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The "Official" Sycamore Music Boosters Newsletter

News From the Schools

All 8th grade band members are invited to perform with the Marching Spartans at the final home game of the year on Oct. 21.

These same Marching Spartans "won it all" at the Wheaton North Field Show. They received awards for Best Musical Performance, Best Visual Performance, Best Percussion, and Best Color Guard. They won 1st place in the Class A division.

Many students will be participating in the Annual IMEA All-District Festival in November. Band and choir will go to NIU on Nov. 12th, the orchestra will be at Augustana College on Nov. 19th and the jazz groups will be in Rochelle on Nov. 19th. Good luck to all. Remember parents this will require extra practice time so be patient. We'll have the results in the next issue.

4th graders are learning to play recorders...Thanks to grants from the DeKalb Foundation and the Sycamore Education Foundation. The program began in October and will be part of the curriculum.

The first annual Sycamore Elementary Choir Festival will be on Oct. 20th at the Middle School. All 4th and 5th choirs will participate. They will rehearse after school on the 20th, eat supper and then present the concert at 7 pm.

The grade school choirs will also be performing at The Pumpkin Fest Flea Market at the HS. On Oct 29th the West and Southeast choirs will perform at 9 am, the North and South Prairie schools will perform at 10:30 am.

Music Boosters has purchased several new instruments for the grade schools. Each elementary school is receiving a Contrabass bar, a large xylophone bar that makes a very low sound... great for students with physical or visual challenges because it has such a large area to strike. Other new instruments include a bass metallophone, djembe, conga and alto xylophone.

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Sycamore, IL 60178

* *Pumpkin Fest Up-Date*

Jenny Thornton is afraid you will forget. The AC&FM is Oct. 29th and 30th. If you haven't sent in your form they will be calling. Student sign-up forms are circulating at the HS and MS, please help your student select a prudent time to volunteer that won't double up with their other Pumpkin Fest activities or djembe lesson. Bake pies...you are not limited to 2, you could bake 4, its just as easy. Jenny is still available for questions...call her at 895-2678.

Everyone is excited about the music ensembles performances during the Antique, Craft and Flea Market this year. It will show off our kids talent to our out of town visitors and help the volunteers remember why we do this.

In addition to the choirs performing the following students are either doing solos or are in small ensembles; Nicole Hanson, Sam Navarro, Brandon Mendel, Greyson Scott, Kendra Kossman, Laura Lahey, Erica Nielsen, Jessica Wilson, Tim Lalowski, Jacob Brundies, Ali Haeffner, Elena Baj, Jordon Emmons, Claire Mogren, Issac Parra, Sam Kevin and Rebekah Alaniz. Thanks so much.

* *SHS Musical "Bye, Bye, Birdie"*

The annual musical is taking shape and will be ready for "induction" on Nov. 3,4,5,6 at the HS. Tickets are $5.00, available at the door or from scalpers behind the bus garage. Performance times are 7:30 pm Thur-Sat and 2 pm on Sunday. Come join the fun as Conrad Birdie comes to Sweet Apple to give one lucky fan "One Last Kiss" before going to the Army.

* *Madrigal Dinner...Help!*

The holidays are close and that means Madrigal Dinners. We need parent and student help during this fun event. There are positions for servers, organizers, ticket sales/reservations, costumes, place cards, decorations and much, much more. The dinners are Dec. 9, 10 & 11 at St. Mary's Memorial Hall. Tickets go on sale as soon as there is a ticket sales volunteer. Call or email Terri Goodman at 899-8159 or tgoodman@syc427.org. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Note...the Madrigal Dinner is always sold out. Volunteer early and your popularity in the community will be enhanced as you will be part of another great event...

November/December Calendar Events

Nov 3,4,5,6,	"Bye, Bye, Birdie"	HS Aud
Nov 5	IMEA-Elementary	Rochelle MS
Nov 12	IMEA District-Band/Choir	NIU
Nov 15	MS Band Concert	HS Aud
Nov 17	SPC Choir Festival	Ridgewood HS
Nov 19	IMEA District-Orchestra	Augustana
Nov 19	IMEA District-Jazz	Rochelle HS
Nov 21	SMS Choir Concert	HS Aud-7:30
Nov 29	MS Orchestra	HS Aud
Dec 6	HS Orchestra	HS Aud
Dec 7	HS Choir	HS Aud
Dec 9,10,11	Madrigal Dinners	St. Mary's
Dec 12	HS Band	HS Aud
Dec 13	HS Choir	HS Aud
Dec 20	Madrigal Tour	All Schools

Music Boosters Notes...

Who attends Music Boosters meetings??? Parents, students, faculty, administration, school board members... people concerned with the music education of our kids. You could attend the next meeting. Oct 20, 6 pm in the HS Library, unless the meeting is moved to some other location at the last minute and you're not informed and you sit outside the library for 20 minutes waiting for the people sitting in the library to leave so the Boosters meeting can start but then you realize that you are the only person waiting for the meeting to start and that's rather odd as there are lots of people who attend these meetings so the you start looking for the meeting and you finally find it in a closet near the orchestra room but the cookies are already gone. Did I tell you that people bring cookies to these meetings. Bottom line...be a Booster.