



Fine Arts Fanfare **September 2019**

Back to School

The Seguin ISD Fine Arts programs have been hard at work preparing for a great 2019 – 2020 school year! The Fine Arts Department includes a multitude of offerings PK – 12 including:

- Music
- Theatre Arts
- Visual Art
- Dance



"The Arts help us see connections and bring a more coherent meaning to our world."
-Ernest Boyer, President, Carnegie Foundation

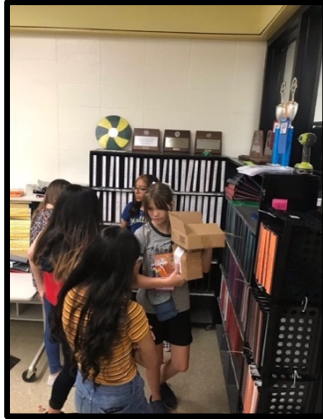
Summer Preparations

Several groups like the Marching Band, Choir, Dance Team, and Matador Mariachi practiced during August to prepare for upcoming fall events. This is an especially busy time for the marching band that endures the summer heat to get ready to perform at football games and competitions.



Seguin ISD middle school programs got busy in August as well holding sessions to get ready for the start of school! Some have already performed on their campuses!

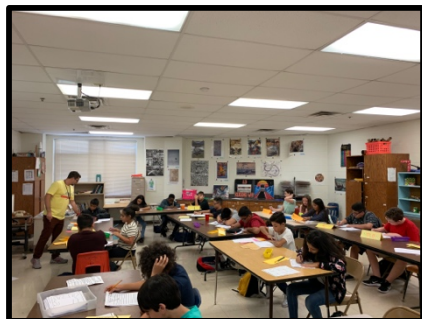
(AJ Briesemeister MS Choir, Band, and Theatre students pictured)



Middle School Fine Arts Hit Record Enrollment!

There are **2700 Student Enrollments** in the fine arts 6 – 8 in Seguin ISD!!

Several students are doubling up in the arts taking Band and Art, Choir and Theatre, Mariachi and Art, etc. Classrooms are full, and students will be involved in numerous exciting activities and performances throughout the year!



Arts Programs Get Donation Funds!!



The SHS Choir received a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Seguin, and the AJB Technical Theatre and Musical Theatre programs each received a \$1000.00 grant from A+ FCU for supplies and special projects. Thank you donors!!

Elementary Fine Arts Start the Year Strong!

Our elementary fine arts teachers are excited for the year!! The music teachers had a refresher professional development this summer on the Quaver Music curriculum and some ways to best utilize this technology in the classroom. We are looking forward to their showcases!



Community Partnerships Begin



Seguin ISD has terrific community partnerships that help enrich the educational opportunities for our students in the fine arts. These include:

Texas Lutheran University Community Music Academy

- String instrument Outreach, Youth Choirs, and Guitar Outreach

Mid-Texas Symphony

- Children's Concert Series, Children's Chorus, and Music Memory

Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin

- Art Master Classes, Ballet Folklorico, and Dia De Los Muertos Art Activities

Activities differ by grade level, but activities exist for students in grades K – 12. Enrollments and scheduling of these activities has begun!

Friday Night Lights Begin!! SHS Band and Dance programs perform!



"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

– Albert Einstein

New Fine Arts Faculty and Staff

Seguin ISD has a total 38 fine arts staff members PK – 12. We have several new additions to the fine arts faculty this year! New this year are the following:

Adam, Jason (Fine Arts Coordinator)
Anderson, Alley (SHS Dance)
Aranda, Jasmine (AJB Mariachi)
Blancarte, Heidi (Vogel Elem Music)
Cadena, Gabriela (Barnes Art)
DiMatteo, Samantha (SHS Band)

Luna, Timothy (SHS / Barnes Theatre)
Points, Marissa (Ball Pre-K Music/Art)
Rodriguez, Leticia (Barnes Mariachi)
Samsen, Bradley (SISD Percussion)
Weems, Diana (SHS Art)
Witherspoon, David (SHS Band)

Fine Arts Calendar Online



Check out the Seguin ISD Fine Arts web page! On the website there is a calendar of all fine arts events for the year. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the events. You will be impressed with the talent that the students in Seguin ISD demonstrate as well as the excellence in teaching demonstrated by their instructors.

<http://www.seguin.k12.tx.us/page/finearts.home>



Upcoming Events in September!

September 6: Matador Band, Dance, and Cheer perform at Home Football Game

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September 14: Matador Mariachi performs at Mariachi Connection Fall Fest

September 16: Mid-Texas Symphony Children's Concert for all 5th Grade Students

September 20: Matador Band, Dance, and Cheer perform at Away Football Game

September 22: Thespian Troupe Induction at SHS

September 27: Barnes MS Choir performs at Texas State Volleyball Game

September 28: Seguin Marching Band Contest



Jason Adam serves as the Coordinator of Fine Arts for Seguin Independent School District. Mr. Adam has been in education for more than twenty-one years, most recently coming from ten years in Comal ISD where he served as Director of Bands at Canyon High School and a member of the fine arts leadership team. Mr. Adam has degrees from the University of Texas at San Antonio and Boston University. He holds active memberships in Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Music Administrators Conference, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Art Educators Association, Texas Educational Theatre Association, and the Texas Bandmasters Association.