter.**

This event begins with clinic sessions for our high school and junior high jazz band members in the afternoon.

In the evening, we will be serving a catered dinner in the high school cafeteria, which will be followed by performances of the junior high jazz band, high school jazz choir, and high school jazz band. To round out the evening, the NIU Jazz Ensemble will perform right here on our stage!

We hope that you will be able to attend this fabulous event. The ticket price this year is **only $7.50**, which includes the catered dinner and a chance to hear one of the greatest collegiate jazz bands in the country. Get ready for a great evening of fine jazz music, right here in Sycamore.

For further details, or to place an order for tickets, ask a music student or call the Music department at :899-8159

INSTRUMENT DONATIONS

Do you have any instruments that are sitting around gathering dust? The Sycamore Music Department is accepting donated instruments that can be used by students whose families have a financial need. The music department currently has a very limited supply of school instruments, and we have had some difficulty providing for theses students.

Playing an instrument can be a life-changing experience, and students that sincerely want to learn an instrument should have the opportunity to play. Instruments donations are tax deductible. The music department can arrange for an appraisal at your convenience. If you are interested in making a donation, please notify Scott Mertens at 899-8170 or via e-mail at smertens@syc.dekalb.k12.il.us

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BAND NEWS

By Ken Goodman

Stephen Lorence, junior tuba player, was selected to represent Sycamore High School at the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Festival, held January 25-27 in Peoria. He placed first chair in the Honors Band (top band), rating him as one of the top high school tubists in the state. Congratulations to Stephen on this great accomplishment.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Sycamore High School at the Suburban Prairie Conference Band Festival, held at Glenbard South High School on February 20th:

Freshman/Sophomore Band
Kara Griffith
Julie Thornton
Laurel Englum
Peter Behr
Dru Olson
Patrick Hirsch

Junior/Senior Band
Amanda DeVore
Arielle Sherman
Steve Lorence
Dana Thoss
Ben Crosby
Steven Abel

The students rehearsed for several hours during the day with a guest conductor and gave a concert that evening. They also had the opportunity to interact with students from every school in the conference while they worked on a challenging program of music. The SHS Symphonic Band gave an outstanding performance at the NIU Wind Ensemble Festival on February 27th. In addition to their performance, they received a clinic session with a member of the NIU School of Music faculty, heard performances given by other high school bands from the Chicago suburbs, and listened to a concert given by the NIU Wind Ensemble. It was a very educational and enjoyable experience for the entire band!

Sycamore High School hosted the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State **Solo and Ensemble Contest** on Saturday, March 3rd. This event drew over 500 music students from 11 schools in the surrounding area. The contest was highly successful, thanks to the hard work of parents, students, school administration, and the district music faculty. Congratulations to all of the Sycamore High School students who participated.

Orchestra
Nat Kundanis-Grow
Lisa Spinoso
Elizabeth Dombek
Rachel Marsden
Farrell Scott
Jenny Hjelmberg
Kendra Burger
Ashley Hofer

Band
Danielle Perry
Alison Snyder
Julie Thornton
Kara Griffith
Rachel Vickers
Dana Thoss
Ben Crosby
Pam Wickersham
David Windelborn
Laurel Englum
Julie Slouka
Debbie Ficken
Sarah Maurer
Katie Osborn
Danielle Fugate
Steve Lorence
Erin Edwards

Choir
Mandy Nicholson
Natalie Sgarlata
Rachel Dargatz
Danelle Kocher
Ashleigh Braun
Erin Giles
Hanna Mathey
Erin Landshaft
Courtney Kocher
Jessica Sharp
Leslie Diedrich
Alison Trebe
Robin Getzleman
David Rauch
Kyle Lang
Joe O'Connell
Andy Luckenbill
Adam Paulsen
Brandon Alexander
Bob Beckman
Eric Landshaft
Jill Anderson
Heidi Anderson
Jessie Short
Debbie Ficken
Stacy Roe
Bekcy Burgess
Martha McGrane
Mary Deutsch

We hope that everyone is listed here, but our apologies if anyone was left off this list.

Congratulations to all students who participated!

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ORCHESTRA NEWS

By Ken Tonaki

The Sycamore High School Orchestra performed at the University of Illinois String Consortium on Saturday, February 24th. The performance was held in the "Great Hall" of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, recognized as one of the premier concert halls in the world. Following the performance, the orchestra held a clinic with Donald Schleicher, conductor for the University Of Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

- Congratulations to the orchestra participants for Junior High Solo & Ensemble:

8th Grade
Danny Andree, Kassi Auman, Elizabeth Brown, Lauren Hueber, David Lalowski, Ben Leifheit

7th Grade
Mary Rose Bassett, Quinn Bolander, Kyle Dargatz, Lauren Diehl, Kristen Dombek, Ashley Evans, Jillian Griffis, Kelley Herrmann, AJ Hofer, Sarah Kloster, Esme Kundanis-Grow, Brittany Peila, Steven Roberts, David Sandrock, Alex Seegers, Audrey Taylor, Amie Thurow, Hellen Weberpal, Zach Willhoff

6th Grade
Randi Anderson, Anna Bross, Emily Giles, Sophie Cormier, Deborah Jacobsen, Ashley Martin, Stephanie Maurer, Samatha Sauer, Valerie Stevens, Gillian Strachan, Melissa Crawford & Kelli Estes.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Sycamore Music Boosters offers summer music camp scholarships to all interested students, grades 6—11. Music students have now received information and an application form from their directors . To be eligible for consideration, all forms must be signed by a parent and returned to the student's directors no later than March 26th.

Attention all 2001 Graduating Seniors

The Sycamore Music Boosters will be giving a scholarship to graduating senior who is planning to major in music. Please see your guidance counselor for the necessary scholarship forms and return the completed application to Mrs. Susan Lorence, 855 Krpan Drive, Sycamore IL 60178 before April 30, 2001 Please see your music teacher if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

By Gary Mattin

Thanks, Music Boosters, for again bringing music to so many Sycamore students. Nearly 400 third and fourth graders will enjoy the Children's Concert given by the Kishwaukee Symphony at the Egyptian Theatre on Friday, March 9. Also, primary students in grades K, 1, and 2 at West School will benefit from workshops given by an outstanding musical group called ONE DRUM. The students joined the musicians in a musical performance at on Thursday, March 8.

Music Boosters is one of the sources of funding for this wonderful musical experience. Mr. Mattin is also grateful for the purchase of two sets of Indonesian angklung, instruments made of bamboo, that West School students will enjoy using for many years to come. On behalf of Mrs. Boyd and myself, Thanks Music Boosters ♪♪

MUSIC CALENDAR SPRING 2001

Date	Orch.	Band	Choir	Elem	Location
March 26		**Jazz Nite**			**SHS**
April 2	Junior Fine Arts Festival				JH
April 3				**South P. SS**	SP
April 19				**North S. Sing**	HS Aud
April 28	IHSA Organizational				Harvard
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May 3				**SE S. Sing**	HS Aud
May 6	Egyptian Fine Arts Festival				DeKalb
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May 7		JH Band Concert 7/8			HS Aud
May 16	NCJC Festival				NIU
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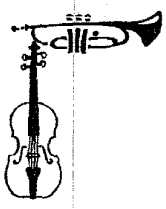
May 16			*NCJC Festival*		*NIU*
May 17		5/6 Band Concert			HS Aud
May 21	Booster Awards Night				HS Aud
May 22	Spring High School Concert				HS Aud
May 24	Elem/JH Orchestra				HS Aud
May 31	Senior Awards Night				HS Aud
May 28		JH Band Parade			
June 3		Graduation			



As always, these dates are subject to change. Please check with the music teachers for the most current information.