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Sycamore Music Boosters

February 2009

A Note to Remember

A Classical and Jazz Gala in Support of Sycamore Music Programs

On Saturday, February 7, 2009, the Sycamore Music Boosters will host a special night of music and dessert entitled "A Note to Remember" from 7:30 – 11:00 PM at Blumen Gardens in Sycamore. It will feature students and faculty of the Sycamore music program along with some delightful sweet treats and beverages.

The ticket price for this lovely community event is $15/ person or $25/ couple. The price includes musical entertainment and a luscious dessert and coffee bar. Wine and coffee mixers will be available for an additional charge. To purchase tickets, contact Michelle Cole at 815-899-1975.

We are looking for parent help for the evening! If you are willing to help in any way (desserts, set-up, clean-up, etc.), please contact Kathy Sherman, volunteer coordinator at 815-895-8226 or email Kathy.sherm@gmail.com

We are also asking businesses for their financial support through sponsorship of the evening. If you work for a business that would be interested in sponsoring our event, contact Rachel Vidales, event sponsor chair at 815-895-4909 or email vidales4@verizon.net

Congratulations to Ken and Amy Tonaki on their new baby boy
Evan Lestina Tonaki
December 30, 2008 4:36pm
7 lbs. 9 oz. 19inches

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February 7th, 2009

Blumen Gardens, Sycamore

Ticket Order Form

Ticket Price $15/person or $25/couple

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Number of tickets_____

Total Enclosed $_____

THE 2008 AUTUMN CRAFT & TREASURES MARKET

Merci, muchas gracias, danke shein - well you get the drift :)
Many thanks to the many who contributed to the annual fundraiser, the Autumn Treasures and Crafts Market!! It's been a tough year for lots of folks, but you came through for the music students once again. You know, I was thinking just today, that our event really IS a great place to do Christmas shopping. Where else can you have such an incredible selection (thanks Christine) under one roof, on one level, with one-on-one attention for so reasonable?? So spread the word for next year - word of mouth is still the best way to advertise. For the donations, the pies, the time, the smiles - THANK YOU.

Karen Huff will be taking over my general management position. It has been a wonderful experience these 11 years of involvement and I will miss the excitement of working this weekend - but I know I leave it in good hands.

Keep up the good work for the kids and the music! Jenny Thornton.

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM, THANKS GOES OUT TO THE ENTIRE THORNTON FAMILY FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK AND INVOLVEMENT TO MAKE THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS!

SYCAMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 IMEA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS CONGRATULATIONS!

The music department would like to congratulate the 17 All-State music students who were selected to represent Sycamore High School at the 2009 IMEA Conference in Peoria. These dedicated students auditioned for their respective district festivals in band, choir, orchestra, and jazz band, and their chair placement or performances at the festivals allowed them to be selected from among many deserving individuals.

These students are:

Band--Calob Pluhm, Tim Lalowski, Gail Anderson, Paige Garrett, Dylan Larson

Choir--Tom McManamon, Jacob Pearson, Chelsey Kloster

Orchestra--Francie Weberpal, Chelsea Miller, Lucas Ruff, Samantha Kevin, Anthony Salis, Hans Anderson, Lindsey Maurer

Jazz Band--Will Mariani, Sam Simpson

The students will be going to Peoria on Wednesday, January 28 after school, and their concerts will conclude on Saturday, January 31.

Sycamore High School will have the sixth-highest total of All-State music students in Illinois. We are proud of our students' accomplishments, and they will represent our department and our school district very well.

SYCAMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 IMEA ALL-DISTRICT MUSICIANS CONGRATULATIONS!

Sixty-five high school and middle school students from the Sycamore School District were selected to participate in the 2008 Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-District Orchestras, All-District Bands and All-District Choirs.

Students who made All-District groups performed specific musical selections for judges in competitive auditions in October that are tightly regulated by the IMEA. The students who were selected spent one day in rehearsals, culminating in performances on the same day. The All-District Jazz Festival was held at Hononegah High School. The All-District Orchestra, Band, and Choir Festivals were held at Northern Illinois University.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA:

Hans Anderson, cello; Aaron Brancato, cello; Lindsey Maurer, cello; Greyson Scott, cello; Samantha Kevin, viola; Claire Mogren, bass; Erica Nielsen, violin; Isaac Parra, violin; Tim Salis, violin; Chelsea Miller, violin; Lucas Ruff, violin; Anthony Salis, violin; Francie Weberpal, violin; Dylan Larson, flute; Tim Lalowski, flute; Paige Garrett, oboe; Gail Anderson, horn

HIGH SCHOOL BAND:

Ian Kates, flute; Dominic Gentile, oboe; Steven Lalowski, bassoon; Kristian Kates, trumpet; Will Mariani, trumpet; Caitlin Sherman, french horn; Leif Anderson, trombone; Calob Pluhm, trombone; Joey Thompson, trombone; Jessica Pluhm, baritone.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR:

Caitlin Elsik, Alto II; Chelsey Kloster, Soprano; Tom Mcmanamon, Tenor II; Jake Pearson, Bass I; Chelsea Benjamin, Soprano II; Lauren Gin, Alto I; Miles Grimes, Bass I; Veronica Behrens, Soprano I; Evan Bross, Bass II; Yaron Lotan, Tenor I; Lucy Wrenn, Alto II.

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND:

Ian Kates, alto saxophone; Joey Larkin, tenor saxophone; Sam Simpson, tenor saxophone; Dana Atkins, tenor saxophone, Will Mariani, trumpet; Micah Huff, trumpet; Kristian Kates, trumpet; Alec Nauman, trumpet; Matthew Larks, trumpet; Calob Pluhm, trombone; Leif Anderson, trombone; Joey Thompson, trombone; Dominic Johnson, trombone; D.J. Yunek, trombone; Nathaniel Van Wienen, piano; Sho Ishimaru, bass.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA:

Zoe Bond, violin; Lizzie Briscoe, violin; Katie Denius, violin; Rebecca Hooey, violin; Kevin Lin, violin; Danielle Pivonka, violin; Cole Regnery, violin; Meredith Whisenhunt, violin; Alex Acosta, viola; Trent Englum, viola; Alyssa Gregorec, viola; Hanna Gross, viola; Emily Young, viola; McKinzie Spence, viola; Rebecca Vidales, viola; Maggie Lalowski, cello; Ryan Lindsey, cello; Paige Phelps, cello; Drake Shelledy, cello; Cooper Vinz, cello, Sarah Grant, bass; Seth Kates, bass; Lydia Moore, bass.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND:

Ashlyn Gardner, flute; Owen Ruff, oboe; Hannah Larks, clarinet; Jordyn Shultz, french horn.

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND:

Anthony Gentile, alto saxophone; Taylor Brady, tenor saxophone; Franklin Marsh, trombone; Alex Taylor, trombone; Elizabeth Watson, piano; Lydia Moore, bass.

Continuing Education Scholarships

LUNDBECK MEMORIAL ADDED TO MUSIC BOOSTER CAMP AWARDS

In 2008, the Bette J. Lundbeck Music Camp Memorial Scholarship was added to the list of scholarships given out by the Sycamore Music Boosters.

This scholarship has been established in the memory of Bette J. Lundbeck, who was an active member of the Sycamore Music Boosters and a long-time advocate for the arts in the Sycamore Schools and the community. According to Kirk Lundbeck, son of Bette J. Lundbeck, his parents were instrumental in helping start the Sycamore Music Boosters annual craft fair. It is this major fund raiser that enables the Boosters to provide generous scholarships and ongoing funding to the Sycamore School District music programs

Kirk Lundbeck, well-known as a professional trombonist and music teacher, stated that the Lundbeck family wanted to establish this scholarship in order to recognize outstanding music students and to support music education and performance.

The scholarship recognizes such qualities as outstanding musicianship and performance, dedication to learning music, academic achievement, leadership and community service.

The 2008 recipient of the Bette J. Lundbeck scholarship was Francie Weberpal, who is now a senior at Sycamore High School. Francie, a violinist, performs in the SHS orchestra, the NIU Community School of the Arts Sinfonia, and the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra. She is an IMEA All State and Honors Orchestra musician, and has participated in numerous school and community music events. Francie attended Interlochen Summer Arts Camp in both 2007 and 2008, as well as 3 summer music camps at The University of Illinois. Francie is currently auditioning at music schools around the mid-west to further her education on the violin. She plans to major in music education.

SYCAMORE MUSIC BOOSTERS ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sycamore Music Boosters will soon be accepting applications for the 2009 Senior Music Scholarships, Summer Music Camp Scholarships and Continuing College Music Scholarships. According to Booster President Doug Scott, giving scholarships to Sycamore music students remains one of the most important priorities of the organization. As part of this mission, summer camp scholarships are $250 for each qualifying student, and graduating senior music scholarships and continuing college music scholarships are $500 for single scholarship awards.

According to Scholarship Chair Madelyn Anderson, the application forms and directions for the 2009 Senior Music Scholarships and the Summer Music Camp Scholarships will be available after February 1, 2009. The deadline for both scholarships is Friday, April 3, 2009. Continuing College Music Scholarship information will be announced later in the spring.

Sycamore High School seniors who are graduating in spring 2009 and who intend to major in music, will be able to pick up complete application information and directions directly from the SHS Guidance Office. Scholarship recipients will be announced at Senior Awards Night at Sycamore High School.

The Sycamore Music Booster Summer Music Camp scholarships will be awarded to eligible band, orchestra and choir students. Sycamore music students who are currently in grades 6-11 may apply. In addition, students must be enrolled in the Sycamore school district music program for the 2009-2010 school year to be eligible. Students interested in a music camp scholarship will be able to pick up an application form from their music teacher.

In addition, application forms and directions for the camp and senior scholarships will be available after February 1, 2009 on the Sycamore Music Booster website at www.sycamoremusicboosters.com

Upcoming Events

January, 2009
Thursday, January 22nd, 7pm Elementary Orchestra Concert at the HS Auditorium
Monday, January 26th, 7pm, 5th-8th Band Concert at the HS Auditorium
Wednesday-Saturday, January 28 to 31, IMEA All State

February, 2009
Saturday, February 7th, A Note to Remember, A Classic Jazz Gala
Thursday, February 12th, 7:30pm MS Orchestra Concert at the HS Auditorium
Tuesday, February 17th, 7:30pm, MS Band Concert at the HS Auditorium ***
Wednesday-Thursday, February 18-19th, 6-9pm, MS Talent Show rehearsals***
Thursday, February 19th, 6pm, Sycamore Music Boosters meeting in the HS Library
Friday, February 20th, 9am, NIU Womens Choir Day - SHS treble Choir perform at NIU
Friday, February 20th, 7pm, Middle School Talent Show at the HS Auditorium***
Thursday, February 26th, 8am, Western Sun High School Band Fest in the HS Auditorium
Saturday, February 28th, 8am-1pm, Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest

March, 2009
Saturday, March 7th, IHSA Solo/Ensemble Festival at Stillman Valley High School
Saturday, March 14th, Mundelein Jazz Invitational at Mundelein HS
Saturday, March 14th, Oswego Jazz Fest at Oswego HS
Tuesday, March 17th, 7:30pm, High School Orchestra Concert in the HS Auditorium
Wednesday, March 18th, Western Sun Choir Festival in Yorkville
Thursday, March 19th, 6pm, Sycamore Music Boosters meeting in the HS Library
March 23rd-27th, Spring Break
Tuesday, March 31st, 7:30pm, High School Choir Concert in the HS Auditorium***

April, 2009
Thursday, April 2nd, 7:30pm, High School Band Concert in the HS Auditorium***
Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, IHSA Organizational Festival at North Boone HS
Monday, April 13th, 7pm, South East Elementary Spring Sing
Thursday, April 16th, 7pm, West Elementary Spring Sing
Thursday, April 16th, 6pm, Sycamore Music Boosters meeting in the HS Library
Monday, April 20th, 6pm, South Prairie Elementary Spring Sing
Tuesday, April 21st, 6pm, North Elementary Spring Sing
Wednesday, April 22nd, 7pm, MS Family Fine Arts Night at the Middle School
Friday, Saturday, April 24-25th, 8am, IHSA Music Organization State Finals at SHS
Monday, April 27th, 7:30pm, 7th-8th Band Concert at the HS Auditorium
Thursday, April 30th, 7:30pm, High School Jazz Night in the HS Auditorium

May, 2009
Saturday, May 2nd, Superstate Band Fest at U of I
Friday, Saturday, May 8-9th, 7pm, Middle School Musical **"Les Mis"** in the HS Auditorium
Monday, May 11th, 7:30pm, High School Orchestra Concert in the HS Auditorium
Wednesday, May 13th, 7pm, NCJC Musicfest
Thursday, May 14th, 7:30pm, High School Band Concert in the HS Auditorium
Monday, May 18th, 7:30pm MS Choir Concert at the HS Auditorium
Tuesday, May 19th, 7:30pm, High School Choir Concert in the HS Auditorium
Thursday, May 21st, 7pm, Elementary and Middle School Orchestra Concert
Thursday, May 21st, 6pm, Sycamore Music Boosters meeting in the HS Library
Monday, May 25th, 7th-8th Grade Band in the Memorial Day Parade
*****denotes changes in schedule**

Changed Concert Dates
If you have a child in high school band, high school choir, or sixth or seventh grade band, please note the revised concert dates on the newsletter schedule. The upcoming sixth/seventh grade band concert will now be held on Tuesday, February 17. On Tuesday, March 31st, the high school choirs will perform. Finally, on Thursday, April 2nd, the high school concert bands will be performing. All of these performances will begin at 7:30.

Don't Miss

Don't miss the Middle School production of "Les Mis" Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th in the High School Auditorium

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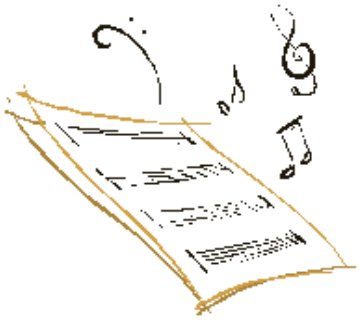
Did you know? You can keep up with current activities on our website? www.sycamoremusicboosters.com

The Sycamore Music Boosters Needs YOU!

We are always in need of chaperones, volunteers and caring parents for the many music activities our students participate in. If you would like to become more involved in supporting your child's musical interests, we are always in need of more people.



There are many opportunities to help out, here are just a few :

- Chaperones for out of school events
- Volunteers for the Craft & Treasures Market Fund Raiser
- Accompanist for performances and in the classroom
- Phone callers for events and performances
- Pie bakers for the Craft and Treasures Market
- General helpers throughout the entire school year

If you would like information on any of these opportunities to help support the music program and get to know your kids better, contact any of the board members listed on the front of this newsletter or on the website. Your kids may not say it but....Thanks for making a difference in their lives.