

Welcome to the first monthly E-Blast Music Boosters Newsletter for the 2014/2015 school year. As a parent of children in the Sycamore music programs, you are a member of Music Boosters and we welcome you to join us in our programs and fundraisers. The Sycamore Music Boosters focus is on raising money to support all Sycamore School District music programs (K-12). Our largest fundraiser is the Pumpkin Fest Craft Fair, which provides many volunteer opportunities. **Music Boosters meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the High School Library on the third Thursday of each month during the school year. Our next meetings are Thursdays, September 18 and October 16. Hope you can join us.**

Ken Olson, President



Sycamore Music Boosters is pleased to announce Lucy Wrenn is the winner of their annual Continuing College Music Scholarship. This scholarship award is designed to assist Sycamore High School graduates in continuing their music education in college. Lucy Wrenn, first year recipient, was awarded this scholarship in recognition of her outstanding musicianship, music and academic achievements, and overall participation in music. Lucy is in her senior year at Augustana College majoring in Music Education and Psychology. She has been highly involved member in a variety of Augustana ensembles including the Augustana Choir, Chamber Singers, the Ascension Singers, and Celebration! (Gospel Choir). She has served as Choir Manager and Music Librarian, has worked in the Ticket Office and Performance Halls, and recently completed an internship with First Lutheran Church.



**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, February 14, 2015**  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of A Note To Remember at Blumen Gardens, Sycamore. Join us for ensemble performances, silent auction, sweet & savory hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

**Meet This Year's Music Booster Officers and Chairpersons:**

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**SHS Homecoming Parade**  
**Wed., October 1st, 6:00pm**

**Calling All Volunteers!**

We appreciate your help in any capacity you can offer – just a little of your time goes a long way!

- Craft Fair Mailings are being sent by mail. Please make sure to complete & return forms.
- A Note To Remember committee still needs many helpers. **The next ANTR meeting will be November 16 at 6:00.** For info please email Kris:

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**Upcoming Events**

<b>Band</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>	<b>Chorus</b>
September 19 Marching Band Castle Challenge NIU Football Field	October 14 HS Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm,SHS Auditorium	October 16 Sycamore 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Festival, 6:00pm, SHS Auditorium
September 28 Rochelle Hub Marching Exhibition/Clinic, Rochelle HS	November 11 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm SHS Auditorium	November 20 Middle School Choir Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium
October 1 Marching Band Homecoming Parade Downtown Sycamore		
October 3 HS Marching Band Performance Engh Football Field		
October 11 ILMEA Dist. 8 Band/Choir/Jazz Auditions, Morrison		
October 12 Marengo Settlers' Days Marching Festival, Marengo HS		
October 24 HS Marching Band Performance, Engh Football Field		
October 26 HS Marching Band Pumpkinfest Parade Downtown Sycamore		
October 27 HS Marching Band Concert, 7:30 pm, SHS Fieldhouse		
ILMEA EGM Children's Festival, 2:00pm, Byron Middle School		
HS Musical, November 7, 7:30pm & November 8 2:00pm & 7:30pm & November 9, 2:00pm, SHS Auditorium		
November 15 ILMEA District 8 Jazz Festival, 4:00pm, Rochelle HS		
November 17 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, 7:30pm,SHS Auditorium		
November 18 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium		
November 22, ILMEA District 8 Band/Choir/Orchestra Festival, DeKalb HS		

<b>Band</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>	<b>Chorus</b>
December 10 High School Band Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	December 15 HS/Jazz Strings/Elem Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	December 3 High School Choir Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium
January 26 5 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /HS Band Concert, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium	February 3 Middle School Orchestra Concert,7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	December 12 & 13 Madrigals Concert, 6:30pm, St. Mary's Parish Activity Center
February 2 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert,7:30pm, SHS Auditorium		December 16 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /Elem Grade Choir Singalong, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium
February 14 A Note to Remember Fundraiser Gala, 7:00-11:00pm, Blumen Gardens, Sycamore		
March 7 IHSA Solo/Ensemble Festival, Location TBA		
March 17 NI Big 12 Band Festival, DeKalb High School Auditorium		March 10 NI Big 12 Choir Festival, Time TBA, SHS Auditorium
March 14, Middle School Solo/Ensemble Festival, Sycamore Middle School		
March 19 High School Band Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	March 16 High School Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	March 17 High School Choir Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium
April 9 Middle School Spring Showcase, 6:30pm, Sycamore Middle School		
April 17 and/or April 18 IHSA Organizational Festival, TBA		
April 23 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium		April 13 North Grove Spring Sing, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium
		April 14 Southeast Spring Sing, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium
		April 16 West Spring Sing, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium
		April 20 North Spring Sing, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium
		April 21 South Prairie Spring Sing, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium

Band	Orchestra	Choir
May 1 & 2, Middle School Musical, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium		
May 4 High School Jazz Night, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium		
May 6, NCJC Middle School Music Festival, 7:00pm Duke Ellington Ballroom, NIU		
May 7 High School Band Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	May 14 Elementary/Middle School Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium	May 11 High School Choir Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium
May 19 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> /Grade Band Concert, 7:00pm, SHS Auditorium	May 18 High School Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium	May 12 Middle School Choir Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Auditorium
May 25, HS Band/Orchestra/Choir at Graduation, 2:00pm, SHS Fieldhouse		
May 26 Memorial Day Parade, Sycamore		

**Nominations being accepted for SHS  
Music Alums and Music Supporters  
for  
Sycamore High School Hall of Fame**

We are looking for outstanding SHS music alums and music supporters who can be nominated for the Sycamore High School Hall of Fame!

***The deadline is October 1, 2014 for the 2015 awards.***

As you know, we have four categories (please see the complete descriptions by going to the Sycamore Music Booster website!):

1. Ovation - those who demonstrated outstanding achievement in music in high school.
2. Legacy - those who demonstrated outstanding achievement in music in high school, and have continued beyond high school to contribute to music in exceptional ways.
3. Advocate - given to those who have shown outstanding support toward the Sycamore music programs. This is the only category in which the recipient does not need to be a graduate of Sycamore High School.
4. Distinguished Alumni - those who demonstrated outstanding achievement in music in high school, and who have achieved distinction over time in a career outside of music beyond high school.

Please consider nominating someone. The nomination information and forms are on the booster website and are self-explanatory.

However, if you want assistance nominating someone, let Ken Olson or Madelyn Anderson know, and they can help facilitate a nomination for the individual.

Thanks for your support of this program!

### Sycamore Music Boosters Award Scholarships

The Sycamore Music Boosters Summer Music Camp Scholarship is awarded to various Sycamore students currently enrolled in the music program that attended a selected music camp over the summer. The following recipients of the Summer Music Camp Scholarship from the Sycamore Middle School included: Blake Ross, Caroline Bowers, Brett Harris, Maxwell Baird, Morgyn Nelson, Bradley Harris, Ashley Montano, Kjelden Breidenbach, Julia Luo, Julia Bowers, Grace Frielink, Courtney Mulligan, Kelsey Mulligan, Kallista Matthias, and Brooke Stover.

The following recipients of the Summer Music Camp Scholarships from the Sycamore High School included: Olivia Lohse, Jennifer Love, Tyler Berger, Rachel Hecht, Theresa Guss, Ella Atkins, Gracia Watson, Jordan Smith, Andrew Selig, Matthew Johnson, Jake Pisarski, Emma Olson, Jessica Luo, Megan Meyer, Kailey Mulligan, and Bailey Petit.

The Sycamore Music Boosters Senior Music Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors who are majoring in music in college. This year, 2 seniors were recognized and awarded \$500 each to assist with college tuition. Sarah Grant was awarded the Lundbeck Family Scholarship. A double bass player, she is attending Butler University and pursuing a degree in Music with a concentration in double bass and in Recording Industry Studies. The second scholarship, provided by the Music Boosters, goes to Rebecca Vidales, who plays piano, viola, and oboe. She is attending Coe College and majoring in Music Education.

The Bette J. Lundbeck Scholarship was awarded to Benjamin Van Wienen, and the John O. Weaver scholarship was awarded to Efrain Aguirre.

The Sycamore Music Boosters support all students in grades K-12 in various music programs offered within the district. For more information about the Music Boosters, please visit our Web site at: [www.sycamoremusicboosters.com](http://www.sycamoremusicboosters.com) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. For more information on scholarships, please contact Lisa Smith, Scholarship Chair, at [lisasmith1615@comcast.net](mailto:lisasmith1615@comcast.net).