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The "official" newsletter of the Sycamore Music Boosters

Once again the music parents, faculty and students came together to raise funds for the music programs and once again it was a very successful Pumpkinfest Weekend. Over 6500 people paid to shop with over 190 vendors. The comments were very positive from both sides of the booth. The success was a giant team effort involving the school administration, the grade school choirs and a lot of people in between.

Special thanks go to Jenny Thornton, the event General Manager, Christine Lalowski, Vendor Manager and to Cindy Peterson, Student Chairperson. Cindy is retiring after 5 years. Thanks to you all.

Now if you're thinking 6500 people...190 vendors...200 pies...??? that's a lot of money...where does it go ??? Lavish meetings ??? Pie selling seminars in Aruba ??? Vendor Management workshops ??? Attend the next Music Booster meeting on Thursday Jan. 18th 6 pm in the HS Library.

Last chance for Madrigal Dinner Tickets...
It may already be sold out but...The 33rd Annual Sycamore High School Madrigal Dinner will be Dec. 8th, 9th and 10th. The Friday and Saturday shows are at 6:30 and feature a wonderful roast beef dinner and the Sunday dessert only show is at 2:30. Call 895-6372 for reservations.

Student Teachers...Alicia Russell and Jonathan Volner are working as student teachers in our music programs. Mr. Volner will be filling in for Ellen Yedinak while she is on baby break. Good luck to all.

Orchestra Reception...please bring a plate of cookies to the reception following the Orchestra Winter Concert on Monday Dec. 4th.

Can carpets fly?

"Aladdin"...in the early stages

The 6th 7th and 8th grade choruses will start working on tryouts for "Aladdin" in December and the cast will be posted before Christmas break. Mr. Abel says the show will be a little different that the movie but will have all the excitement and a flying carpet. The cast includes...

Aladdin: the title role carries the show-a funny slick prankster as well as the romantic lead.

Genie: fast talking, scene stealing funny person (boy or girl) the ability to do comedy is important.

Jasmine: feisty and rebellious, yet sweet and naïve. The future leader.

Iago: parrot (he or she) strong comedy role, singing, Jafar's sidekick.

Jafar: the villan, scary with some comedy with Iago.

Sultan: the father, portray love and care for Jasmine, non-singing role.

Magic Carpet: two actors work together to bring the carpet to life.

Narrators: five boys and girls set the scenes and move the plot.

Razoul and Guards: great comedy and singing roles.

The Ensemble: townspeople, shop owners, Harem girls.

Band News...

The Marching Spartans had a successful marching band season. Football games, parades, indoor concerts and two regional field shows. At Downers Grove they won 2nd place in Class A competition and won awards for Best Visual, Best Musical and Best Color Guard. At Marengo the Band won 3rd in the Class AA competition on October 8th. The premier indoor concert in the Field House was on Oct. 23rd. The sit-down performance featured music from the James Bond halftime show and all eras of pop and rock music.

Congratulations to all the Marching Spartans on a great season.

Allerton Chamber Music Symposium...

Emily Bonkowski, Corie Choi, Matthew Gilmer, Andy Lahey, Amy Olson, Hanna Peterson and Patrick Untch were selected to participate in this prestigious program sponsored by the University of Illinois. It will be in Monticello, IL. on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st. Quite an honor, congratulations.

Music Calendar...

Dec. 4	Orchestra Concert and Reception	7:30 HS
Dec. 8 & 9	Madrigal Dinner at St. Marys	6:30
Dec. 10	Madrigal Dessert at St. Marys	2:30
Dec. 11	Band Winter Concert	7:30 HS
Dec. 14	Choir Winter Concert	7:30 HS
Dec. 20	Madrigal Tour of schools	All Day
Jan. 20	Elementary Band Concert	7:00 HS

Read This First.

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Reception Coordinator needed...

The Choir and the Band need reception coordinators. It's always nice to have a small reception following a concert, it shows appreciation to the performers and those who attend. The orchestra has been doing it for several years and the other programs would like to follow suit. If you are interested in this contact the respective directors. No baking required.

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The Craft and Antique Show at the field house. What a great event! It was a pleasure watching the entire thing un-fold. It didn't happen over night, it took months of careful planning and coordination to make it seem as smooth as it was. There are hundreds, maybe thousands of hours of planning, calling, mailing, scheduling, checking, printing, meeting, counting and coordinating that go into making it work. Then as the event nears seeing a generally utilitarian field house transformed into a spectacle of color and culture filled with people generally having a good time. What a great event! And it's a fund raiser that benefits our kids. Thank you to all the managers, volunteers and staff and thanks for letting me watch. But...we need a better name next year. SB.

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