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High School Band Celebrates 100th

The Seguin HS Matador Band had a very successful fall marching season, culminating in a first division "Superior" performance at the UIL Region XII Marching Contest on Oct. 20. However, highlighting the season for the Matador Band was the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the high school band, celebrated during the varsity football game on Nov. 9. Over 170 alumni participated with the band during the game, both



in the stands and on the field. Congratulatory messages were presented during halftime via video by the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Department, Police Chief Kevin Kelso, Seguin Mayor Don Keil, Guadalupe County Judge Kyle Kutscher, and Texas Governor Greg Abbott. A Proclamation of Congratulations from Texas House Representative John Kuempel was also presented. Special guests included former band directors Mark Waymire (1990-2000), Steve McKeithen (2000-2007), Mark Buley (2007-2013), and Steve Vaden (2013-2016). Mrs. Dot-sy Beauchamp, SHS Drum Major from 1955-1956, conducted the fight song during the halftime performance (photo courtesy of Seguin Gazette). Mrs. Holly Sharp Wood was the oldest alumna present, representing the class of 1952.

The Seguin Band Booster Club held its annual barbecue on Nov. 15. As the varsity football team would play their playoff game that evening in Matador Stadium, the barbecue incorporated a community pep rally, as well as the usual silent auction, barbecue plate sale, and performances by all middle school and high school band students. The SHS Cheerleaders and Starsteppers joined the Matador Band for the pep rally portion of the event. Approximately 1700 people attended the event.



The Matador Band, along with students from Barnes and Briesemeister, performed in



the annual Holiday Stroll Parade on Nov. 29. Members of the band performed in small ensembles at the Holiday Sip and Stroll on Nov. 30. They will also perform at the annual KWED Holiday Food and Toy Drive on Dec. 7. The band will complete the fall semester by presenting a holiday concert, featuring three concert bands, on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the PAC.



High School Band Students Excel in TMEA Auditions

SHS band members competed for TMEA Region Band auditions this fall. Thirteen students earned a place in the District Band. They include Peyton Silvius (flute), Holly Stange (oboe), Victoria Ramirez (clarinet), Sofia Henry (tenor sax), Kayla Hinton (trumpet), Sam Kuempel (French horn), Monica Martinez (euphonium), AJ Burns (euphonium), Joshua Fuentes (euphonium), Zachariah Kaplan (tuba), Christian Bertling (tuba), Valen Poyner (percussion), and Christian Deharde (percussion).

Eighteen students earned a chair in the 5A Region Band, which will perform in San Antonio in January. They include Alexia Richardson (flute), Ana Godeck (flute), Lauren Sharp (Bb Clarinet), Agar Huanca (Bb Clarinet), Emily Hunter (bass clarinet), Landon Vogt (contrabass clarinet), Gwyneth Tallier (contrabassoon), Ariyan Clack (alto sax), Mickey Zuckerman (bari sax), Daniel Aceituno (trumpet), Stephen Garza (trombone), Ethan Bowles (tuba), and percussionists Brennen Turner, Beckett Legore, Casey Silvius, Eliezer Vargas, Lena Deharde, and Jeremy Porter.



Percussionists Benjamin Gustafson and Mason Crow competed in the 6A Region Band auditions, and both students earned chairs in the 6A Region Band. Ten of these students placed in the top of their sections and will compete in January at the Area Band level for a place in the Texas All-State Bands, the highest honor a high school band student can achieve. The Area Band auditions for Texas All-State will occur on Jan 12.



Students who placed high in their sections also earned a chair in the 5A Region Orchestra, which performed in concert at Reagan HS on Dec. 1st. These students are Alexia Richardson (flute), Daniel Aceituno (trumpet), Ethan Bowles (tuba), and percussionists Brennen Turner, Beckett Legore, Casey Silvius, and Eliezer Vargas.

The next individual competition for band students will be the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest, which takes place in early February.



Middle School Bands Honor Veterans, Perform in Concert

Veterans Day was celebrated with school assemblies at both Barnes and Briesemeister middle schools on Nov. 12. The Barnes Honor Band performed the *Star-Spangled Banner* with the Barnes Treble Choir for a Veterans Day assembly for the student body and honored guests. The combined version of the song was arranged by Barnes band director Sean Moriarty. Briesemeister Symphonic A and B bands combined to perform *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. The band also performed *America The Beautiful* with the Briesemeister Choir.

Middle school band students rehearsed individual audition material for the TMEA Region XII All-Region Band auditions, held on Nov. 10. Briesemeister student Ben Martinez earned 3rd chair in the South Zone Band and was the highest placing 7th grade trumpet student auditioning. Briesemeister Maya Bobadilla earned a district designation in the clarinet section.

The Barnes and Briesemeister Middle School Bands performed for attendees of the Seguin Band Boosters Barbecue fund raiser event at the high school on Nov. 15. The 6th grade beginner students from both schools combined to perform lines from their beginner book. The 6th grade beginners performed in the combined woodwind group, combined brass group, or combined percussion group. This was followed by the Briesemeister combined A, B, and C concert band. The Barnes bands performed individually, beginning with the Concert Band, followed by the Symphonic Band and Honor Band.

Middle school band students from both schools also participated in the annual Holiday Stroll Parade on Nov. 29. Students wore festive clothing, decorated their instruments, and



played alongside the Matador Band while marching through downtown Seguin.

The Briesemeister Bands performed in concert on Dec. 4 at the PAC. The combined beginners band performed at 6:30, followed by the Symphonic C, B, and A bands performing at 7. The concert was well attended and the students performed well. The Barnes Band concert will take place on Dec. 18 at the PAC, and will feature their combined beginners band performing at 6 p.m. The Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Honor Band will perform at 7 p.m. on the same evening.



Choir Students Excel in Auditions and Choir Concerts

Seguin HS Choirs are proud to announce that 19 of its members performed in the TMEA All-Region Choirs concert on Nov. 10 at TLU's Jackson Auditorium. These students did very well. Special recognition goes to Valeria Hernandez and Oliver Bowles for being selected to be part of the solo group for the piece *Gloria*.

Members of the Matador Varsity choir will be performing in the opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, being produced by the Texas Concert Opera Collective (TCOC). The performances occur Dec. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., and again on Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



As part of the partnership with Seguin ISD, the TCOC will be holding a masterclass for student singers on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at the PAC with world renowned Mezzo-Soprano, Cindy Sadler. Cindy has been singing professionally for over 30 years and has performed in some of the major houses across the world, including Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Metropolitan Opera, as well as Austin Opera and Opera San Antonio. The high school choir will be performing its holi-



day concert on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the PAC.

Both Barnes and Briesemeister middle school choirs performed for their schools' Veterans Day programs. The Barnes choir performed the *Star-Spangled Banner* with the Honor Band during their assembly on Nov. 12. The Briesemeister choir performed *Star-Spangled Banner*, *A Tribute to Armed Services*, and *America the Beautiful* with the Symphonic A and B combined bands on Nov. 12.

Members of the Briesemeister Varsity Choir also performed as cast members in the musical, *Into the Woods, Jr.*, by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim on Nov. 27, 30 and Dec. 3. Choirs from both schools are now rehearsing for their holiday concerts, which will take place on Dec. 14 at the PAC. The Briesemeister concert will begin at 6:30, followed by the Barnes concert at 7:35.



The Seguin ISD Fine Arts Department is on the Seguin ISD website. The Fine Arts Department website includes contact information for all Fine Arts teachers, as well as links to various websites (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 website at <http://www.seguinisd.net/page/finearts.home>.

Elementary Music Performs for Veterans and the Holidays!

Elementary music students from across the district performed at school assemblies honoring Veterans in the month of November. Rodriguez held their Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 5, which included performances by the Rodriguez Choir. The McQueeney Veterans Day program included performances by the McQueeney Lakeside Singers. The Koennecke Chorus and music students sang songs at their Veteran's Day program on Nov. 8. On Nov. 9, Jefferson 3rd grade students read Veterans Day Poems and students sang patriotic songs for their school assembly. Vogel had a Veterans Day assembly on Nov 12, at which all grade levels performed.



Several school music groups performed at the North Poll Stroll on Dec. 1. Groups that performed holiday music for the event included The Koennecke Chorus, Patlan Golden Matadors, Rodriguez Elementary Choir, and the Weinert Mighty Matador Singers.

The Jefferson Drum Company also had its first performance of the year on Nov. 9 during morning assembly!

Elementary students from across the district competed in the UIL Music Memory contest, held on Dec. 4 at Jefferson Elementary. For a listing of campus holiday events, please see the final page of the newsletter.

SISD Mariachi Travels, Competes, and Performs!



Seguin ISD mariachi students traveled to San Antonio to the Lila Cockrell Theatre on Nov. 15-17 to attend the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza convention. Students attended workshops with world class professional musicians and gained experience learning firsthand from members of Mariachi Vargas. Forty-four mariachi students attended the various workshops, competitions, jam sessions and events, exposing them to some of the country's elite mariachi programs

and demonstrating that the students are approaching that status.

Camila Beltran competed as a finalist in the vocal competition and proudly represented Seguin ISD. The Mariachi Juvenil and Mariachi Matador also positively represented Seguin ISD at the group competition with a strong presentation and positively demonstrating our growth as a program.

Mariachi Matador students performed for the teacher breakfast at the high school before Thanksgiving break on Nov. 16. All mariachi students are now rehearsing for their annual holiday concert, which is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC.



High School and Middle School Master Thespians!

SISD gave all district Pre-K through 5th grade students, as well as our middle school theatre students and special education students, the opportunity to see the SHS children's show, *Junie B. Jones, Jr.*, during the school day on Nov. 23 and 24. This is a great way for all SISD students to be exposed to a live theatrical performance and to dive into some of the Theatre TEKS for their grade levels. Lesson plans were provided to teach audience etiquette and how to evaluate a live performance. The SHS company of *Junie B. Jones, Jr.* totaled 33 students and hosted over 4,100 stu-



dents from both SISD and surrounding schools. Also in attendance were students from St. James Catholic School, Sugar and Spice, CCDC, Sprouts, Leap Ahead Learning, Seguin Christian Academy and others. *Junie B. Jones, Jr.* company members also performed for the public on Oct. 24 and 25, as well as a matinee on Oct. 27. Thespian Troupe #5897 of SHS was able to deliver to the Christian Cupboard over 800 pounds of food collected from the students and public in attendance.



Eighteen theatre students attended the Thespian Convention in Grapevine Nov 15-17. The students competed in many different categories and attended a slew of workshops focusing on many theatre topics. All students performed well and 10 students qualified to compete at the National Thespian Festival. These students represent the best of the best in the State of Texas. Theatre students are now rehearsing for the musical, *Kiss Me, Kate*, which will include 35 students in the cast, 10 students on the production crew, and accompanied by the high school band.

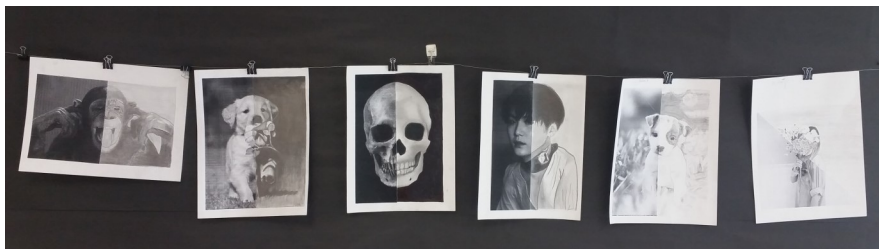
Theatre students at Barnes produced the show, *Goldilocks on Trial*, by Ed Monk, and performed it in the Barnes Cafeteria on Oct. 22-23. Over 200 guests attended and the show was regarded as a strong opening show to the theatre season. Barnes students are currently practicing Shakespeare in all classes. Theatre students are also in rehearsal for UIL One-Act Play competition with the show *OZ* by Don Zolidois.

Briesemeister theatre students performed three vignettes discussing the importance and history of Veterans Day during the Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 12. Briesemeister theatre students then produced the musical, *Into the Woods, Jr.*, by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim, featuring 3rd period advanced theatre students and Varsity Choir members as the cast and crew. Shows were performed on Nov. 27, 30, and Dec. 3. The show was staged and rehearsed mostly during the school hours, with only 5 rehearsals taking place outside the school day.



Art Abounds at All Levels, Welcomes Guest Artist

The high school offers classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and 2-D and 3D AP art classes, as well as art history. Currently, Art 1 students are participating in the SISD holiday art card contest. Drawing 1 students are learning to draw and shade with colored pencils. Drawing 2 students are doing self-portraits in white charcoal on black paper. Art 2 students are creating paintings with techniques learned from a visiting artist, Rey Gaytan.



Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin and Seguin ISD have developed a Visiting Artists Program to provide cultural activities and education to students at all district campuses. One of the visiting artists is Mr. Rey Gaytan. His Bachelor of Fine Arts, in studio art and art history, was awarded from the College of Fine Arts, the University of Texas at Austin, and he earned his Master's Degree from the Institute of Latin American Studies in anthropology and studio art. Mr. Gaytan presented painting techniques to art students at Weinert, Barnes, Briesemeister, and SHS in November.

Weinert students studied various watercolor techniques with Mr. Gaytan. He showed 5th grade students how to make stencils and use a toothbrush to splatter paint, creating a silhouette of the stencil. He showed 3rd and 4th grade students how to create watercolor crayon resists using white crayons. First and 2nd grade students learned how to do wet-on-wet painting, and kinder and 1st grade learned mixing and salt techniques. Every class absolutely loved him and were very excited to meet a famous artist. Weinert student art was also displayed at the Seguin ISD Central Office in November.



Briesemeister art and science students hosted *Art Meets Science: Luminescence Night* on Nov. 6. On display were dinoflagellates, art work which glows in the dark, a telescope for viewing the night sky, and a glow stick sculpture that was built by those in attendance. T-shirts were created with glow-in-the-dark paint. The sky was clear, and participants could see the rings of Saturn through the telescope!

Barnes art, Spanish, and mariachi students held a Dia De Los Muertos Festival on Nov. 2. Students were able to view the exhibits of student-created altars, hear mariachi music, learn about the Dia De Los Muertos traditions, and participate in face painting and other activities.



Starsteppers share talents, perform for community

The Starstepper Dance team continues to be busy during the last part of the fall semester. The team attended the final football and volleyball games of the season, as well as danced a routine in the cafeteria at the Seguin Band Booster Barbecue on Nov. 15. They also attend home varsity basketball games.

Members of the Starstepper Dance Team shared their dance skills with Seguin ISD elementary students during the annual Weesteppers dance classes on Nov 28th.



More than 50 elementary students learned basic dance techniques and holiday routines to perform with the Startsteppers during the Holiday Sip and Stroll event in downtown Seguin on Nov. 30. Students performed in either a K-2nd grade group or a 3rd-6th grade group. The Starsteppers concluded the performance with a Christmas Jazz Routine. The Starsteppers also performed in holiday attire in the Holiday Stroll Parade on Nov. 29.



SEGUIN ISD ELEMENTARY FINE ARTS PERFORMANCE CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2018

Dec. 7

Weinert 1st Grade Christmas Program - 5:00 p.m. – Carnival at Weinert

Dec. 11

Weinert Mighty Matador Singers Holiday Concert – 6 p.m. – Weinert Cafeteria

Dec. 13

Patlan 2nd and 3rd Grade Holiday Program – 5:30 p.m. – Patlan Cafeteria

Koennecke Holiday Program – 6 p.m. - Koennecke Cafeteria

Dec. 18

Koennecke Chorus and Jim Barnes MS Choir perform

8:15 a.m. – Koennecke Cafeteria

Dec. 20

McQueeney Holiday Program (all grade levels) – 6 p.m. – McQueeney Cafeteria

Vogel Orffantastics Holiday Program – 6 p.m. – Vogel Cafeteria



SEGUIN SECONDARY FINE ARTS PERFORMANCE CALENDAR FOR 2018

Dec. 4 - AJ Briesemeister Band Holiday Concert – 6:30 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 5 - Amahl and the Night Visitors Concert Opera – 2:30 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 - Amahl and the Night Visitors Concert Opera – 7 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 9 - Amahl and the Night Visitors Concert Opera – 2:30 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 10 - District Mariachi Holiday Concert – 6:30 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 11 - Seguin High School Choir Holiday Concert – 7 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 13 - Seguin High School Band Holiday Concert – 7 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 14 - AJ Briesemeister Choir Holiday Concert – 6:30 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 14 - Jim Barnes Choir Holiday Concert – 7:35 p.m. – PAC

Dec. 18 - Jim Barnes Band Holiday Concert – 6 p.m. – PAC

