



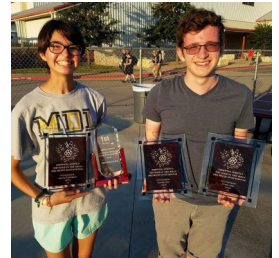
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And the Band Plays On ...

The Seguin HS Matador Band has been in full swing since the last week in July. Summer Band camp rehearsals in music and marching have culminated in performances at weekly pep rallies, varsity football games, and at competition. The band is currently rehearsing their marching contest production entitled "OverThrone" for upcoming competitions. The Mighty Matador Band will compete at the Rough Rider Marching Contest at Heroes



Stadium on Oct. 1, the Westlake Marching Festival on Oct. 8, the USBands Yamaha Cup Marching Contest on Oct. 15 at Judson HS, and the UIL Region XII Marching Contest at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio on Oct. 22. The band's percussion section recently competed at the Dripping Springs Invitational Drumline Competition on Sept. 17. The Matadors earned first place in the 5A division along with outstanding snare line, outstanding tenor line and outstanding front ensemble awards.

In other news, the Matador Band was joined by eighth grade band members from Barnes and Briesemeister middle schools on Sept. 16 on Future Matadors Night at the varsity football game. The combined bands performed at halftime and in the stands during the game. Both middle school bands have been performing at school pep rallies and will perform at the Annual Band Barbecue on Nov. 10 at the Seguin Coliseum.

Mariachi Matador, students perform for Diez y Seis Celebrations

September is Hispanic Heritage Month and *Diez y Seis* (Sept. 16) marks the anniversary of Mexico's Independence from Spain. The Seguin High School *Mariachi Matador* performed four songs for the Patlan Elementary school *Diez y Seis* celebration in the gym. Also performing at the celebration were Nathan Alzalde, a fifth grade student who plays the accordion, and the second grade music students of Mrs. MaryAnn Day. The *Mariachi Matador* performed for high school students in the school cafeteria during lunch periods.



The Seguin ISD Fine Arts Department is now represented on the Seguin ISD web site. The Fine Arts Department web site includes contact information for all Fine Arts teachers, as well as links to various web sites (school, Facebook, etc.) which provide information concerning the different fine arts organizations. Also included is a calendar of events for the Fine Arts Department. Please visit the new web site at <http://www.seguinisd.net/page/finearts.home>.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Theatre is alive and well at Seguin ISD. High school Theatre teachers Lydia Robles and Justin Tristan are currently working with high school students to produce this year's children's show, "James and The Giant Peach," by Roald Dahl. The production involves over 30 students in the cast and crew, and technical theatre students have been working on set construction for the show. The children's show will be performed for Seguin ISD elementary school students, as well as for students from community private schools and pre-schools on Oct. 26 and 27 at the TLU Jackson Auditorium.



Twelve high school drama students were inducted into the High School Thespian Troupe #5897 at Seguin HS on Sept. 25. These inductees earned this recognition through participation in school productions, attending community and professional shows, and by doing fundraising. The induction ceremony was held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Middle school theatre enrollment has increased so that each middle school now has a full-time theatre teacher on campus. Kathy Beer, theatre teacher at Barnes Middle School, is working with 30 students on a production of "Sleeping Beauty." Performances are scheduled for Nov. 17-18 at the Barnes cafetorium. Tommie Jackson, theatre teacher at Briesemeister Middle School, is working with 30 sixth grade students to produce the play, "Simply Cinderella" by Jacob Burns. He is also working with 20 seventh and eighth grade students to produce the play, "Cinderella" by William Glennon. Both productions are scheduled for Nov. 10-11th at the Briesemeister Courtyard Theatre.

Sing, Sing, Sing...

The Seguin ISD Choir program is experiencing growth in enrollment and achievement at both the middle school and high school levels. Leonardo Garcia, choir director at the high school, leads the Matador Varsity Mixed Choir, Non-Varsity Mixed Choir, and Women's Treble Chorus. These groups are rehearsing for the upcoming Seguin ISD Choir Fall Concert, scheduled for Oct. 13 at the TLU Jackson Auditorium. The Varsity Mixed Choir will also be performing the national anthem at the Homecoming football game. Thirty-five choir members are rehearsing for region choir auditions, which will be held in October. The number of students auditioning is more than triple the number of students that auditioned a year ago.



The Middle School Choirs are also busy rehearsing for their performances at the Seguin ISD Choir Fall Concert. Both middle school choirs will have students participate at the region choir auditions in October, and both choirs will also perform for report card pick-up night at their middle schools. The Briesemeister choir has also performed the national anthem at two volleyball games this fall.

A Picture Paints a Thousand Words...

From basic drawing skills to sculpture, painting and ceramics, Seguin ISD art students display creativity and imagination every day in the art classes at the high school and middle school campuses. The number of students enrolling in visual arts classes increased this year so there are now two full-time art teachers at each middle school campus.



Art students at both middle schools participate in after school Art Clubs that currently focus on creating art work for the Guadalupe County Fair show in October. Maria Chio and Mathew Jobsen teach art classes at Barnes, while Kelly Hallmark and Marco Cuevas teach art at Briesemeister.

The high school employs three full-time art teachers to teach classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and 2-D and 3D AP art classes, as well as art history. Melissa Gratz, Ji Park, and Kim Schmitt teach art at the high school, and are currently working with students on artwork to be entered into the Guadalupe County Fair show in October. Art students have also been asked to assist with decorations for the Holiday Stroll in December.

Dance, Dance, Dance...



Members of the Seguin High School Dance Team, the Starsteppers, have been rehearsing since the middle of August for performances at athletic events during the fall semester. They perform at all pep rallies and varsity football games, and they attend district home volleyball games to provide support for the cheerleaders. The Starsteppers will be performing a dance to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* at the Magnolia Hotel on Oct. 29 as part of the hotel's Zombie Walk and Haunted House event. The Starsteppers will also be teaching elementary school students dance moves through the Weesteppers program in late November for a performance during the Holiday Stroll in December.

Music IS Elementary!

Elementary Music classes are offered to every elementary school student in the school district as part of the "Specials Rotation" in their class schedule. Musical opportunities at the campus level include grade level performances, participation in after school music programs such as choir or percussion, and special performances for the community. After school music opportunities include:



Jefferson—Jefferson Drum Company

Rodriguez—Rodriguez Elementary Choir

Koennecke—Koennecke Elementary Choir

Vogel—Orffantastics

McQueeney—McQueeney Elementary Choir

Weinter—Mighty Matador Singers

Patlan—Extraordinary Singers and Recorder Club

Save the Dates in October and November!

Band Marching Competitions

Roughrider—Oct. 1—Heroes Stadium Westlake—Oct. 8—Westlake HS
USBands Yamaha Cup—Oct. 15—Judson HS UIL Contest—Oct. 22—Heroes Stadium

Guadalupe County Fair Art Show

October 8-9—Coliseum Exhibition Hall

Choir Fall Concert

October 13—TLU Jackson Auditorium

Children's Show “*James and the Giant Peach*”

October 26-27—TLU Jackson Auditorium

Annual Band Barbecue

November 10—Seguin Coliseum

AJ Briesemeister Theatre Shows—*Simply Cinderella and Cinderella*

November 10 -11—Briesemeister Courtyard Theatre

Veteran's Day Celebrations—Various Seguin ISD Schools

November 11—Locations and times to be announced

Jim Barnes Theatre Shows—*Sleeping Beauty*

November 17-18—Barnes Cafetorium

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