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Matador Band students compete, perform

The Matador Band performed at the annual Band Booster Barbecue Fundraiser on Nov 10. All Seguin ISD band students performed at the event, which raised money for supporting the district's growing band program. The Matador Band performed in the Holiday Stroll parade on Nov 30. Small ensembles played for events such as the KWED Holiday Food and Toy Drive on Dec. 8. The high school band's holiday concert on Dec. 14 featured the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Symphonic Band. The middle school bands from both Barnes and Briesemeister performed at the Performance Arts Center on Dec. 12, which included performances by the beginners, 7th and 8th grade concert bands.



Competition continued for band students through the TMEA All State Band audition process that began in the fall. Fifty-three students competed, and forty earned All District Band chairs. Thirty of those students placed high enough to earn a chair in the All Region Bands, which performed in concert on January 21. Fifteen students earned positions in the All Area Band and advanced to the All State Band auditions on Jan 7. Twelve students were awarded Region Orchestra chairs and performed a concert on Dec 10. Performances of both the Region Band concert and Region Orchestra concert were excellent!

Briesemeister band students Christian Bertling and Kayla Hinton earned chairs in the South Zone Band through auditions on Nov. 11. They performed in the Region Band concert on Dec. 9. Anna Busskohl earned a district distinction at the audition.

High school band students competed at the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 10. 25 students were awarded first division medals for solo performances, while 10 students were awarded first division medals for ensemble performances. 21 of the soloists will advance to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May, along with the 10 students who performed in ensembles.

High school band students performed for the musical "The Wizard of Oz" on Feb 2-4. This was the first time in many years that the high school musical was supported by live musicians.

The high school band percussion ensemble (16 students) and saxophone quartet have earned the honor of performing at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, Mar 15-17. They earned this honor and opportunity based on a video tape audition process completed last fall. They will represent the band program, Seguin HS, and the Seguin community while performing at this national event!



Theatre productions entertain audiences, students earn awards

In November, theatre students from Barnes performed “The Seven Nasty Princesses”, a play by Edith Weiss, on Nov. 16 - 17 at the Barnes cafetorium. 45 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students were involved in the play. All performances were excellent and enjoyed by large audiences.



Briesemeister theatre students participated in the Texas Junior Thespian State Festival in Grapevine on Nov. 15. 19 theatre students participated in workshops and competed in events ranging from technical stage set design to musical theatre duet and group performances, as well as acting performances. The AJB theatre students earned the Most Active Troupe trophy at the festival.

The Briesemeister Theater Arts Department seventh and eighth grade students performed “Elf, The Musical, Jr.” for audiences on Dec. 5, 12 and 14 at the outdoor . The production included the Briesemeister choirs and theatre students. The play was a huge success with many parents and faculty commenting positively about the acting, costumes, and overall production.

SHS theatre students participated in the Texas Thespian State Festival in Grapevine on Nov. 16-18. Students were able to hear from the Tony award winning Jason Robert Brown, attend workshops taught by industry professionals, audition for scholarships, compete in acting and technical theatre events, etc. Student competitors earned 5 Excellent ratings, one Superior rating / national qualifier, and Amber Mawande-Spytek was awarded a \$1,000 musical theatre scholarship.



The Briesemeister Middle School One Act thespians (drama students) earned first place at their first ever contest at the Judson ISD invitational One-Act play contest! Their teacher is Mr. Tommie Jackson. Congratulations to these students who also brought home individual awards: All Star Tech - Hannah Perez; Honorable Mention All Star Cast - Aaniyah Maxwell; All Star Cast - Lainie Manero; and Overall Best Actor - Julian Bermea. The students are now rehearsing for a Spring Showcase, to be held in late March.

The SHS Theatre Arts Department performed “The Wizard of OZ” musical for audiences on Feb. 2 - 4. The cast consisted of 50 HS theatre students, 15 elementary “munchkins”, vocal support from 7 choir students, and a pit wind orchestra of 25 band students. The new Performing Arts Center venue allowed for a state of the art production, included full backdrops, elaborate scenery, wireless microphone sound amplification, and professional lighting. The performances were spectacular and met with rave reviews from audience members of all ages! The theatre students are now rehearsing for the spring UIL One Act Play competition.



Mariachi program travels, performs in competition



Seguin ISD mariachi students participated in the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Conference in San Antonio on Nov. 30 - Dec 2. The Seguin ISD All - Star Mariachi middle school group and the Mariachi Matador high school group performed. The students also participated in workshops on instrumental and vocal performance in the mariachi genre. The students then performed in their annual Holiday concert at the Performing Arts Center on Dec. 6, including beginner violin classes, guitar classes, and the performing mariachi classes. The concert was well attended and enthusiastically received! The Mariachi Matador also toured the district campuses and central office on Dec. 15.

The SHS Mariachi Matador competed at the Texas Association of Mariachi Educators (TAME) Area Contest on Jan. 20 at Southwest HS. The group earned a first division for their ensemble performance, which granted them the opportunity to perform at the TAME All-State Mariachi Contest on Feb. 10 at the University of Texas Rio Grande



Valley in Edinberg. They performed at the state event and earned 14th place in 5A programs. The Mariachi Matador will also compete in the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 24 at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Edinberg, after receiving a first division rating earned at the regional UIL contest on Jan. 30.



Mariachi students from the middle schools and high school will be performing in a recital at the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 26. The event, entitled “Viva La Voz”, will begin at 7 pm and is open to the public.

Martin Luther King event presented by SISD groups



Seguin ISD music students participated in the second annual Seguin ISD Martin Luther King Showcase, Jan 12 at the Seguin Coliseum. Student music groups participating included the Koennecke Elementary Chorus, McQueeney Lakeside Singers and Xylophone Ensemble, Weinert Mighty Matador Singers, Vogel Orffantastics, Rodriguez Elementary Choir, Jef-

erson Drum Company, Barnes 6th grade Girls Choir, and the Briesemeister 6th grade Girls Choir and Men’s Choir. Briesemeister theatre students also shared their talents by providing pantomime performances and readings. Approximately 210 students participated at the event, which was hosted by the Seguin MLK Committee. The audience of over 500 people enjoyed the performances!



Starsteppers share talents, perform for community



Members of the Starstepper Dance Team shared their dance skills with Seguin ISD elementary students during the annual Weesteppers dance classes on Nov 27. More than 40 elementary students learned basic dance techniques and a routine to perform with the Startsteppers during the Holiday Stroll event in downtown Seguin on Dec. 1. The Starsteppers also performed in the Holiday Stroll Parade on Nov. 30.

The Starstepper Dance Team competed at the Crowd Pleasers competition at Canyon High School on Feb. 10. The team won Silver Sweepstakes Award on all 3 of their routines at the contest. They also took 1st in kick, 2nd in Contemporary & 2nd in Pom in small team! Seguin HS then hosted the Crowd Pleasers Dance contest on Feb. 17. The Starsteppers now focus on the upcoming SHS Arts Collage, auditions, and the Gold Battalion Spring Showcase.



Student artists create for the season



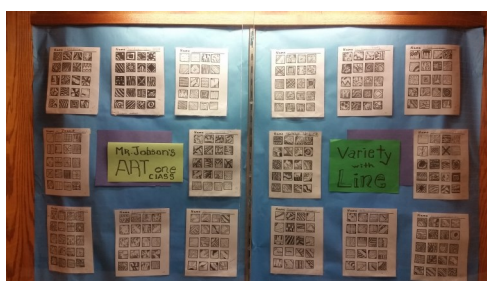
Student artists competed in the annual Seguin ISD Holiday Card design contest. Hundreds of designs were submitted by our students. The winning designs were then used on the cards that are handed out to all faculty/staff of the district. This year's six winners were from Ball, Rodriguez, Barnes, Briesemeister, and Seguin HS.



Briesemeister students held the third annual Luminescence Art/Science Night on Nov. 28. Students were invited to come after school for an art activity, to view the outdoor and indoor galleries of work, to see objects in the night sky through a telescope (such as Mars and Venus), and to see dinoflagellates glow in sea water when agitated. Students were also invited to paint with glow-in-the-dark paint.



The central office Board Room display case has contained SISD student art work during the school year. Barnes Art I drawings were on display earlier this year (left). Briesemeister Art I ceramic projects are currently on display (right). The student art work is exceptional!



SISD Choirs perform for community and beyond



The Seguin HS choir students traveled to the Texas Renaissance Festival in New Market Village (northwest of Houston) on Nov. 8. Students stepped back in time as they entered the sights and sounds of New Market Village, an authentic recreation of a 16th century European village. Students interacted with hundreds of costumed characters representing the courts, culture, art, science, and literature of the Renaissance Period. The Seguin HS Varsity choir performed on stage.

The Seguin HS Choirs performed their annual Holiday concert in the Performing Arts Center on Dec. 7. Choirs performing included the Non-Varsity Mixed Choir, Varsity Women's Choir, and Matador Choir (mixed varsity). The Barnes choir program held its Holiday Concert at the Performing Arts Center on Dec. 4, while the Briesemeister choir program performed their concert on Dec. 14 at the Briesemeister Outdoor Theatre. Briesemeister choir students also participated as the chorus for the production of "Elf, The Musical Jr."



Members of the Seguin HS Varsity Choir performed three Holiday musical selections at the KABB-TV studios on November 29. Their performance of the three songs were then televised on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as part of the television station's "Fox News First" holiday musical special. They then produced a similar recording on Dec. 12 for airing on KCWX-TV.

Members of the Seguin HS Varsity Treble Choir participated in the Texas Youth Choral Festival Jan 27 at the Weston Performing Arts Center on the TLU campus. The choir joined other youth choral groups from the area and combined to perform on Saturday afternoon. The SHS Choirs also rehearse during the school day and after school in preparation for upcoming performances, such as the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest and UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest.

41 Members of the Seguin HS chapter of the Texas Future Music Educators attended the Texas Music Educators Association Annual Clinic Convention in San Antonio on Feb. 16-17. These students were immersed in music education as they attended clinics, performances, and an exhibits fair. Leo Garcia and Rafael Alarcon accompanied the students on their trip.



Upcoming Fine Arts Events!

Feb. 24	UIL Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest	Madison HS, San Antonio
	UIL State Mariachi Festival	Univ. of Texas Rio Grande Valley
	TCGC Color Guard Contest	Rouse HS, Leander
	Seguin Art League El. & MS Art Show	GRMC, Seguin
Feb. 26	SISD Mariachi “Viva La Voz” Recital	7 pm - Performing Arts Center
Feb. 27	SISD Middle School Pre-UIL Concert	6:30 pm - Performing Arts Center
Mar 1 - 2	UIL MS Band Concert and SR Contest	Canyon Lake HS
Mar 5 - 6	UIL MS Choir Concert and SR Contest	Eisenhower MS, San Antonio
Mar 5	SHS One Act Play Public Performance	7 pm - Performing Arts Center
Mar 6	UIL One Act Play Zone Contest (SHS)	2 pm - Performing Arts Center
Mar 8	National Concert Band Festival Preview	7 pm - Performing Arts Center
Mar 10	TCGC Color Guard Contest	Cedar Park HS, Leander
	Noche De Gala Teatro Event	7 pm - TLU Jackson Auditorium
Mar 15 - 17	National Concert Band Festival	Indianapolis, Indiana
Mar 20	UIL One Act Play District Contest	Performing Arts Center
	Improv Night - Barnes Theatre Dept.	Jim Barnes MS
Mar 22	UIL One Act Play Bi-District Contest	Dripping Springs HS
Mar 23	Briesemeister Theatre Spring Play	7 pm - Briesemeister MS
Mar 24	TCGC Area Color Guard Contest	Hendrickson HS, Pflugerville
	SISD Arts Collage and Grand Finale	2 - 6 pm - Performing Arts Center
Mar 26	SHS Band Pre-UIL Concert	7 pm - Performing Arts Center
Mar 27	Briesemeister Theatre Spring Play	7 pm - Briesemeister MS
Mar 29	Briesemeister Theatre Spring Play	7 pm - Briesemeister MS

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