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High School Band Earns Awards at Contests

The Matador band began their competitive season on Oct. 1 at the Roughrider Marching Contest at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio. The Matador Band garnered awards in class 5A for 1st Place Band, Outstanding Soloist, Outstanding Hornline, Outstanding Frontline Ensemble, Outstanding Battery, and Outstanding Colorguard. The Guard and Percussion both received the highest scores of the entire contest.

The band competed at the Westlake Marching Festival in Austin on Oct. 8. In prelims, the band competed against other 5A bands from the area. The band placed 2nd in Class 5A, and won Outstanding Percussion and Colorguard. The band then advanced to finals, where they competed against both 5A and 6A schools. The Matador Band finished 7th in finals overall. The guard placed 4th and percussion placed 2nd.



The Matador band also competed at the USBands Yamaha Cup Marching Contest held at Rutledge Stadium at Judson High School on Oct. 15. The contest is unique as bands compete by band size, not school size. In prelims, the Matador Band placed 2nd and won Best Percussion and Best Music in Class V Open and advanced to finals. Out of 32 bands, only 14 advanced to finals competition and all competed for grand prize. In finals, the Matador Band placed 3rd overall and placed highest in 5A bands in Music, Visual, Percussion, and Guard.

The final marching band contest of the year was the UIL Regional Marching contest, held Oct. 22 at NEISD Heroes Stadium in San Antonio. The band earned Superior 1st Division Ratings from all judges. The Matador Percussion section will compete during November at the South Texas Classic Drumline Contest at Brandeis High School in San Antonio and at the Lone Star Percussion Contest at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, TX. The band staff thanks you for their support of the band program.



Theatre Productions Entertain Audiences

High School Theatre teachers Lydia Robles and Justin Tristan worked with students to produce this year's children's show, "James and The Giant Peach, Jr." by Roald Dahl. Performances took place at the TLU Jackson Auditorium on Oct. 26 and 27. Over 2,500 Seguin ISD Pre-K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students attended the show during the school day. Students from St. James, Sugar and Spice, Leap Ahead Learning, Seguin Christian Academy, and the Community Childhood Development Center also attended the show. A public performance was presented at 7p.m. on Oct. 27, and was attended by more than 300 people. As a community service project, canned goods were collected at the show, benefitting the Christian Cupboard.



Barnes Middle School theatre students are currently working on a production of "Sleeping Beauty." Performances are scheduled for Nov. 17-18. Briesemeister Middle School students are working to produce the plays "Simply Cinderella" by Jacob Burns and "An Original Cinderella Pantomime" that the students wrote. These productions are scheduled for Nov. 10-11.

Choir Students Excel in Auditions and Choir Concert



Six Seguin HS Choir students placed in the TMEA All-Region Choirs this year. Earning spots in the All-Region Mixed Choir were Charlotte De Leon and Chris Inocencio. All-Region Treble Choir honors went to Cassidy Simmons, Danielle Croll, Julia Montgomery and Ginger Bowles. The All-Region Choirs will perform Nov. 12 at San Marcos High School. Charlotte De Leon became the first SHS student in several years to advance to the Top 10 Pre-Area round of audition. Leo Garcia serves as the choir director.

Barnes and Briesemeister middle schools choir students were selected to perform at the TMEA Middle School All-Region Choir Concert on Oct. 29 in San Marcos. Sirena Vela, Andrew Burpo and Isaac Moore are the first students from Barnes MS to achieve this distinction since 2011. Anna Busskohl of Briesemeister MS is also an All-Region singer. Perry Dean serves as the choir director at Barnes while Samuel Parrott directs the Briesemeister choir.

The Choir program performed in a Fall Concert at TLU Jackson Auditorium on Oct. 13. Choirs from both middle schools and the high school performed, including Treble Choirs, Men's Choirs, and Mixed Choirs. The concert was well attended and the performances were outstanding.

Seguin Student Artists Produce Award Winning Art

Student artists from all Seguin ISD campuses earned awards in the Guadalupe County Fair & Rodeo Art Contest in October. Barnes student artist Emily Kabrud, 7th grade, was awarded 1st place and grand prize winner in the middle school category. Two Briesemeister art students also received awards. Amber Jahns was awarded two 4th place ribbons, and Natonyah Suarez was awarded a 1st and a 2nd place ribbon. Maria Chio and Mathew Jobsen teach art classes at Barnes, while Kelly Hallmark and Marco Cuevas teach art at Briesemeister.



Seven high school students also participated, and all received awards. These include: Charlie Hernandez- 2nd, 3rd place; Michaela Johnson- two 1st places, two 2nd places, 3rd, 4th and 5th place; Rochelle Johnson- Best of Show (tri-color ribbon), 2nd, 4th place; Magnolia Bornemann, 1st and 2nd places; Cassandra Mrazek, 2nd and 4th places; Georgia Frazier- 4th place; and Madeline Frazier- 3rd place. Melissa Gratz, Ji Park, and Kim Schmitt teach art at the high school.

Starsteppers Raise Funds with Cupcakes For A Cure

The HS Starstepper dance team raised money for breast cancer research in October by selling cupcakes during the varsity football game on Oct. 7. Homemade cupcakes were sold by Starstepper parents while the Starstepper Dance Team wore pink as part of their uniform.



The project raised \$919.00 toward finding a cure!

The Starsteppers also performed a dance to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* at the Magnolia Hotel on October 29th at the hotel's Zombie Walk and Haunted House event.

Save these Dates in November!

Annual Band Barbecue

November 10—Seguin Coliseum

A.J. Briesemeister Theatre Shows—*Simply Cinderella* and *Cinderella*

November 10 -11—Briesemeister Courtyard Theatre

Veterans Day Celebrations—Various Seguin ISD Schools

November 11—Locations and times to be announced

Matador Percussion Competes at Lone Star Percussion Contest

November 12—Marcus HS, Flower Mound, TX

High School Choir TMEA All-Region Clinic/Concert

November 12—San Marcos HS

Jim Barnes Theatre Shows—*Sleeping Beauty*

November 17-18—Barnes Cafetorium

Seguin HS Drama Improv Night Fund Raiser

November 19—The Palace Theater

Holiday Stroll Parade (Bands, Choirs, Starsteppers, and Cheerleaders)

December 1-Downtown Seguin

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