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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 “LVLS” for upcoming competitions. The Mighty Matador Band hosted the first Seguin Marching Festival on Sept. 1, at which 13 area bands competed. The band will perform at the Rough Rider Marching Contest at Heroes Stadium on Oct. 7, the Midland BOA contest on Oct. 14, and the UIL Region XII Marching Contest at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio on Oct. 21. The band does have the opportunity to advance to the UIL Area and State marching contest this fall. The Matador Band also performed at the Rockport-Fulton/Leander Glenn Football game hosted by Seguin ISD on Sept. 15. Band Boosters accepted donations for the Rockport Band and presented a check for over \$4000 to William Ricketts, band director of the Rockport-Fulton Band.



In other news, the Matador Band was joined by eighth grade band members from Barnes and Briesemeister middle schools on Sept. 8 for 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 held summer band activities in August, and they have performed at school pep rallies. All band students in SISD will perform at the annual Band Barbecue on Nov. 15 at the Seguin Coliseum.

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 schedule. Musical opportunities at the campus level include grade level performances, participation in after-school music programs, 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 Lakeside Singers

Weinter—Mighty Matador Singers

Patlan—Extraordinary Singers and Recorder Club

Lights, Camera, Action!

Theatre is alive and well at Seguin ISD. Theatre teachers Lydia Robles and Justin Tristan are currently working with high school students to produce this year's children's show, "Peter Pan Jr.," by Disney. The production involves 48 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 all Seguin ISD elementary school students, special education students, middle school drama students, and for students from community private schools and pre-schools. The children's show is scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26 at the Seguin HS Performing Arts Center.

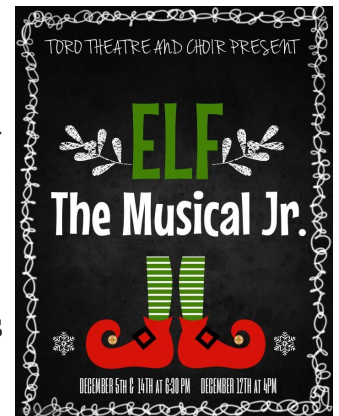


Nine high school drama students were inducted into the High School Thespian Troupe #5897 at Seguin HS on Sept. 24. Inductees earned this recognition through participation in school productions, attending community and professional shows, and by doing fundraising. Drama students are also preparing for the annual Texas Thespians State Festival, scheduled for Nov. 15-18. Seventeen students will attend the convention in Grapevine. The Seguin Theatre

Department is proud to announce that they have been nominated for the American High School Theatre Festival. This prestigious honor allows the theatre program to complete an application to attend the festival. If the application is accepted, the program would be eligible to join an international troupe performing in the festival in Edinburgh, Scotland!

Briesemeister MS seventh and eighth grade students will present "The Adventures of Super Margaret," by Adam Szymkowicz, on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Briesemeister outdoor theater. Briesemeister MS students of all grade levels auditioned for "Elf The Musical Jr." The show features over 30 actors, a dance ensemble, a student led technical team, and choir students.

Rehearsals have begun for the Barnes MS play "The Seven Nasty Princesses," by Edith Weiss. Forty-five sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are involved in the cast and crew. Performances are scheduled on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17 during the school day at the Barnes cafetorium.



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>.

Mariachi Matador, students perform and compete

Seguin ISD students participated in the First Annual La Sirena Mariachi Vocal Competition host by the Mermaid Society from San Marcos. Seven students competed and two earned placements. Benjamin Martinez earned third place in the middle school division, while Camila Beltran earned second place middle school.

Seguin ISD Mariachi Matador performed at TLU on Sept. 14, during the university's annual observance of Dies y Sies.



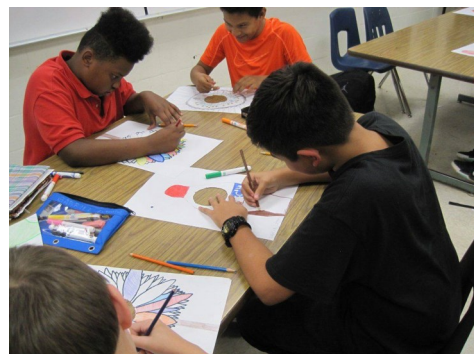
Mexican food and pastries were served as TLU students enjoyed the energetic sounds of Mariachi Matador. The Mariachi Matador participated in a tour across four area schools and central office in observance of Dies y Sies celebrations on Sept. 15. The tour included performances at Patlan, Barnes, Rodriguez, and Briesemeister.

The Mariachi Matador was one of four schools selected from the San Antonio area to perform at the first annual Mariachi Lab, hosted at the historic San Antonio Pearl district. The students shared the Riverwalk Amphitheater stage with schools and professional groups and proudly represented Seguin ISD and the city of Seguin. The Mariachi Matador showcased its talents at the Coliseum for St. James Catholic church's annual Bazaar on Sept. 23 as a surprise performing guest. The students are rehearsing for performances and Winter Showcase on Dec. 6 in the Seguin HS Performing Arts Center.



A Picture Paints a Thousand Words...

Art students at both middle schools are participating in after school art clubs to create art work for this month's Guadalupe County Fair.. Art 2 students at Briesemeister have been making and flying kites. These same students will be creating art based on light we see at night such as stars, florescence, and bioluminescence (think fire flies). The Art 3 students will be experimenting with mordents and nature prints utilizing leaves found in the area. Barnes art students are working on independent projects for upcoming shows.



The high school offers classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and 2-D and 3D AP art classes, as well as art history. Art students are working on pieces to be entered into the Guadalupe County Fair show. Art students will be asked to assist with decorations for the Seguin ISD Holiday Open House and Seguin Holiday Stroll in December. Students will also have an opportunity to showcase work in the SISD central office and School Board room throughout the year.

Sing, Sing, Sing...

The Seguin ISD Choir program, led by Leonardo Garcia, includes the Matador Varsity Mixed Choir, Non-Varsity Mixed Choir, and Women's Treble Chorus. Thirty-five students attended the choir Fall Retreat at Mo Ranch on Sept. 16, where they participated in



team-building activities and enjoyed the various attractions located on the ranch. These groups are rehearsing for the upcoming Seguin ISD Choir Fall Concert, scheduled for Oct. 17 at the Seguin HS Performing Arts Center. The Varsity Mixed Choir will also be performing the national anthem at the Homecoming football game. Thirty choir members are rehearsing for TMEA All-Region auditions, which will be held in October.

The Middle School Choirs are rehearsing for their performances at their Choir Fall Concert, scheduled for Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Both middle school choirs will have students participate at the region choir auditions in October, and both choirs will visit the high school choir and tour the Performing Arts Center. Briesemeister choir has performed the national anthem at volleyball and football games this fall. The choir will be performing with the middle school band at the school's Veterans Day celebration, as well as collaborating with the Briesemeister Theatre Department to produce, "Elf, The Musical, Jr." Barnes choir students are engaging in team building exercises during after-school events such as movie nights.

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. They have performed at Meet the Mats and were also a featured group on the KABB Fox 29 News "Where's Cleto" on Sept. 29. Team members will also be volunteering at the Patlan Elementary Fall Carnival on Oct. 6.



In November, 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 Starsteppers have also started preparing for competition season which takes place in the spring. They plan to perform jazz, contemporary, novelty, and pom routines for competitions. In other news, the Starsteppers will host one of the *Crowd Pleasers* regional competitions at SHS in the spring.

Save these dates in October!

Band Marching Competitions

Roughrider—Oct. 7—Heroes Stadium, NEISD
BOA Midland —Oct. 14—Grande Communications Stadium
UIL Region Contest—Oct. 21—Heroes Stadium, NEISD
UIL Area Contest—Oct. 28—Gupton Stadium, Leander ISD

AJB Fall Theatre Show—"The Adventures of Super Margaret"

Oct. 6 and 9—Briesemeister Courtyard Theatre

SISD 6th Grade Band Demonstrations

Oct. 10—Middle School Band Halls

Guadalupe County Fair Art Show

Oct. 12-15—Coliseum Exhibition Hall

SISD Middle Schools Choir Fall Concerts

Oct. 16—Seguin HS Performing Arts Center

SISD High School Choir Fall Concert

Oct. 17—Seguin HS Performing Arts Center

Vogel Elementary School Third Grade Music Program

Oct. 19—Vogel Cafeteria

SISD Middle Schools Band Concerts

Oct. 23—Seguin HS Performing Arts Center

Children's Show "Peter Pan, Jr."

October 25-26—Seguin HS Performing Arts Center

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