



# SISD FINE ARTS FANFARE

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## *High School Band Earns Awards at Contests*

The Matador band began their competitive season on Oct. 7 at the Roughrider Marching Contest at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio. The Matador Band garnered awards in class 5A for First Place Band, Outstanding Hornline, Outstanding Colorguard and Outstanding Frontline Ensemble. The band earned second place amongst all bands at the contest.

The band competed at the Midland Bands Of America contest on Oct. 14 at Grande Communications Stadium. The Band earned a first division rating for their performance at the contest.



The band's next contest performance was at the UIL Regional Marching contest, held Oct. 21 at NEISD Heroes Stadium in San Antonio. The band earned Superior First Division Ratings from all judges. Based on these results, the band advanced to the Area D Marching Contest, held on Oct. 28 at Gupton Stadium in Leander. The band performed well despite the cold temperatures and heavy winds. The band earned thirteenth place among 33 bands at the contest.

Band members are now preparing for TMEA All-District band auditions, holiday concerts, and a performance at the annual Band Booster Barbecue. The barbecue will take place on Nov. 15 at the Seguin Coliseum. Plates are \$10. There will be a live auction, silent auction, raffle, and performances by all Seguin ISD bands.

## *Middle School Bands perform Fall Concerts*

The sixth grade band students at Barnes and Briesemeister presented demonstration concerts on Oct. 10 for family and friends. Each band class performed daily exercises and lines from their method books.



The seventh and eighth grade bands performed fall concerts on Oct. 23. Both middle school band programs now have three performing bands. All bands performed music that help prepare students for UIL competition in the spring. All Barnes and Briesemeister bands will perform at the Band Booster Barbecue. The Briesemeister Band will also perform at the school's Veterans Day celebration.



## *Theatre Productions Entertain Audiences*

High School Theatre teachers Lydia Robles and Justin Tristan worked with students to produce this year's children's show, "Peter Pan, Jr." by Disney. Performances took place at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Oct. 25 - 26. Over 3,680 Seguin ISD Pre-K and elementary school students attended the shows 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 shows. Public performances were presented at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25-26 and were attended by more than 1,000 people. As a community service project, canned goods were collected at the show, benefitting the Christian Cupboard. With the help of students who attended the performances and through the thespians collecting canned goods in local neighborhoods on Halloween, they were able to donate over 1,125 lbs. of food.



The Seguin High School Improv Troupe "Harold's Angels" presented an improvisation show at the PAC on Nov. 4. Audience members enjoyed desserts, gourmet coffee and a cocoa bar before the show, as well as a wonderful show full of unpredictable comedy. The Theatre Department will begin work on the musical, "The Wizard of Oz," in November, as well as their One Act Play for competition in the spring.

Briesemeister seventh and eighth grade students presented "The Adventures of Super Margaret," by Adam Szymkowicz, on Oct. 6 and 9 at the Briesemeister outdoor theater. The students are now rehearsing for "Elf The Musical Jr." The show features over 30 actors, a dance ensemble, a student-led technical team, and choir students. Show dates are Dec. 5, 12, and 14.



Rehearsals continue for the Barnes Middle School play "The Seven Nasty Princesses," by Edith Weiss. Forty-five sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are involved in the play. Shows are scheduled on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17 during the day at the Barnes cafetorium.

**The Seguin ISD Fine Arts Department is now 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>.



## *Choir Students Excel in Auditions and Choir Concert*

The Barnes and Briesemeister choirs performed a Fall Concert at the Seguin High School PAC on Oct. 16. This was followed by the Seguin High School choir Fall Concert on Oct. 17. Both concerts were well attended and the choirs performed well. The Seguin High School choirs also performed at the County Fair on Oct. 13.



Seguin High School choir students participated in the TMEA All-Region Choir competitions on Oct. 14. Fourteen students will be representing our choir at the All-Region Choir Clinic and Concert on Nov. 10-11. Oliver Bowles and Ashleigh Johnson were named to the All-Region Mixed Choir. Oliver also has the honor of advancing to the Pre-Area round of competition on Nov. 28. The following students were named to the All-Region Treble Choir: Danielle Croll, Natalie Akins, Ellie Follis, and Julia Montgomery. Valeria Hernandez and Logan Medrano were named as alternates to the choir. Eight students were selected for the All-Region Honor Choir: Valeria Hernández Cardona, Baylee Blankenship, Cassidy Doege, Logan Medrano, Richard Cross Timothy Kraft, Richard Rivera, and Joe Longoria.



The TMEA Middle School Region Choir auditions were held Oct. 20-21. Congratulations to Kayla Hinton for being selected to the Region 12 Honor Choir. She is a member of the Briesemeister choir and performed at the TMEA Region Choir concert on Nov. 4 in San Antonio.

The Seguin High School Matador Choir will perform at the Texas Renaissance Festival on Nov. 8. The Matador Varsity and Women's Choirs will also perform with the Mid-Texas Symphony during their Dec. 10 concert. The choirs will perform a work by Maestro David Mairs, composed specifically for the Seguin High School choirs. Seguin ISD elementary school students will also sing. All are invited to attend the concert and support these students.



## *Starsteppers entertain, prepare for competition*



The Starsteppers Dance Team continues to perform well throughout the fall at all varsity football games, home volleyball games, and school pep-rallies. They also participated in the County Fair Parade. Members of the Starsteppers will be teaching elementary students dance choreography through the Weesteppers program in late November for a performance during the Holiday Stroll in December. The team is preparing for competition season, which takes place in the spring. They will perform jazz, contemporary, novelty, and pom routines for competitions.

## ***SISD artists exhibit at fair, celebrate Dia De Los Muertos***

Student artists from Seguin ISD campuses exhibited artwork in the Guadalupe County Fair & Rodeo Art Contest on Oct. 13. First place ribbons for crafts / mixed media were earned by seventh grade Briesemeister student Katalina Gaitan.

Dia De Los Muertos is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and in the United States on Oct. 31. On that day, people gather with family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and to help support their spiritual journey.



Students in Mr. Castro's class at Koennecke Elementary created an altar with ofrendas, photos and art work to commemorate those who are no longer here.



High school Art 2 Ceramics students in Ms. Park's class learned about the holiday by creating clay Dia De Los Muertos skulls. They put together an altar using paper flowers, papel picado, and the clay skulls that they made.



Briesemeister Middle School Art 1 students recently took part in a seasonal tradition when they participated in a lesson on carving jack-o-lanterns.

Briesemeister art students will participate in an evening of art and science at the annual AJB art and science event, Luminescence, on Nov 28.

## ***Music Classes prepare for Veterans Day events and holidays***

Elementary and middle school campuses are planning Veterans Day celebrations for this week in honor of all veterans who live and work in our community. Music students will play a part in these ceremonies. The Rodriguez Elementary Choir performed on Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. For specific performance dates and times of more events, see page 5.

Elementary music students will also perform with the Mid-Texas Symphony at a concert on Dec. 10. Students from across the district will create a combined children's choir to perform "March Pat-a-Pan" and "A La Nanita Nana" with the symphony. Students are also preparing for holiday performances and the UIL Music Memory contest in December.

## ***Mariachi performs at convention and holiday concert***

The Seguin High School Mariachi Matador and middle school mariachi will participate in convention activities and compete at the Mariachi Vargas Convention in San Antonio on Nov. 30-Dec. 2. The Seguin ISD Mariachi Holiday concert will be Dec. 6 in the PAC.



## ***Save these Dates in November!***

### **Veterans Day Celebrations—Various Seguin ISD Schools**

- Nov. 9 6:00 p.m. Koennecke Program (choir, class performances)  
Nov. 10 7:50 a.m. McQueeney Program (choir, xylophone, class perf.)  
Nov. 10 7:50 a.m. Jefferson Program (class performances)  
Nov. 10 2:00 p.m. Vogel Program (class performances)  
Nov. 10 2:45 p.m. Briesemeister (bands, choirs, mariachi, theatre)  
Nov. 11 11:00 a.m. Seguin HS Band members march in Veterans Day Parade  
Jefferson music performance at Veterans Park after parade

### **Annual Band Barbecue**

Nov. 15—Seguin Coliseum

### **Barnes Theatre Shows—*The Seven Nasty Princesses***

November 16-17—Barnes Cafetorium

### **Briesemeister Arts / Science Night—Luminescence**

Nov. 28—Briesemeister

### **Holiday Stroll Parade (Bands, Choirs, and Starsteppers)**

Nov. 30—Dec. 1-Downtown Seguin

### **Mariachi Vargas Convention Concert**

Dec. 1—SA Convention Center

### **Holiday Concerts—Seguin ISD Secondary Schools**

- Dec. 4 7:00 p.m. Barnes Choir Holiday Concert (Barnes Cafetorium)  
Dec. 5 7:30 p.m. Briesemeister Theatre “Elf, The Musical” (Outdoor Theatre)  
Dec. 6 6:30 p.m. Seguin ISD Mariachi Concert (PAC)  
Dec. 7 7:00 p.m. Seguin High School Choir Holiday Concert (PAC)  
Dec. 10 4:00 p.m. Mid-Texas Symphony w/ SHS Choir and SISD students (TLU)  
Dec. 12 6:00 p.m. Barnes and AJB Band Holiday Concert (PAC)  
Dec. 12 4:30 p.m. Briesemeister Theatre “Elf, The Musical” (Outdoor Theatre)  
Dec. 14 6:30 p.m. Briesemeister Choir Holiday Concert (Outdoor Theatre)  
Dec. 14 7:30 p.m. Briesemeister Theatre “Elf, The Musical” (Outdoor Theatre)  
Dec. 14 7:00 p.m. Seguin High School Band Holiday Band Concert (PAC)