



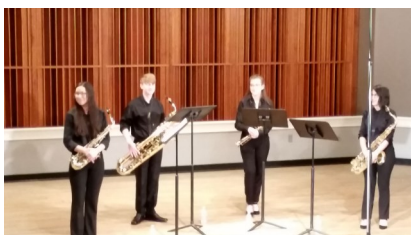
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Matador Band students compete, travel, and perform

The high school band percussion ensemble and saxophone quartet were invited to perform at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, March 15-17. They earned this honor and opportunity based on a recorded audition process completed last fall. To help prepare for the concerts, the students performed a



pre-trip concert on March 8 at the PAC. They then traveled to Indianapolis during spring break to perform at the festival. The concerts were well received and the students proudly represented Seguin ISD and the city of Seguin.



The Seguin High School bands performed a Pre-UIL concert on March 26 at the PAC as preparation for their UIL contest performances. The bands performed at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation event at Madison High School on April 3. The Symphonic Band, directed by Jennifer Beck, earned a rating of Excellent in both Concert and Sight Reading performance. The Wind Symphony, directed by Collin Barry, earned Superior ratings in both Concert and Sight Reading, achieving the concert contest Sweepstakes award. The Wind Ensemble, directed by Stan Mauldin, received Superior ratings from



all judges in both Concert and Sight Reading, also achieving the concert contest sweepstakes award. This award, combined with first division ratings achieved at UIL Region Marching Contest, earns the entire Seguin HS band program the coveted UIL Sweepstakes award.



The high school bands are now preparing for performances of their El Toro Variety Show, Band Spring Concert, Percussion Spring Concert, Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest, District Percussion Concert, and graduation.

Middle school band programs excel at UIL contest

The Barnes and Briesemeister middle school bands participated in a Pre-UIL evaluation event at Canyon Lake HS on Feb. 10. The comments received from the event helped prepare them for UIL competition. On March 1-2, the Seguin ISD middle school bands performed at the UIL Region XII Concert and Sight Reading Contest at Canyon Lake High School. Both the Briesemeister Middle School Symphonic B Band and Symphonic A Band received Superior ratings on stage and in sight reading, earning them the Sweepstakes designation! The Briesemeister bands are under the direction of Luis Blancarte and Elizabeth Landry.



The Barnes Middle School band program sent three bands to UIL competition for the first time in school history. The Symphonic C Band, Symphonic B Band, and Symphonic A Band received Superior ratings for both concert and sight reading performance, earning them the Sweepstakes designation! The Barnes Middle School bands are under the direction of Noel De La Cruz and Sean Moriarty.



The Barnes and Briesemeister band students also participated in a district Solo and Ensemble event on April 28 at Briesemeister Middle School. Students were evaluated by judges and be assigned a rating. Many outstanding soloists awards were earned! The bands are now preparing for performances at the TLU Band Festival, Schlitterbahn Sound Waves Festival, and spring concerts.

Seguin choir students earn awards, perform in concerts

28 solo and ensemble medals were earned by Seguin High School choir students at the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble competition on Feb. 24 at Madison High School in San Antonio, including nine soloists qualifying for state competition in May.



The Barnes and Briesemeister middle school choirs participated in UIL Concert and Sight Reading evaluation at Eisenhower Middle School on March 5-6. Special recognition goes to the Briesemeister Treble Choir for their Sweepstakes award-winning performance in both concert and

sight reading with first division ratings awarded by the six judges! Both choir programs are to be congratulated for their performances.

The Seguin High School choirs performed a Pre-UIL Concert on April 3 in the PAC. This event helped students prepare for their performance at UIL competition. The Seguin High School choirs performed at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation event at Johnson High School on April 17-18. The Varsity Treble Choir received Superior ratings in both Concert and Sight Reading, achieving the contest Sweepstakes award. The Varsity Mixed Choir earned a Superior rating for Concert performance and a rating of Excellent for Sight Reading performance. Leonardo Garcia is the choir director for Seguin High School.



Seguin HS choir and dual credit music students traveled to the Long Center in Austin on April 26 to attend a dress rehearsal of the opera *La Traviata*, by Giuseppe Verdi. Prior to each event, online resources are made available, as well as live docent presentations, to prepare students for the experience of attending the opera. 50 Seguin HS students attended. The students then attended a dress rehearsal for the opera Verdi's *Don Giovanni*, presented at the PAC on May 2. This production was presented by the Texas Concert Opera Collective.

The Barnes and Briesemeister choir programs will each perform their final Pop Show concerts on Thursday, May 24 on their respective campuses. The Barnes program is entitled *A Night at the Movies*, while the Briesemeister program is entitled *The Musical World of Walt Disney*. The Briesemeister choir will also be performing in the Disney musical, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, on May 8, 10 & 11.

Mariachi program travels, performs in competition

The Mariachi Matador competed at the UIL State Mariachi Festival at the University Of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Edinburg on Feb. 24. The Mariachi Matador earned a Distinguished Performance Plaque for their participation. The Mariachi program also hosted the annual Viva La Voz Mariachi Solo Recital at the PAC, which included students from Seguin, Kyle, and San Antonio.

The Mariachi Matador and Mariachi Juvenile performed at the Robstown Cotton Picker Mariachi Festival on April 14. Mariachi Juvenile (middle school honor group) earned a Division 1 Superior rating, as well as best vocals and best trumpet section in their division.



The Mariachi Matador earned a rating of Excellent, as well as three first division solo ratings. The students also participated in the record-breaking Guinness Book of World Records for most mariachi performing together with 700+ musicians. Both mariachi groups also performed at the Mariachi Cuero Extravaganza on April 16, the San Antonio College Mariachi Spring Showcase on April 17, and the Patlan Music Showcase on April 19. Mariachi students are now rehearsing for the annual Seguin ISD Mariachi Extravaganza Spring Concert. Directors for the mariachi program are Rafael Alarcon and Victor Figueroa.

Gold Battalion Showcase features dancers, cheerleaders

The Starstepper Dance Team, SHS Cheerleaders, Sparkles Cheerleaders, and middle school cheerleaders from Barnes and Briesemeister middle school presented the annual Gold Battalion Spring Showcase on March 27. The audience was entertained by award-winning routines by soloists, small ensembles, current full teams, and the future 2018-2019 dance and cheer teams from the high school. Chelsea Bode and Suzanne Zink are sponsors for these groups.



The high school groups now rehearse for attending summer camps in June and July to prepare for next year!



Theatre students perform, compete, earn awards

The Seguin High School theatre department hosted the first series of UIL One Act Play contests in the new PAC in early March. Zone and District contests ran for 3 days, featuring 8 schools, with Seguin High School theatre students serving as technical crew, hospitality and host crew, as well as competing themselves! Below is a brief synopsis our UIL OAP experience this year:

Zone Contest: *David's Mother* advanced, earning Best Actress and 5 other individual awards.

District contest: *David's Mother* advanced, earning Best Actress and 3 other individual awards.

Bi-District Contest: *David's Mother* advanced, earning Best Actor and 3 individual awards

Area Contest: *David's Mother* advanced, earning 4 individual awards.

Region Contest: *David's Mother* did not advance, but performed very well earning 3 individual awards and placing highest among the schools in our district!



Students from the Seguin HS One-Act Play company traveled to Austin to watch the State One-Act Play contest for 6A schools. Theatre students are now in the process of preparing Senior Directed Shows. These will be performed at the end of the month in the Black Box theatre. Lydia Robles and Justin Tristan lead the theatre students at Seguin High School.

Theatre students from both middle schools and the high school performed in the Black Box Theatre at the high school on March 24 as part of the SISD Arts Collage. Briesemeister theatre students also presented three performances of their Spring Showcase on March 23, 27 & 29. Middle school theatre teachers are Kathy Beer (Barnes) and Tommie Jackson (Briesemeister).



The Briesemeister Middle School theatre department, in collaboration with the choir program, has been hard at work building sets, memorizing lines, and learning music for their spring musical. They will present Disney's *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* in the outdoor theatre at Briesemeister Middle School on May 8, 10 & 11 at 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Elementary music programs very active this spring



Seguin ISD elementary music programs have performed for many events during this spring semester. All of the elementary music programs performed at the Seguin ISD Arts Collage on March 24. These programs included choirs from Koennecke, McQueeney, Patlan, Rodriguez, and Weinert, as well as rhythm instrumental performances from Vogel and Jefferson. The students performed very well for family and friends in attendance.

Patlan music students from third, fourth, and fifth grade performed at a Fiesta Kick-off concert on April 19. The students performed well and many parents and friends attended the event. Mr. Brian Kingsbury is the music teacher at Patlan.

The Weinert second grade musical, *Pajama Party*, was held on April 24 in the Weinert cafeteria. Over 50 second grade students sang, read scripts, and performed choreography to music.



The Jefferson Drum Company performed for the SISD School Board meeting on March 27. This was followed by a performance for the Superintendent's Video Blog at Jefferson Elementary on April 25, as well as a performance for the Jefferson morning student assembly on April 27. They will perform in May for the Year End Awards Ceremony at Jefferson.



Seguin ISD music students participated annual Seguin's Earth Day and Trade Days event in Central Park on April 28. Student music groups participating included the Koennecke Elementary Chorus, McQueeney Lakeside Singers and Xylophone Ensemble, Weinert Mighty Matador Singers, Vogel Orffantastics, Rodriguez Elementary Choir, Jefferson Drum Company, Barnes Choir, Briesemeister Choir, and the SHS Matador Choir.

Koennecke kindergarten, first grade, Keonnecke Chorus and Ballet Folklorico students presented a Cinco de Mayo program on May 3. The students performed well for family and friends in attendance.

The Rodriguez Choir is taking a field trip in May to see a live production of *Aladdin* at the Magik Children's Theatre in San Antonio, as well as taking a boat tour of the Riverwalk.. This is an exciting opportunity for the choir to experience the fine arts and history of San Antonio in a unique and engaging way.



For a listing of all upcoming elementary music End of Year programs, please see page 9.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Winterguards travel and compete



The Seguin HS Winter Guard spent the spring semester competing at the Texas Color Guard Circuit events throughout Central Texas. The winter guard is comprised of a Junior Varsity guard of 9 students and a Varsity guard of 18 students. Both guards competed at 4 shows during the season. The JV Guard took third place in Novice Class at the TCGC contest at Rouse HS. The guard competed in a class with 12 other schools. The Varsity Guard took third place in Regional A Class at the TCGC contest at Cedar Park HS. The guard competed in a class with 18 other schools. Heather Brown is the Winterguard director.



Seguin art students display artwork, receive awards

Middle school and elementary students created artwork for the Seguin Art League Elementary and Middle School Art Show, held on Feb. 24.



Seguin HS art students participated at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event, a Texas Art Education Association contest that runs side-by-side with UIL competition rules, on March 3 at San Marcos HS. 11 art students submitted entries and 8 medals were earned, including three students qualifying for the state VASE event held in April. Robin Sengler, Arleth Miranda, and Sophie Anderson attended the state Vase event at San Marcos HS on April 28, at which Sophie Anderson earned an Exemplary rating and 2 state medallions. Students also displayed artwork at the Seguin ISD Arts Collage on March 24. The high school students are now preparing entries for the Seguin Art League 9th annual High School Art

Show. Ji Park, Kim Schmitt, and Leslie Schepp teach art at Seguin High School.

The Briesemeister art club to a field trip to Boerne on April 14th. They visited a park to see a sculpture, as well as the Little Gretel restaurant, showcasing art

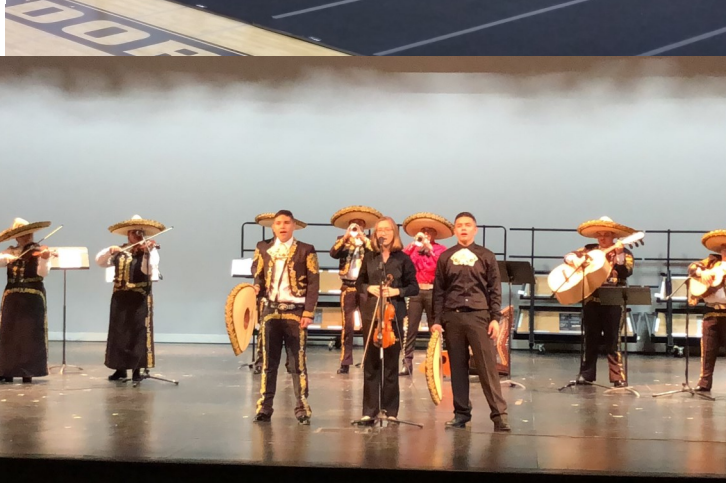


belonging to the owner, including a Rembrandt print from the original etching, *The Card Player*. They watched a demonstration by a metal work artist and listened to a fused glass artist speak about her work. Students received a special introduction to encaustic art by the artist at another gallery, and a demonstration and educational explanation of the process used for bronze sculpting at another gallery. Kelly Hallmark and Marco Cuevas teach art at Briesemeister.



Arts Collage showcases district fine arts students

The Seguin ISD Fine Arts Department presented the Seguin ISD Fine Arts Collage, an event highlighting the students of the fine arts programs throughout SISD, on March 24, from 2-5 p.m., with a Grand Finale at 5 p.m.. Bands, Choirs, Mariachi, Dance, Drama, Elementary Music, and Visual Arts were on display. The Grand Finale included collaborative works by the Seguin High School Wind Ensemble, Mariachi Matador, Matador Choir, Amber Mawande-Spytek of theatre, a guest piano soloist (Chris Mauldin – UT Austin), and brass students from Texas Lutheran University. Over 700 fine arts students participated in the district event.



Upcoming Fine Arts Events!

May 5	Barnes Beg. Band @ Schlitterbahn	TBA - New Braunfels
May 5-6	<i>Don Giovanni</i> Opera Public Performance	7:30 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 8	Briesemeister Musical	7:00 p.m. - Briesemeister Theatre
May 10	Vogel Talent Show	6:00 p.m. - Vogel Cafeteria
May 10-11	Briesemeister Musical	7:00 p.m. - Briesemeister Theatre
May 15	Mariachi Extravaganza Spring Concert	6:30 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 17	SHS Band Spring Concert	7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 18	SHS Band Banquet	6:00 p.m. - Fiesta Ballroom
May 19	Briesemeister Beg. Band @ Schlitterbahn	TBA - New Braunfels
May 21	Barnes Band Spring Concert	6:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 22	Briesemeister Band Spring Concert	6:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 22	Weinert Choir Concert	6:00 p.m. - Weinert Cafeteria
May 21-24	SHS Senior Directed Shows (Theatre)	7:00 p.m. - SHS Black Box Theatre
May 24	Koennecke Talent Show	TBA - Koennecke Gymnasium
May 24	Barnes Choir Pop Show	6:00 p.m. - Barnes Cafetorium
May 24	Briesemeister Choir Pop Show	6:30 p.m. - Briesemeister Cafeteria
May 24-25	SHS Band <i>El Toro</i> Variety Show	7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 29	District Percussion Concert	7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
May 31	Rodriguez End of Year Program	6:00 p.m. - Rodriguez Cafeteria
May 31	SHS Choir Spring Concert	7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
June 1	Rodriguez Talent Show	1:30 p.m. - Rodriguez Cafeteria
June 2	SHS Musical Theatre Night	7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
TBA	McQueeney Musical <i>Adventure Away</i>	6:00 p.m. - McQueeney Cafeteria

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