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"official" newsletter of the Sycamore Music Boosters

Middle School Musical...tickets still available

Don't miss "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." May 5th and 6th in the HS Aud. There are still a few tickets available, cast of thousands, classic music, dancing, great sets, great story, (but who would name their daughters Tzeitel, Hodel, Chava, Shprintze and Bielke??), and too many other character names to list and spell correctly. Performances are 7:30 but you will want to get there early. Support these great students and faculty, they have worked very hard.

All-Conference Band Selected...

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the 2006 SPC All-Conference Band. The Festival was February 21st. at Oswego HS. Guest directors were Dr. Kenneth Steinsultz and Dr. Joseph Manfredo, both from University of Illinois.

Freshman/Sophomore Band: Holly Martin, Alex Denig, Amy Olson, Corie Choi, Siobhan Sheil.
Junior/Senior Band: Emily Bonkowski, Alicia Waite, Candice Ziebart, Patrick Untch, Mark Hirsh, Hanna Peterson, Scott Taylor, Andy Lahey, Daniel Emmons.

Band Information...special dates...

Marching Band Camp is August 7th thru 11th. Marching Band rehearsal on June 8th and 9th. More information will be coming.

Elementary & Middle School Band Concerts...

May 8th the 7th and 8th grade bands will play at the HS Aud at 7:30 and on May 22nd the 5th and 6th grade bands will be performing at 7 p.m. also in the HS Aud.

The 7th and 8th grade bands will also march in the Sycamore Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. Come out and enjoy the patriotic music through the streets of Sycamore as they honor those who have served our country. The parade starts at 10:30 and will be followed by a ceremony in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mr. Goodman's Guest Column...by Ken Goodman.

On behalf of the Sycamore High School Music Department, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make our hosting of the IHSA Organizational Contest on April 1st a successful endeavor. We received compliments from both judges and participating directors on how smoothly everything ran and how helpful everyone was. There were parents, students and Sycamore employees who need to be acknowledged individually for their special efforts.

Hanna Anderson, Jacob Chote, Katie Doonan and Andy Lahey for their incredible help with setting up the contest on Friday night and tearing down the contest on Saturday afternoon! They worked very hard and did everything we asked without a complaint.

Mrs. Robin Quick, Mrs. Ruth Simon, Mr. Tim Sheil, Mr. Doug Scott, Ms. Becky Olsen, and Ms. Amy Lestina for helping out for the duration of the contest on Saturday. We could not have made the day work without their efforts.

Mrs. Jenny Thornton and Mrs. Marianne Vogel for doing an outstanding job with concessions and judges' meals! They were up early on Saturday!

Mrs. Carla Phillips for copying and assembling our contest program in record time!

The SHS Custodial Staff for all their tremendous assistance in moving things, taking things apart and reassembling them!

Ellman's music for providing instrument repair services.

Mrs. Terri Goodman, Mr. Ken Tonaki, and Mr. Mark Dreyer (my student teacher) for their tremendous assistance in getting everything ready for the contest and remembering the things that I forgot.

Finally, a big thank you goes to all other parent and student volunteers who worked on Saturday. Everything went very smoothly, thanks to your efforts.

Contest results. The Symphonic Band, Treble Choir and Chamber Choir all received "Superior" ratings and the Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Jazz Band received "Excellent" ratings. Congratulations to all of the ensembles!

Thank you for letting me be a guest columnist, please don't cash the check until after May 15th.

Ken Goodman

End of the Year Calendar...

May 5&6	Fiddler on the Roof Jr.	HS Aud.
May 6	Superstate Band Festival	U of I
May 8	7th 8th Band Concert	HS Aud.
May 15	HS Orchestra Concert	HS Aud.
May 16	Booster Awards Night	HS Aud.
May 17	NCJC Festival (all groups)	NIU
May 18	8th with HS Choir	HS Aud.
May 22	5th 6th Band Concert	HS Aud
May 23	HS Band Concert	HS Aud.
May 25	Elem/MS Orchestra	HS Aud 7pm
May 29	MS Band Memorial Parade	Sycamore
June 1	Senior Awards Night	HS Aud
June 4	Graduation-SHS Choir	HS 2pm

Other notes from our reporters on the street...

Christian Kates won an Outstanding Soloist award at the Mundelein Jazz Festival.

Parents are concerned about the loss of music space at South Prairie School, you may want to ask about it.

We'll miss Mark Thurwanger at the Music Boosters meetings. He was a great supporter. Hopefully his shoes will be filled with feet that keep time.

Special thanks to our guest columnist, hopefully he looked in the mirror when he was handing out his thanks. If not...Ken, you did a great job of bringing it all together. Congratulations and thanks.

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The Back Page...

Booster Awards Night needs another mention...it should be attended by all booster members and at least senior students. This is a fun night, short and sweet where we honor our outstanding students, present scholarships, hear some great performances and there are snacks. It is also the only opportunity to receive your limited edition Collector Program, number 2 in the series. **Tuesday May 16th in the HS Aud.**

Thinking about the Fall...start digging out those pie recipes, freeze those blackberries, mark your calendar, pumpkin fest is just around the corner.

Make your kids practice during the summer, let them play fun music.