

Greetings Sycamore Music Families,
We invite parents and guardians of every grade level to join us at booster meetings each month. **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 meeting is this Thursday, November 21. Hope to see you there.**
Ken Olson, President
Sycamore Music Boosters



The Sycamore High School Marching Band performs on the Northern Illinois University field during half-time of the Castle Challenge football game between Sycamore and DeKalb High Schools on September 13, 2013.



Save the Date! 6th Anniversary!

***A Note to Remember* at Blumen Gardens:
Saturday, February 8, 2014, 7:00 – 11:00 pm**

Enjoy live music performances and peruse the Silent Auction while supporting your Spartan Music Department!





This year's feature performance is by Jim Kanas and Friends. Jim Kanas is a guitarist from Northern Illinois. Jim earned a unique interdisciplinary music performance degree from NIU in contemporary guitar skills, commercial music and American Folk Instruments. An Artist-in-Residence with the Illinois Arts Council and other cultural arts organizations, Jim is an ArtsTour artist who performs and records regularly as a soloist. Local group, Jazz In Progress, will also perform, as well as the Sycamore High School Jazz Ensemble and other various school ensembles. An elegant sweet and savory hors d'oeuvres buffet and coffee bar will be included along with numerous raffle and silent auction prizes donated by local businesses.

A limited number of tickets are available for this adults-only event at \$20 per person. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets are on sale now at all upcoming Sycamore concerts, at the Sycamore High School main office, Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists, 3266 Resource Parkway office in DeKalb, Kar Fre Flowers in Sycamore, via email at Note2Remember@gmail.com or by calling 815.751.8388.

Thank You to All Craft Fair Pie Donors & Volunteers!

The 41st annual Sycamore Music Boosters Autumn Craft and Treasures Market held during the recent Pumpkin Festival weekend at the Sycamore High School Field House was a tremendous success! It is with deep gratitude that we thank all of our Music Booster families – each parent, student, family member, friend, teacher and staff member that volunteered at the Craft Fair fundraiser! Whether you baked pies, worked a shift, sent a donation, attended the craft fair or helped in any other way, you helped support our mission: "Enriching the quality of music education, performance and awareness in the Sycamore schools and community." Our appreciation is also extended to the Craft Fair vendors, Sycamore School District Administration, Athletics, and Custodial Staff, the Suter Company, Italian Dreams, Country Store and Catering, Sycamore Park District and DeKalb/Sycamore Chevrolet. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone that assisted in making this another successful fundraiser during the Pumpkin Festival weekend!
With much appreciation,
Ken Olson,
Sycamore Music Booster President
Autumn Craft and Treasures Market Committee: Bob Atkins, Amy Cuthbert, Peggy Diemer, Jan Englum, Brian Jungmann, Cathie Lohse, Deb Loitz, Kathy Reuter, Lisa Smith

Upcoming Events

Band	Orchestra	Chorus
November 19, 5 th Grade Band Concert 7:00 pm, SHS Auditorium	December 16, High School Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm, SHS Auditorium	December 5, High School Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, SHS Auditorium
December 9, High School Band Concert, 7:30 pm, SHS Auditorium		December 13 & 14 6:30 pm, Madrigals Concert, St. Mary's Parish Activity Center
		December 17, 6 th /7 th /8 th Grade Choir Singalong Concert, 7:30 pm, SHS Auditorium
January 16, Arts Midwest – Le Vent du Nord		
January 27, 5 th /8 th /HS Band Concert, 7:00 pm, SHS Auditorium	January 28, 4 th /5 th Grade Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, SHS Auditorium	



Pictured here is the ILMEA Junior Orchestra about ready to perform Vivaldi's *Concerto Grosso in D Minor, Movement I* at Augustana College, Nov. 9, 2013

The Sycamore Music Department Proudly Announces that 93 Students From Our District Were Chosen to Participate in ILMEA All-District Performances

Forty-nine high school and forty-four middle school students from Sycamore were selected to participate in the 2013 Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) All-District Orchestras, Bands and Choirs. Auditions using ILMEA-selected music were held in October. Students who were chosen spent one day in rehearsal, and the groups performed later that day. This year, the All-District Jazz festival was held at Rochelle Township High School on Saturday, November 9, and the All-District Orchestra festival was held at Augustana College on the same date. The All-District Band and Choir festivals were held on Sunday, November 16 at DeKalb High School. See Page 3 of this newsletter for a complete listing of students chosen for these performances.

For all the latest Music Department News, please visit

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2014 A Note to Remember Update

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

- Welcome to new committee members Clare Dempsey and Kris and Jim Selig! Clare has volunteered to handle the tickets this year and Kris is our new NTR co-chair and will continue on next year as chair.
- A Note To Remember committee still needs many helpers. **Next meeting is January 7 at 6:30pm** at Lori Grant's house. For info please email or call Lori: (815) 757-9895
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This Year's Music Booster Officers and Chairpersons:

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Open, 2014 Pumpkifest Craft Fair GM

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Congratulations to the Sycamore Middle School and High School Musicians Who Were Selected to Perform in ILMEA All-Districts:

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR:

Soprano – Sophia Andaloussi, Mary Flaherty, Rebecca Hooey, Bridget Johnson, Aubry Nelson, Becca Roby, Claire Schroeder, Haley Tyrrell, Elizabeth Watson; Alto – Falon Findley, Sarah Houdek, Annie Malecki, Nicky Startz, Kara Strohm, Maddie White; Tenor – Ian Lovell, Alex Riley; Bass – Ian Findley, Collin Koneczny-Dix, Andrew McComb, Jordan Peterson.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR (freshmen participating in junior festival):

Sopranos – Merri Bork, Elizabeth Fritz, Araceli Hill, Emily Keiner, Ambyr Siebens, Kimberly Sims; Altos – Emani Brinkman, Anna McComb; Baritone – John Lerohl, Trevor McDonald, Michael Mendoza.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA:

Violin – Lizzie Briscoe, Hannah Cerny, Jessica Luo, Maddie Pawola, Viola - Trent Englum, Kailey Mulligan, Rebecca Vidales; Cello – Baylee Petit; Bass - Sarah Grant, Seth Kates, Brett Brancato, Evan Jacobs.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA WINDS:

Trombone – Ella Rose Atkins, Casey Bunge; Oboe – Emma Olson; Bassoon – Rachel Hecht; French Horn – Andrew Selig, Jordyn Shultz; Trumpet – Ben Van Wiene.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND:

Flute – Alyssa Maillefer; Clarinet – Alex Cuthbert, Michael Ekstrom; Alto Saxophone – Leah Tabone, Gracia Watson; Baritone Saxophone – Efrain Aguirre; French Horn – Bret Reser.

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND:

Alto Sax – Gracia Watson; Baritone Sax – Efrain Aguirre; Trumpet – Olivia Lohse.

Students from Sycamore Middle School who have been selected for ILMEA include:

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA:

Violin – Austin Bell, Ben Briscoe, Jessica Comstock, Kayla Fowler, Hannah Kirby, Julia Luo, Kallista Mathias, Madeline McCormick, Athena Ye; Viola – Kelsey Mulligan, Ally Versluys, Allison Vidales; Cello – Julia Bowers, Coco Breidenbach, Kjelden Breidenbach, Grace Frielink, Aly Gregorec, Ryan Loitz, Courtney Mulligan, Julia Simmons, Tsave Walker; Bass – William Kane, Nolan Polly.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND:

Flute – Lizzie Egerman, Mackenzie Taylor; Clarinet – Kayla Bailey, Brianna Cada, Ben Holtz, Emily Grayburn; Baritone Saxophone – Jakob Kelly; Trumpet – Gabe Frielink, Elliott Marsh; Trombone – Will Biletzky; Percussion – Riley Lohse.

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND:

Trumpet – Elliott Marsh; Trombones – Will Biletzky, Tamia Hughes, Chelsea Smith; Guitar – Jakob Kelly; Bass – Annabelle Atkins.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR:

Soprano – Madison Drake, Dana Nielsen; Alto – Kaylie Emmer; Baritone – Roan Findley.

Congratulations to all Sycamore School District participants!

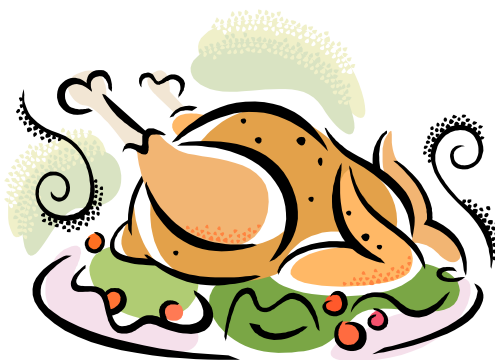
Reminder!



Sycamore Orchestra Spirit Wear Orders Are Due by this Friday, November 22.

Checks should be made out to Sycamore High School and should be presented with your order.

Thank You!



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break!