



# SISD FINE ARTS FANFARE

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## *High School Band Earns Awards at Contests*

The Mighty Matador Band began their competitive season by sponsoring the 2nd annual Seguin Marching Festival on Sept. 29. 13 bands competed in preliminary and finals competition, and the Matador Band performed in exhibition at the end of the event. The Matador Band competed on Oct. 6 at the Westlake Marching Contest in Austin. The band garnered awards in class 5A for Second Place Band and Outstanding Percussion, as well as placing 5th overall in finals competition.



The Matador Band competed at the Comal Classic Marching Festival on Oct. 13 at Canyon HS. The band earned caption awards in all categories for Class 5A, including Outstanding Music, Outstanding Marching, Outstanding Percussion, and Outstanding Guard. The band also won 1st Place in Class 5A, and 2nd place overall. The final marching competition of the season for the Matador Band was the UIL Regional contest at Heroes Stadium on Oct. 20. The band performed very well and earned first division "Superior" ratings from all judges at the contest.

Band members are also 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 Briesemeister presented a demonstration concert on Oct. 9, while the Barnes sixth grade students performed on Oct. 15. All beginner band classes performed daily exercises and lines from their method books.



The seventh and eighth grade bands for both middle schools also performed fall concerts. Barnes bands performed on Oct. 9, while Briesemeister bands performed on Oct. 15. 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 band students will perform at the Band Booster Barbecue. Both band programs will also perform at their school's Veterans Day assembly.



## 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, "Junie B. Jones, Jr.". The production involves over 40 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 during the school day. The children's show is scheduled for Oct. 24, 25, and 27 at the Seguin HS PAC. Public performances of the show on Oct. 24-25 begin at 7 pm. Show time for Oct. 27 is 2 pm. Tickets for the show are \$8.



Nine high school drama students were inducted into the High School Thespian Troupe #5897 at Seguin HS on Sept. 23. 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. 14-17. Twenty students will attend the convention in Grapevine.

Breisemeister and Barnes MS drama students traveled to the Texas Junior Thespian State Festival on Oct. 13 in Katy. Briesemeister theatre sent 6 groups to compete, and all groups received a rating of Excellent or Superior. Students receiving a Superior rating qualify for the National Thespian Festival, held in Nebraska in the summer. Students awarded a Superior rating include: Amelia Reyes and Julian Bermea - Duet Acting, and Madi Nash, Brenna Wilhoit, Garrett Reinhard, Garrett Bloch - Group Acting.



Briesemeister theatre students are currently rehearsing to present the show, "Law and Order: A Fairy Tale Unit", a short comedy by Jonathan Rand. The show is scheduled for Oct. 26 and 29 at 7 p.m. at the Briesemeister outdoor theatre. The Barnes students are currently rehearsing to present the show, "Goldilocks on Trial", a short comedy by Ed Monk. The show is scheduled for Oct. 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. in the Barnes Cafeteria.

**The Seguin ISD Fine Arts Department is 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 Concerts***

The Seguin High School Choirs performed their Fall Concert at the Seguin High School PAC on Oct. 16. This was followed by the Barnes and Briesemeister choirs Fall Concert at the Seguin High School PAC on Oct. 19. Both concerts were well attended and the choirs performed very well. The high school varsity choir also performed the Star Spangled Banner at the Homecoming football game.



Seguin High School choir students participated in the TMEA All-Region Choir competitions on Oct. 13. Oliver Bowles and Valerie Hernandez Cardona were named to the All-Region Mixed Choir. Both students earned the honor of advancing to the Pre-Area round of competition on Nov. 27. The following students were named to the All-Region Treble Choir: Agar Huanca, Natalie Akins, and Sirena Vela. Ash Johnson, Logan Procknow, Richard Cross, Chris

Gonzales, Will Follis, and Isaiah Rivera were selected to the Tenor/Bass Select Choir. There may be additional SHS Choir members selected to participate in a Region Choir after the Honor Treble Choir auditions are held on Oct. 27. These students will perform at the TMEA All-Region Choir Concert at TLU on Nov. 10.

## ***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 also preparing for competition season, which takes place in the spring.



The Starsteppers are fundraising for extra spring competitions and travel opportunities. Gift and Gourmet is hosting a "Kendra Scott Gives Back" fundraiser for the dance team. On Oct. 24 from 4-7 p.m., 20% of all Kendra Scott sales will be donated to the dance team. The team has created a "Kicks for Cash" campaign. Donations for this fundraiser can be made online through [app.snap-raise.com](https://app.snap-raise.com).

## ***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—Golden Matadors Choir

Elementary and middle school campuses are planning Veterans Day celebrations in honor of all veterans who live and work in our community. Music students will play a part in these ceremonies. Elementary music students are also preparing for the UIL Music Memory Contest, which will be held on Dec. 4 at Jefferson Elementary.

## ***Viva Mariachi!***

The Mariachi program has been busy this month with performances. The SHS Mariachi Matador performed at Patlan on Oct. 10 for their National Hispanic Heritage Month assembly. They also performed impromptu at their food booth at the Guadalupe County Fair while fundraising. The middle school mariachi groups at Barnes and Briesemeister have performed during school passing periods.

Mariachi Directors Rafael Alarcon and Victor Figueroa performed in China with Mariachi Los Trovadores at the 20th Beijing International Tourism Festival 2018. The Mariachi Los Trovadores accompanied Ballet Folklorico Guzman, from Round Rock, Texas, and they were among 15-20 different performing groups from across the globe representing their heritage. They represented Mexico. They performed 4 total presentations around Beijing and the surrounding districts. The group also toured such sites as the Old Beijing City District Hutong, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Yi Xin Cha Yi Tea House, Beijing City market district, children’s theme park, and the Great Wall.



Camila Beltran, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Briesemeister, was selected by video audition to perform at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza National Vocal Competition. Hundreds of videos were submitted, and she will be one of only 13 students competing in the middle school division. The SHS Mariachi Matador and SISD Mariachi Juvenile will also travel to San Antonio to participate and compete at the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza, which occurs in November.



## ***A Picture Paints a Thousand Words...***

The high school offers classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and 2-D and 3D AP art classes, as well as art history. Art I students work on projects such as graffiti art. Art II Drawing students created replication art work. These 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.



At the new elementary art program at Weinert, students get to visit the art studio to learn about artists, connect information to the world and learn new skills. This month students created artworks from around the world. Kindergarten and first grade students made a variety of artworks, including African Necklaces and Texas texture boots. Second and third grade students made patterned Mexican mirrors and told stories with Native American Dream Catchers. Fourth and fifth grade students produced intricate Tibetan Mandalas using line and pattern.

The Briesemeister Art club and robotics club will travel on Nov. 3 to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum to see the *Leonardo da Vinci Machines in Motion* exhibit. The students will discover and learn about mechanical and engineering concepts, design, artistic beauty, and innovation.

Briesemeister art and science students will host *Art Meets Science: Luminescence Night* on Nov. 6 from 5:30 - 7p.m. On display will be dinoflagellates, art work which glows in the dark, a telescope for viewing the night sky, and a glow stick sculpture that will be built by those in attendance. The event will take place in the art room and at the back of the school (outside). The event is free and open to the public.

## ***Partnership Brings Visiting Artists to SISD campuses***

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. Ballet Folklórico lessons will be shared with students at Jefferson and Rodriguez in the fall, along with Koennecke and McQueeney in the spring. Día De Los Muertos presentations, along with the opportunity to create shoebox artwork, will be offered to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Patlan and Vogel. Hands-on artwork presentations will be shared with art students at Weinert. At the secondary level, artist Rey Gaytan will present painting techniques to art students at Barnes, Briesemeister, and SHS in November. This Visiting Artist program is presented in partnership with Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and Seguin ISD.

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

### **Barnes Theatre Fall Play - *Goldilocks on Trial***

Oct. 22-23 - 7 p.m. - Barnes Cafeteria

### **SHS Theatre Children's Show—*Junie B. Jones, Jr.***

Oct. 24, 25 - 7 p.m., Oct 27 - 2 p.m. - Seguin HS PAC

### **Briesemeister Theatre Fall Play—*Law and Order: A Fairy Tale Unit***

Oct. 26 and 29 7 p.m. - Briesemeister Outdoor Theatre

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

Nov. 5 2:00 p.m. Rodriguez Program

Nov. 8 6:00 p.m. Koennecke Program

All other campuses will have Veterans Day programs  
as part of their assembly schedule on Nov. 9 or Nov. 12

### **District Mariachi Concert and Turkey Plate Sale**

Nov. 3 11 - 2 p.m. Seguin High School Cafeteria

### **Briesemeister Art Meets Science: Luminescence Night**

Nov. 6 5:30 - 7p.m. Briesemeister Backyard and Art Room

### **Annual Band Barbecue**

Nov. 15 5 - 9 p.m. Seguin Coliseum

### **Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Convention Concert**

Nov. 17 - Lila Cockrell Theatre, S.A. Convention Center

### **Briesemeister Fall Musical—*Into The Woods, Jr.***

Nov. 27, 30 and Dec. 3 - 7 p.m. - Briesemeister Outdoor Theatre