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High school band students at TMEA state convention

Members of the Matador Band who competed in the fall semester in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band process continued to compete and perform in January and February. Twenty Matador Band students performed in the TMEA All-Region Band Concert at Smithson Valley High School on Jan. 19. Seven of these students also earned positions in the All-Region Orchestra, and performed a concert on Dec. 1 at Reagan HS. Ten students advanced to compete at the All-Area Band level on Jan. 12 at the University of Texas at Austin. The band is very proud of Ethan Bowles, Brennen Turner, and Mickey Zukerman, who earned positions in the TMEA All-State Band. These students represented Seguin High School and the Seguin community as members of the All-State 5A Symphonic Band at the TMEA annual conference, including performing a concert on Feb. 16 at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in San Antonio.



Two saxophone quartets from Matador Band earned the honor of performing on the Music Showcase stage at the TMEA annual conference. Members of the quartets include Ariyan Clack, Mickey Zukerman, Bellamy Henry, Julianna Rodriguez (saxophone quartet) and Rosalinda Trejo, Xavier Garcia, Ram Ramos, Terrance Souvenir (saxophone quartet).

Band Winter Guard performs at TCGC events

The Matador Band Varsity and Junior Varsity Winter Guards have performed during the spring semester in Texas Color Guard Circuit shows, including Westwood HS (Jan. 26), Cedar Park HS (Feb. 23), and Akins HS (March 2). They will complete their competition season at the TCGC Area Show at Hendrickson HS on March 23, and will also perform in the SISD Fine Arts Collage on March 30. Auditions for the 2019-20 Color Guard will occur April 16-18.



Martin Luther King event presented by SISD groups

Seguin ISD music students participated in the Third Annual Seguin ISD Martin Luther King Showcase on Jan 18 at the Seguin High School PAC. Student music groups participating included the Koennecke Elementary Chorus, McQueeney Lakeside Singers, Weinert Mighty Matador Singers, Vogel Orffantastics, Rodriguez Elementary Choir, Jefferson Drum Company, Patlan Golden Matador Choir, Barnes 6th grade Girls Choir, and the Briesemeister 7th-8th grade Girls Choir.

Briesemeister 6th grade rising thespians presented a stage reading of *Sitting Down with*

Dr. King, which explored peaceful protests and sit-ins of the civil rights era, while Barnes theatre student D'shyon Harris performed an excerpt from Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech. Approximately 210 students participated at the event, which was hosted by the Seguin MLK Committee. The finale was a performance of "Oye" by Jim Papoulis of the combined groups. The audience of over 500 people enjoyed the showcase!



Starsteppers Dance Team performs, earns awards

The Starstepper Dance Team competed at the American Dance and Drill Team competition at Wagner HS on March 2. The team competed with Pom, Contemporary, and Jazz dances. The team officers also competed with Jazz, Contemporary, and Hip Hop dances. Awards earned at the competition included Judges award for team Pom, team Contemporary, and officer Contemporary dances. The officer group won second place overall in their division. Emily Merkel, team captain, performed a solo dance and earned second place in her division.



The team then competed at the Crowd Pleasers competition at Moody High School on March 9. Awards earned at this contest included first place for officer Contemporary, second place in officer Hip Hop, second place in officer Jazz, second place in team Contemporary, and second place in team Jazz. The team also won overall awards for choreography and artistry in officer Contemporary, team Contemporary, officer Hip Hop, and team Jazz dances. Congratulations to Chelsea Bode, Starstepper director, and the Starsteppers for their performances and awards earned in competition.

The Starsteppers have also been busy supporting the high school basketball team by attending home games and performing competition routines at halftime. They also performed for the 8th grade visit at the high school on Feb. 6. They will travel to Barnes and Briesemeister later this month to recruit students prior to Starstepper auditions, which will take place later this semester. The Starsteppers will also perform at the upcoming SISD Arts Collage on March 30 and the Gold Battalion Showcase at Goldie Harris Gym on April 25.

HS band students compete, perform, travel

Matador Band students competed at the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 2 and 9. Students performing Class I (most difficult level) solos at the highest level (first division rating) qualify for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, held in May at UT Austin. Those students who qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest include Alexia Richardson, Hamey Merkel, Holly Stange (Woodwind Trio); Lauren Sharp, Agar Huanca, Tara Palmer (Clarinet Trio); and Ariyan Clack, Mickey Zuckerman, Bellamy Henry, Julianna Rodriguez (Saxophone Quartet). Percussion keyboard soloists who qualified for state included Amber Brown, Taylor Conaway, Mason Crow, Lena Deharde, Dustin Durben, Connor Edwards, Ben Gustafson, Kamdyn Holt, Beckett Legore, Jeremy Porter, Valen Poyner, Casey Silvius, Cheney Stephenson, Amy Talley, Cori Taylor, Eliezer Vargas, and Ella Wilcox. Also qualifying for state were snare drum soloist Jeremy Porter, multiple percussion soloists Mason Crow, Christian Deharde, Brennen Turner, and Eliezer Vargas, and pianist Ben Gustafson.



The Matador Band performed a Mid-Winter concert on Feb. 11 at the Seguin High School PAC. The concert featured the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Symphonic Band performing some music that will be performed for the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest. Twenty-three high school band students also performed as the pit orchestra for the musical “Kiss Me Kate!” Jan. 25-27.

The Matador Band traveled to California over Spring Break to march at Disneyland and visit Los Angeles and San Diego. The students had a wonderful time performing and visiting such sites as Disneyland, Universal Studios, the San Diego Zoo, and The Santa Monica Pier.

The Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Symphonic Band will perform in a Pre-UIL Concert at the Seguin High School PAC on March 28 at 7 p.m. They will then perform at UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest at the Seguin High School PAC on April 4. Good luck to the bands and directors as they perform at events this spring.



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Future Music Educators student group visits TMEA

Forty 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. 15. This student group consists of band, choir, and mariachi students who are interested in learning more about careers in music education. These students learned much as they attended clinics, performances, an exhibits fair, and a college fair. Leonardo Garcia (HS choir director) is the lead sponsor of this organization, assisted by Rafael Alarcon (HS mariachi director).



Middle school bands compete, earn UIL awards

The Barnes and Briesemeister 7th and 8th grade band students performed in a Pre-UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluation at the Seguin High School PAC on Feb. 9. The bands were judged in concert performance by 3 judges, and then performed sight reading for another judge. The event was successful and the students used the information gained to help prepare for the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest event in February.



The Barnes Middle School bands competed at the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest on Feb. 28-March 1 at the Seguin High School PAC. All three performing bands received Superior ratings and earned the UIL Sweepstakes trophy. The Concert Band received overall first division Superior ratings on stage and unanimous first division Superior ratings in sight reading. Symphonic Band and Honor Band received unanimous straight first division Superior ratings from all six judges on stage and sight reading. Sean Moriarty and Linsey Rios serve as Barnes Middle School band directors.

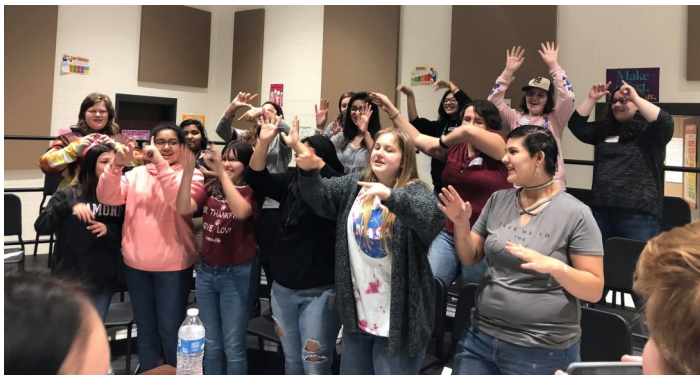
The Briesemeister Middle School bands also competed at the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest. Symphonic A Band received unanimous first division Superior ratings from all six judges on stage and in sight reading. The Symphonic B Band received a rating of Excellent on stage and straight Superior ratings in sight reading. Louie Blancarte and Elizabeth Landry serve as Briesemeister Middle School band directors.



Both band programs will now prepare students for performances at the SISD Arts Collage on March 30, the SISD Middle School Solo and Ensemble Contest in April, and spring concerts and contests in May.

HS choir students excel in auditions and choir concerts

Matador Choir students competed at the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 23 at Churchill HS. Students performing Class I (most difficult level) solos at the highest level (first division rating) qualify for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, held in May at UT Austin. Those students who qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest as soloists include Baylee Blankenship, Agar Huanca, Valeria Hernandez, Sirena Vela, Jazmin Blair, Ellie Follis, Oliver Bowles, Richard Cross, Ash Johnson, and Chris Gonzales. Students qualifying for State in ensemble include Valeria Hernandez, Agar Huanca, Sirena Vela, Anna Busskohl, Oliver Bowles, Ash Johnson, Marc Reyes, and Anthony Ramirez.



The high school choir hosted 25 current 8th grade choir students from Barnes and Briesemeister at their 8th Grade Night event at the Seguin High School PAC on Feb. 1. Middle school students interacted with current students and participated in several team-building activities and learned several musical selections that they will perform as future Seguin HS students.

Sixteen members of the high school choir performed in the Texas Concert Opera Collective production of "Werther" on Feb. 16-17 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Seven students had solo, named character parts.

The Matador Choir traveled to Colorado over Spring Break to visit Colorado Springs. The students had a wonderful time visiting such sites as Old Colorado City, the Springs Climbing Center, the United States Air Force Academy, The Cave of the Winds, Broadmoor Seven Falls Park, and the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park.



The choir is now rehearsing for UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluation, taking place on April 15-17 at Alamo Heights HS. The choir program will have four choirs performing, including a Treble Non-Varsity choir, Treble Varsity choir, a Tenor-Bass choir, and a Mixed Varsity choir. These groups will perform in a Pre-UIL concert at the Seguin High School PAC on April 2.

Seguin High School Matador Varsity Choir will also perform at the Texas State Capitol Rotunda in Austin at 12 p.m. on April 24. The State encourages school music groups to perform at the rotunda while the Texas Legislature is in session. Thank you to State Representative John Kuempel for your sponsorship of our performance.

Middle school choirs perform , earn UIL awards

Barnes and Briesemeister 7th and 8th grade choir students performed in a Pre-UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluation at the Seguin High School PAC on Feb. 8. The choirs were evaluated in concert performance by three judges, and then performed sight reading for another judge. Briesemeister choirs that performed include the 6th Grade Treble Choir, 6th - 8th Grade Men's Choir, 7th - 8th Grade JV Treble Choir, and the 7th - 8th Grade Varsity Treble Choir. The Barnes 7th - 8th Grade Treble Choir also performed. The Barnes 6th-8th Grade Men's Choir and 6th Grade Treble Choir performed a Pre-UIL Concert on Feb. 21. Both events were successful and the students used information gained from the events to help prepare for the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest event in February.



The Barnes Middle School 7th - 8th grade Treble Choir competed at the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest on Feb. 25. The choir earned a rating of Excellent in both Concert & Sight Reading performance, an improvement over last year's ratings. Michael Bade, choir director, and the students are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The Briesemeister Middle School choirs also competed at the UIL Concert & Sight Reading

Contest. The 7th - 8th Grade JV Treble Choir earned a rating of Superior for concert performance and an Excellent rating for sight reading. The 7th - 8th Grade Varsity Treble Choir earned rating of Excellent for concert performance and a Superior rating for sight reading. The 6th - 8th Grade Men's Choir earned a Sweepstakes trophy for earning ratings of Superior from all judges in both Concert & Sight Reading performance. Congratulations to Sam Parrott, choir director, and all three Briesemeister choirs for their performance results at the UIL event.

Both programs also performed for the SISD MLK Fine Arts Showcase on Jan. 18 and for 5th Grade visits to their respective campuses on Jan. 24.

Both choir programs are now preparing students for performances at the SISD Arts Collage on March 30, Region choir auditions on April 13 - 14, Earth Day on April 27, and Spring concerts scheduled in May.



Mariachi program travels, performs in competition

Seguin's middle school mariachi group, Mariachi Juvenile, participated in their first UIL Solo and Ensemble contest on Feb. 2, earning a Superior (first division rating). Congratulations to the students from Barnes and Briesemeister for your dedication and congrats to Mr. Figueroa for your guidance in this historic first for Seguin ISD!



Five Seguin ISD students participated in the 27th Annual Noche De Gala Competencia de Vocalistas (Mariachi Singers Competition), hosted by Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin at Texas Lutheran University on March 2. Congratulations to Taytum Rangel for placing 3rd in the Middle School division. Awards for high school students include Sophia Saucedo - 3rd place, Gabriel Leos - 2nd place, and Brianna Martinez—1st place!

Texas State University extended an invitation to Seguin ISD to perform at their Noche de Mariachi on March 6. Mariachi Matador then had the honor of working with two professors from Texas State University in a workshop on March 16. Professor John Lopez worked on ensemble techniques and precision, while Professor Michelle Quintero addressed stage performance and vocal techniques. Both professors raved about the love students share for mariachi music and how fortunate we are to have the program in our public schools. Mariachi Matador also performed for Patlan students during their Tour of Texas on March 8.

Upcoming events for the mariachi students include the SISD Fine Arts Collage, the Robstown Cottonpicker Mariachi Festival, the Cuero Extravaganza Mariachi Concert, the San Antonio College Mariachi Concert, and the SISD Mariachi Spring Concert.



Kiss Me Kate Musical a success for HS fine arts department



The SHS Theatre Arts Department performed "Kiss Me Kate", a musical by Cole Porter, for audiences on Jan. 25-27. The cast consisted of 35 HS theatre students, and was supported by 12 choir students in an off-stage chorus, a pit wind orchestra of 25 band students, and a production crew of 10 technical theatre students. The Seguin High School PAC provides the necessary venue for a state of the art production, including full backdrops, elaborate scenery, wireless microphone sound amplification, and professional lighting. The performances were spectacular and met with rave reviews from audience members after each performance.

One-Act Play productions earn recognition

The Seguin HS theatre company produced “Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play”, by Lauren Wilson, for UIL One-Act play competition. The production featured eleven cast members, two alternates, and a crew of five students. The students presented a public performance on March 5 at the Seguin High School PAC. The Seguin High School theatre department then hosted the first series of UIL One Act Play contests. Region 26 5A Zone and District contests ran for 3 days with Seguin High School theatre students serving as technical crew, hospitality and host crew, as well as competing themselves! The students competed with 4 other schools in the Zone competition. The play ranked first and advanced to District competition on March 20. Students earning awards included Best Actor - Jonah Reilly; All Star Cast - Serenity De Leon, Megan Schievelbein, and Faith Sehon; Honorable Mention - Harris Franz and Ellie Follis; and All Star Technician - Baileigh Aldridge. The performance at the District level earned the production a third place finish, as alternate to the next round. Individual awards included Honorable Mention All Star Cast for Jonah Reilly and All-Star Technician Abigail Lopez.



Seguin ISD middle schools theatre students also compete in One Act play competition. The contests mirror the high school UIL One-Act Play contest, and students are judged on acting and technical elements of a show that is between 18 and 40 minutes in length. The show is run solely by the students on the day of the contest. The first middle school contest was held at



Judson High School on Jan 9-10.

Briesemeister theatre students produced the show “LaFayette No. 1” by Mandy Conner. The show earned First Place Play and Best Overall Tech. Students earned awards, including All Star Technician - Oddie Barron; Best Actor - Garrett Reinhard; All Star Cast - Alliyah Watson and Aaniyah Maxwell; Honorable Mention All Star Cast - Julian Bermea and Tea DeLeon. Barnes theatre students produced the show “OZ”, by Don Zolidis. Student awards included All Star Cast - Hannah Vasquez; Honorable Mention All Star Cast - Jacqueline Montantes and Koen Sweeney.

Both Briesemeister and Barnes theatre productions competed at Dripping Springs Middle School on March 8-9. Briesemeister students earned 2nd Place Play; Best Actress - Katalina Gaitan; MVP - Garrett Bloch; All-Star Cast - Lanie Manero and Alliyah Watson; Honorable Mention All-Star Cast - Garrett Reinhard; and All-Star Technician - Kyndall Darnell. Barnes students earned All-Star Cast - Hannah Vasquez and Honorable Mention All-Star Cast - Conner Kopplin and Koen Sweeney.

Art students at all levels create, display at art shows, advance!



Fifteen Seguin High School art students earned 15 medals at the UIL regional VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) in San Marcos on March 2. Congratulations to Jayde Carroll for advancing to the State VASE event in April! Students who received a rating of 4 (Perfect) were Sophie Anderson, Jesus Bermea, Jayde Carroll, Martin Cervantes, Chelsea Gonzalez, Julia Gonzalez, Autumn Hart, Esmeralda Leija, Gabriella Medrano, Deana Mendoza, Anastasia Navarro, Audrey Parker, Alexis Perez and Leyna Rodriguez. Jose Car-

mona received a rating of 3 (Very Good). Congratulations to these students and to their art teacher, Ji Park.

High School art students also displayed artwork in the Guadalupe Heritage Museum Student Show as part the Seguin Arts Fest on March 2. Eight Art I students presented their Roy Lichtenstein inspired pop art paintings. Four Drawing II students showed graphite drawings of repetition and variation. Eight Art I students showed tempera paintings using various color schemes. Kim Schmitt and Ji Park serve as art teachers for these students. Congratulations to all!



The Weinert Elementary visual arts program continues to thrive with students of all grade levels participating in visual arts classes as a part of their curriculum. Hannah Kurtz is doing a wonderful job in her first year teaching visual arts at Weinert. Elementary students participated in the Seguin Art League 11th Annual Elementary Art Show and the Weinert art program had two students earn awards at the show.



Weinert Art students have been busy this semester creating art in many different forms. Fourth and fifth grade students have been making paper mache creatures, while K-2nd grade students explored printmaking. Third graders have been learning about the color wheel as well as how to tone, tint, and shade colors. The students were excited to share their art class with Dr. Gutierrez!



Elementary Music programs entertain, educate and inspire

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. This partnership includes teaching elementary students ballet folklórico dancing and music. Students rehearse during the school day and are provided with costumes. Jefferson 3rd grade students rehearsed four times during Specials classes with visiting artist Beto Rincon to learn dances that they performed for a school-wide assembly on Dec. 21. Parents and students attended the event, and the performances were enjoyed by all!

McQueeney 1st and 3rd grade students worked with Mr. Rincon to learn ballet folklórico dancing at the beginning of the second semester. The 3rd graders danced “Cerro de La Silla” and 1st graders danced “La Raspa.” All 1st and 3rd grade students performed on Feb. 12 at a school-wide assembly held in the school’s gymnasium. The students looked wonderful and festive in their authentic costumes as they performed for the parents and students in attendance.



Texas Independence Day was celebrated by Koennecke music students, who presented a music program on March 5 in the school gymnasium. Kindergarteners and 1st grade students performed two Texas dances and sang five Texas songs. The Koennecke Chorus of 35 students then performed three Texas songs. Over 200 people attended the event.

Patlan 4th and 5th grade music students, along with students from Mr. Martin’s Essential Academics Class, performed a musical program the week of Presidents’ Day, entitled “God Bless the U.S.A.” The students sang patriotic songs to express how proud they are to be Americans and to live in a land where they are free. Many parents and friends enjoyed the program! Later this semester, Patlan 2nd grade students will learn ballet folklórico dancing from Mr. Rincon and will perform for a school assembly on April 30.

Vogel presented a 2nd grade reading/music program on Feb. 7. Students combined 3 children’s books with song and performed for the audience at the school cafeteria. Vogel kindergarten students also presented a music program on March 7 in the school cafeteria in recognition of Texas Independence Day.

Instrumental music is also a part of the elementary music program. A few of the groups that use instruments in the elementary music curriculum are the McQueeney Recorder Club, Jefferson Drum Company, Vogel Orffantastics, and the new Rodriguez 5th Grade Drum Line!



Performance/UIL Events for SISD Fine Arts in April!

HS Band Pre-UIL Concert - March 28 - 7p.m.- Seguin High School PAC

SISD Arts Collage - March 30 - 2 to 5 p.m.—Seguin High School
Elementary, Middle School, and High School Fine Arts Students will perform
Suggested Donation: \$5 for adults, \$2 for K-12 students

HS Choir Pre-UIL Concert - April 2 - 7p.m.- Seguin High School PAC

HS Band UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation—Seguin High School PAC
Symphonic Band - April 4 - 9 a.m.
Wind Symphony - April 4 - 11 a.m.
Wind Ensemble - April 4 - 1 p.m.

10th Annual SAL High School Art Show - April 5 & 6 - Seguin ISD Central Office

TMEA Middle School Region Choir Auditions - April 12 & 13 - Wood Middle School

HS UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation - Alamo Heights High School
Treble Non-Varsity Choir - April 15 - 4 p.m.
Tenor-Bass Choir - April 16 - 1 p.m.
Treble Varsity Choir - April 16 - 4 p.m.
Mixed Varsity Choir - April 17 - 11:20 a.m.

Matador Band Color Guard Auditions - April 16, 17, & 18 - SHS Wellness Gym

Mariachi Matador and Mariachi Juvenile Performances

Robstown Cottonpicker Mariachi Festival - April 13
Cuero Mariachi Extravaganza Concert - April 15
San Antonio College Mariachi Concert - April 17
Multilingual Fair, SISD Central Office - April 29

Gold Battalion Spring Showcase - April 25 - 6 p.m. - Goldie Harris Gymnasium
Starsteppers Dance Team, Sparkles Dance, Dance Classes, and Cheerleaders

Seguin Earth Day Performances - April 27 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Elementary and Middle School music groups perform

Seguin Middle School Band Solo & Ensemble Contest - April 27 - Briesemeister MS