

Spring is in the Air!

The elements of visual art including line, color, tone, shape, texture, pattern, and form are filling art classes at all levels! Check out some of these great examples of student work from SHS that recently competed at the VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) regional contest:



24 Medals were earned by Seguin HS art students at the event! 18 students earned a 4 out of 4 (perfect rating) for their art works, including *Kylie Perez* who is advancing to the VASE State event. Congratulations to these students and their teachers!

The visual art team of Seguin ISD continues to be creative in finding ways to engage students and bring out their best.

Did you know that the study of art has been linked to:

- Enhanced critical thinking skills
- Improved fine motor skills
- Enhanced problem solving skills
- Heightened sense of creativity
- Improved ability to express ideas

Seguin ISD Fine Arts Showcase: Saturday, 3/28, at Seguin High School!

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Spring brings the season of contests and evaluations for many performing arts groups.

- Check out what has been happening lately in *MUSIC!*

Choir:

The middle school choirs recently participated in UIL Concert & Sight-Reading evaluation. Students are rated from a music standards rubric on a 1 – 5 scale based on prepared literature and as well as performing a selection for the first time. *Congratulations* to our middle choirs on successful UIL performances!

AJB Choir had four groups participate at UIL and earned the following ratings:

- Tenor/Bass (Boys Choir): *Sweepstakes!* 1st Division - Superior ratings in concert and sight-reading!
- Sub-Non-Varsity Girls: 2nd Division “excellent” rating in concert and sight-reading
- Non-Varsity Girls: 2nd Division “excellent” rating in concert and sight-reading
- Varsity Girls: 2nd Division “excellent” in concert and a 1st division “superior” in sight-reading



JBMS Choir had one group participate at UIL and earned the following ratings:

- Non-Varsity Girls: 2nd Division “excellent” rating in concert and sight-reading

Note: The SHS Choir will participate in UIL Concert & Sight-Reading later in April.



SHS Choir recently participated UIL Solo & Ensemble contest and had great success!!

- 35 soloists earned 1st Division-Superior gold medals
- 2 ensemble earned 1st Division-Superior medals
- 52 Total medals were earned
- 13 solos and 2 ensembles qualified for the UIL State Solo & Ensemble contest

The **SHS Matador Chamber Choir** recently had the opportunity to sing “O Fortuna” from *Carmina Burana* with the San Antonio Chamber Choir, YOSA, and seven other area high school choirs for a unique experience at the Tobin Center in San Antonio!



Band:

SHS Band students recently had the opportunity to participate in UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. The band had 13 percussion solos earn 1st Division-Superior ratings, 4 Ensembles earn 1st Division-Superior ratings, and a total of 9 solos and 4 ensembles qualify for the UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest.



The **Indoor Programs** (Winter Guard and Indoor Drumline) have been very busy earning several accolades.

The *Winter Guards* have earned the following awards to date at TECA (Texas Educational Color Guard Association) contests:

- 1st Place Varsity Winter Guard at TECA Medina Valley Contest
- 3rd Place JV Winter Guard at TECA Harlandale Contest
- 2nd Place Varsity Winter Guard at TECA Harlandale Contest on

The Winter Guards compete next on Saturday, 3/7, at Harlan High School in San Antonio! Good luck!!

The *Indoor Drumline* is in their first year of competition from Seguin High School and doing great! They have earned the following awards to date:

- 2nd Place at TECA Harlandale Contest on 2/1
- 2nd Place at TECA Harlandale Contest on 2/22

The Indoor Drumline competes next on Saturday, 3/7 at Harlan High School in San Antonio! Good luck!!



The SISD middle school bands had a Pre-UIL Evaluation on 2/19 at SHS to get a full performance and receive adjudicator feedback of their contest music before UIL evaluation arrives.



Both AJB and JBMS will be taking Varsity and Non-Varsity bands to participate in UIL Concert & Sight-Reading evaluation this week on 3/5-3/6. **Good luck** goes out to our middle school bands for their best performances and continuing a tradition of excellence!

Note: SHS bands will have UIL evaluation on 4/3 with a Pre-UIL scheduled for 3/24 at the Performing Arts Center.

Mariachi:

All Seguin ISD Mariachi Programs have participated in UIL, TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association), and TAME (Texas Association of Mariachi Educators) events successfully this semester.

UIL Results for Mariachi:

- SHS Mariachi Matador (Varsity): 1st Division Superior – State Advancement
- SHS JV Mariachi: 2nd Division – Excellent
- AJB Mariachi Toro: 1st Division – Superior
- JBMS Mariachi Toreador: 1st Division - Superior

This is the first year Seguin ISD Mariachi programs have participated in the TMEA All-Region audition process. They had excellent results!

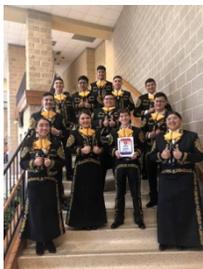
TMEA Results for Mariachi:

- 7 SHS students earned recognition as All-Region Mariachi
- 4 AJB students earned recognition as All-Region Mariachi
- 1 JBMS Student earned recognition as All-Region Mariachi



TAME Results for Mariachi:

- SHS Mariachi Matador (Varsity): 1st Division Superior – State Advancement; 7th in 5A at TAME State
- SHS JV Mariachi: 2nd Division – Excellent
- JBMS Mariachi Toreador: 1st Division - Superior
- AJB Mariachi Toro: 2nd Division – Excellent



Elementary Music:

All Elementary music programs combined with SISD middle school choir and theatre students for an annual Martin Luther King, Jr. showcase celebration. In collaboration with a community MLK committee, Seguin ISD is able to offer this event as part of a four-day commemoration in Seguin.



The Elementary Fine Arts staff met for a team specific PLC on 2/17 to share teaching ideas and best practices learned from a recent professional development convention. Our elementary team continues to engage our youngest learners in the arts!



Theatre:

It's the season for One Act Plays!! Both AJB and JBMS theatre programs competed with One-Act-Plays in January and did very well.

AJB Toro Theatre presented the play *Snappy's Happy Half Hour* and **JBMS Toreador Theatre** presented *Booby Trap*.

AJB Theatre earned:

- 2nd Place Play
- Best Overall Tech
- All-Star Cast: Jaron Hunter & Benjamin Howton; Honorable Mention: Lily Haas
- All-Star Tech: Ashly Vsargas

JBMS Theatre earned:

- All-Star Cast: Shleby Burns; Honorable Mention: Caleb Burns
- All-Star Tech: Jolissa Rodriguez



The **Seguin HS Matador Theatre** will present a public performance of *Over the River & Through the Woods* by Joe DiPietro on Thursday, 3/5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$7.



Matador Theatre will begin the contest season for UIL One-Act Play at the District level on Saturday, 3/7, at Boerne Champion H.S.

“Break a leg” as you continue to make the Seguin community proud!

The SHS Theatre Department, in collaboration with the band and choir, had four performances in January of the musical “Beauty and the Beast.” The show was a hit, and the department continues to provide excellent annual musical theatre events for the school and Seguin community.



Dance:

The Star Steppers have had a great spring contest season so far!

They competed at the Crowd Pleasers “Hill Country Showcase” at Canyon HS on Saturday, 2/8, and earned the following awards in the small team division:

- Team Awards: 1st Place Kick; 1st Place Jazz; 1st Place Lyrical; Sweepstakes; 1st Runner-Up Grand Champion
- Officers: 1st Place – Jazz; 1st Place – Contemporary; 1st Place – Hip Hop; Sweepstakes and Grand Champion

The Star Steppers also competed at the Crowd Pleasers “Austin Showcase” in Pflugerville on Saturday, 2/22, and earned the following awards in the small team division:

- Team Awards: 1st Place Team Jazz; 1st Place Kick; 1st Place Lyrical; Grand Champion Small Varsity Team
- Officers: 1st Runner-up Contemporary; 1st Place Officer Jazz; 1st Place Officer Hip-Hop; Grand Champion Officer Small Team

The Gold Battalion Booster Club (Dance and Cheer) hosted a huge Crowd Pleasers dance contest at SHS on 2/15. This event hosted more than 2000 spectators throughout the event. Big kudos to the Cheer and Dance staff, Parents, Boosters, SHS Staff and Administration, and students for making this event a big success!



*Seguin ISD Fine Arts Department
would like to congratulate:*

**Seguin Cheer on placing 4th overall in the
UIL 5A-Div 1 State Spirit Competition!!!**



Seguin Fine Arts continue to be involved in the community.
Here are just a couple of recent examples.



*Mr. Cantu (Music teacher from Rodriguez ES)
enjoys visiting families on a community walk.*

*SHS Choir and Band students perform for a
Community Texas Independence Day
Celebration*



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