## October 2021

# The Music

## Letter from the President

Welcome to October!!! The Directors, Officers, Chairs and Volunteers are kicking it up into High Gear for this School Year. Everyone one is extremely busy with their areas of SIMB. We have concerts, football games, and fundraising programs going on. With all the activities going on, we need to stop for a moment to say, "THANK YOU." YOUR involvement in SIMB is truly appreciated. Our success does not happen without "YOU."

At the September SIMB Meeting, I want to start the planning program for next year's election. The two positions that are up for election is the President and Secretary. I will not be seeking a second term because my youngest will be graduating in May of 22. Anyone interested in either position is asked to reach out to Mr. Hire. By the end of the year, we will be forming the Nomination Committee. This committee will review the candidates and make their recommendations to the Boosters. We will vote on the Nominations in April 2022. From April to the end of the SIMB Year, the Current President and Secretary will work with new officers so that the transition will be smooth. Beside that we will have a few chair positions opening up as well. Please consider in getting involved.

Also, we will be reviewing the bylaws. In April of this year, we tabled one amendment. SIMB Vice President oversees the bylaws. I will be asking Scott Carman to form a review committee to discuss the tabled amendment and review the current bylaws. Anyone interested in joining this committee is to reach out to Scott or myself.



## **Upcoming Events**

Please refer to the online calendar or REMIND updates for the most up-todate information and call times.

October 12<sup>th</sup> MB Rehearsal @3:00pm

October 14<sup>th</sup> MB Rehearsal @6:00pm

October 15<sup>th</sup> MB Home Game @ 5:15pm

October 19<sup>th</sup> MB Rehearsal @3:00pm

October 20<sup>th</sup> Fall Orchestra Concert & Pot Luck @5:30pm

October 21<sup>st</sup> MB Rehearsal @6:00pm

October 22<sup>nd</sup> MB Away Game @5:00pm

October 25<sup>th</sup> SIMB Dessert & Cookie Sale Kick-Off

October 25<sup>th</sup> Symphony Rehearsal @6:00pm

October 26<sup>th</sup> MB Rehearsal @3:00pm

October 28<sup>th</sup> MB Rehearsal @6:00pm

October 29<sup>th</sup> MB Tournament Game

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Calling all Volunteers!! As I mentioned earlier, October is a very busy month. We have Concerts, Homecoming, Senior Night, SouthPark Mall Fundraiser, and Busy Football Weekend!! If you have the time, please consider helping out. One weekend that is going to need the most help is the Weekend of October 15 - 17. First, Pam Zylstra is working with SouthPark Mall on a Fundraiser. We will be selling pumpkins at the Mall. This fundraiser begins Friday, October 15 and ends on Sunday, October 17, 2021. The proceeds of this event will support the funding of the Disney School Trip. Please help out where you can. It has been brought to my attention that some students are fully financing their trip cost on their own. Let's help ease the burden by volunteering and buying our pumpkins at SouthPark. That same weekend Catan Stadium will be hosting 3 football games. Friday, October 15, 2021, Strongsville will be hosting Mentor. On Saturday, October 16, 2021, St. Ignatius is hosting two games at Catan Stadium. They will be playing Cincinnati, St. Francis Xavier. JV will play at Noon, and Varsity will play at 4:00. Sign Up Genius will be coming out. Finally, with the upcoming concerts, Chaperones are needed. Please consider signing up!!

Our next SIMB Meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2021. The time is 6:30 PM. It will be a Zoom Meeting. Information on the next meeting will be sent through Charms. Have a great Month Everyone!!!!

Bill



The Strongnet website has been updated! SIMB can now be found at <u>SIMB Website</u>

Be sure to bookmark us and visit often for updates!

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## **Orchestra Notes – Mr. Hire**

As we approach our first performance of the year, I have a few reminders and topics of conversation listed below. I am looking forward to our first concert of the school year. Please join us as we perform a wide array of amazing musical selections.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Fall Orchestra Concert, Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 pm, SHS Auditorium.
- Symphony Rehearsal, Monday, October 25, 6:00 PM. Orchestra Room.
- Symphony Rehearsal, Monday, November 15, 6:00 PM. Orchestra Room
- Electrify Your Symphony with Mark Wood, Friday, Nov. 19th (6:00 and 8:30), SHS Auditorium.
- Holiday Choir Concert, Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 pm, Auditorium, Symphony Orchestra will perform on this Concert.
- Holiday Orchestra Concert, Thursday, December 2, 7:00 pm, Auditorium. Featuring all orchestras.

#### Concert Uniform Reminders:

As the concert season begins students and parents are reminded to review the uniform policy found in the orchestra handbook. Students, who are not compliant, will not be permitted to perform.

Please note the following:

- Students are reminded to regularly wash their dresses and tuxedo shirts (both are machine washable). The tuxedos, vests, and bow ties are dry-clean only.
- Ladies will not be permitted to wear jackets, hoodies, or sweatshirts over their dresses because they are cold.
- Ladies are not permitted to wear blue jeans, or long pants under their dresses.
- Ladies must wear closed-toed, black dress flats for concerts (flats are safer).
- All dresses must be hemmed one inch off the floor. Adjustments may be needed for upper classmen.
- Gentlemen need to wear black socks with black dress-shoes (not black tennis shoes or boots).
- Gentlemen should wear a print-free, plain white undershirt beneath their tuxedo shirts. Do not wear colored tee-shirts or shirts with prints on them as it will bleed through.
- Gentlemen need to wear their tuxedos, green bow ties, and green vests.
- All students are required to be in their full uniform throughout the entire event.

#### Fall Orchestra Concert:

All four of our fantastic orchestras will kick-off our 2021-2022 season at the annual Fall Concert on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. Please note, the pot-luck dinner portion of this event will not resume for this event. This fun concert brings together all our orchestra families for an evening great music. We will return to our usual concert format in which each orchestra will sit in the audience and listen to one another.

#### Electrify Your Symphony, "Spotlight Tour" with Mark Wood

Grammy award winning electric violinist, composer, and former member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Mark Wood, will be working with and performing alongside the SHS String and Freshman Orchestras on Friday, November 19 during his "Spotlight Tour." This fun, energetic, electric performance will feature many rock, and TSO standards. The early show (6:00) will feature the Freshman Orchestra, the late show (8:30) will feature the String Orchestra.

Tickets are available through *Brown Paper Tickets*. Reserved seats (lower section) are \$17, and general admission (upper section) are \$12. Links are available in our Google Classrooms.

#### Instrument Maintenance reminders:

It is very important that students keep their instruments in good operating order to ensure playability, and a great tonal production. String players should have their bow rehaired once a year. A sign that a bow needs re-haired includes thinning hair, dirty hair, or a bow that will not tighten/loosen. Such problems will prohibit the student from generating a good tone quality. A typical bow re-hair will cost \$40-\$60.

Additionally, strings should be replaced regularly to avoid breakage at those critical, moments (concerts, contest, etc.). With the amount of playing our typical high school orchestras, strings should be replaced once a year. Furthermore, high school string players should not replace their strings with steel strings; instead, strings with synthetic cores such as *Dominant, or D'Addario* brands. I have a list of recommended string technicians who specialize in stringed instrument repair on the orchestra board. Additionally, I have links to recommended vendors who specialize in string instruments on the orchestra website.

On occasion, an instrument may be deemed in such poor repair that it is unplayable. In which case, the student will NOT receive daily participation points until the necessary repairs have been made.

#### Solo and Ensemble Contest:

Just a reminder that SHS Instrumental Music students will be participating at the

OMEA District 4, Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday, January 29, 2022 at North Ridgeville HS. Selected repertoire MUST be selected from the official solo and ensemble contest list found on the OMEA website. Soloists need to be familiar with all scale requirements for their respective instrument. Application forms and fees will be due sometime in December. OMEA has announced this will be a full in-person event!

Just a reminder that participation at Solo & Ensemble Contest is required for all symphony members and is one of the requirements for our Honors Credit. **2021 Northeast Regional Orchestra** 

The Strongsville High School Symphony Orchestra had fifteen students selected as members the 2021 Northeast Regional Orchestra which is an auditioned honors orchestra consisting of the best student musicians from Northeast Ohio. This select ensemble is sponsored by the *Ohio Music Education Association*, and will perform on Nov. 7, at E.J. Thomas Hall at the University of Akron. Congratulations to:

Johnathan Carman, Percussion, Lauren Dunlap, Violin, Audrey Greer, Violin, Jacob

Huber, Bass, Jocelyn Huber, Violin, Henry Joniak, French Horn, Sanjana Katiyar, Viola,

Jade Lum, Violin, Delaney Merkle, Violin, Zach Rinas, Violin, Sofia Ruff, Cello,

Amanda Shaffer, Viola, Lillian Vassel, Viola, Marissa Ventresca, Violin, and Hunter Zadar, Violin

#### 2022 All-State Orchestra

Nine musicians from the Strongsville High School Symphony Orchestra were selected as members of the 2022 *All-State Orchestra*, making this the 18<sup>th</sup> year in a row an SHS Orchestra student has been selected for this elite ensemble. The All-State Orchestra consists of the best high school orchestra musicians from all of Ohio, and will perform at the 2022 *Ohio Music Education Association's Professional Development Conference* at the Cleveland Convention Center in February. Congratulations to:

Lauren Dunlap, Violin, Audrey Greer, Violin , Jacob Huber, Bass, Sunjana Katiyar,

Viola Alternate, Delaney Merkle, Violin Alternate, Zach Rinas, Violin, Amanda Shaffer, Viola, Lillian Vassel, Viola Alternate, and Marissa Ventresca, Violin

If you need to reach me please email at <u>ahire@scsmustangs.org</u> Important information can be found on the SHS Music Department website or the SHS Orchestra website through strongnet.org.

Musically,

Andrew Hire

Director of Orchestras

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## **Band Notes – Mr. King**

It is hard to believe that we have crossed the midpoint of the marching band season. We have had many memorable performances with our Queen of Soul Show and are enjoying learning our new Dance Music Show. The 8th grade band will take the field with the high school band this Friday night during our Homecoming Show and then on to our Senior show next week. Looking ahead, encourage your students to take part in jazz band, pep band, and solo/ensemble contest. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers that help to make our game nights go smoothly.

#### Upcoming Dates:

10/15 Mentor Home Game (Senior night): attendance at 5 p.m.
10/22 Brunswick Away Game: attendance at 5 p.m.
10/29 First Tournament Game (Guaranteed)
11/3 Postseason Concert/Banquet – End of MB
11/5 Play-off game t.b.d.

#### Online Calendar:

The online music calendar is up to date. Please print and/or sync to your phone. Plan ahead so that there are no conflicts or surprises. Please check weekly for the most up to date information.

#### Absences:

I need a note or email from a **parent** if a student is going to miss rehearsal as soon as possible. **Please include the reason for the absence**. Please refer to the handbook for our band attendance policy and what is an excused or unexcused absence. Please make every effort to have students practice a little earlier than the time listed so they have time to get their instrument and walk to the field. Also plan to pick them up about 15 minutes after we finish so they have time to walk back and put their instrument away.

#### Solo/Ensemble Contest

Solo/Ensemble Contest is January 29<sup>th</sup> this year and will be in-person as of now. This date seems far away but it will be here before we know it. Wind Ensemble is required to participate for their honors credit but I highly recommend all students to participate. Last year we had a large number of students participate and I hope to have even more this year. Students can play solos with piano accompaniment or in small ensembles like a trumpet trio or percussion ensemble. If you have any questions about this contest please contact me.

#### Private Lessons:

With marching band ending at the end of the month most likely, students will have a lot of extra time. I would like to see everyone take advantage of private lessons. Email me and I would be happy to assist you with finding a great teacher. Private lessons allow your student to have a deeper experience in band as they progress on their instrument.

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#### Pep Band/Jazz Band

Pep Band and Jazz Band begin shortly after marching band ends. They are a great way to continue to play different kinds of music in addition to our concert music. Jazz band has an audition that will be done towards the end of this month. Pep band is a signup during class towards the end of the month. Pep Band plays at the home varsity boys basketball games. Jazz meets after school 3-4:30 p.m. once or twice a week.

#### Practicing:

It is a requirement (homework) that students practice at home for this class. The instrument should come home several nights a week, and the weekend. Help them to find a quiet place with few distractions at home that has a wire music stand and chair so they can sit with good posture. The exception should be when they don't practice, not when they do. We will have playing exams coming up so it's best they stay on top of their music early.

#### New Instrument/Mouthpieces

As we transition into concert season soon, it is important to a student's musical development that they are playing on a quality instrument and mouthpiece. Students start on beginner level instruments/mouthpieces. As they progress and begin playing challenging music, it becomes necessary to step up into an intermediate level instrument/mouthpiece. A new instrument/mouthpiece is made of different materials and can add extra keys and triggers that help the sound/pitch/alternate fingerings and ease of play. I am happy to help in the search for a new instrument/mouthpiece. If the purchase of a new instrument is out of reach right now, replacing the mouthpiece is much more affordable and can make a huge difference. Feel free to reach out to me via email and I will be happy to help.

Mr. King

## SMS Bands – Mrs. Roblee, Mr. King & Mr. Chidsey

Greetings from the SMS band!

We were very excited to see our future Marching Mustangs performing under the lights on Friday night! The 8th grade band will be performing with the high school marching band on the October 8th football game. The students got to have fun with the high school band all evening and see what it is like to play in front of a packed stadium!

The SMS band & orchestras are in the middle of a music department fundraiser selling a variety of items. We haven't needed a fundraiser in about 3 years to replenish our SMS band activity account. If you would like to help, see a middle school student.

All of the bands are working hard toward our first concert which will be on December 7th. We are making great progress each day!

Mr. Chidsey Mr. King Mrs. Roblee

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## **SIMB Membership**

This just in--our Annual Membership Drive deadline is extended! Come join the fun, while benefiting our music students! Please sign up for a committee, it's a great way to meet people. Everyone's entered into a gift card raffle! Only \$25 to join. New this year: Alumni membership. Check out the link, flyer & prize list & join today! Any questions, please email <u>simbmembership@gmail.com</u>.

https://simb.membershiptoolkit.com/home

Diana Regan

SIMB Membership

## SIMB Marching Band Uniforms

We will need two people to assist with uniform pass out and turn in; assist the students with any uniform questions and/or issues; and travel with the band to Avon Lake High School. We are at the game to be on hand for any uniform emergencies that may arise, pass out and collect plumes for the performance and back up chaperones if they need assistance. Thank you for signing up!

Marching Band Uniform Volunteer Sign Up

## **SIMB Fundraising**

Check out the flyers in this newsletter to help out the SIMB!

### Why join SIMB?

- Each moment a music educator spends on administrative tasks in a moment they could be spending with YOUR student.
- Spend more time with your teenager! Get to know who they are hanging out with and catch their amazing performances!
- Strengthen your personal and professional network.
- Learn new skills!
- Have FUN!!

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#### **MEMBERSHIP COST:**

EARLY BIRD:

#### \$25.00/FAMILY

#### DRAWINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1 STUDENT ON AUGUST 27TH	WIN A \$20.00 GIFT CARD
1 STUDENT WINS ON SEPTEMBER 17TH	WIN a \$20.00 GIFT CARD
FOR THE STUDENTS:	
1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT	WIN A \$200.00 GIFT CARD

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2ND PRIZE FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT	WIN A \$100.00 GIFT CARD
3 <sup>80</sup> PRIZE FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT	WIN A \$50.00 GIFT CARD
4TH PRIZE FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT	WIN A \$25.00 GIFT CARD
14 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS	WIN A \$20.00 GIFT CARD

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#### FOR THE PARENTS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT WINS A DINNER FOR TWO AT SQUARE 22 (\$200.00 VALUE) MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT WINS A DINNER FOR TWO AT THE RAIL (\$100.00 VALUE) MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY DINNER PACK DQ GRILL & CHILL (\$50.00 VALUE) MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY DINNER PACK JERSEY MIKES (\$50.00 VALUE)

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Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support

Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters. Come in to the Chipotle at

15029 Pearl Rd in Strongsville on Tuesday, December 14th between

**5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters.

## **NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP**

Use code ZEGY3PJ before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

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## **SIMB Chaperones**

What an amazing first half of the Marching season!! We have had an outstanding group of chaperones and equipment chaperones who have worked very hard to make sure all of the students and equipment arrive and return from each game and band show safely in an extremely orderly fashion. These volunteers are like a well oiled machine. Thank you to Nicole Bilski, Scott Carmen, Jennie Crosby, Dean Dunbrack, Tracy Grauel, Ron Fobel,

Dena Jasinski, Mary Fran Kostyack, Keith Lawson, Karen Maddox, Jen Magel, Dawn

Merk, Jennifer Milligan, Kim Pavlinsky, Pam Polansky, Renae Reinhart, Chris Reinhart, Colin Sikon, Kim Speck, Laurie Uline and Mandi Wyler. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for chaperoning one or all of the past four games and/or one or both of the band shows.

If you would like to chaperone at a game, please use the following sign up genius links to sign up.

Oct 15th - Home vs Mentor: Senior night:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFA92BA64-shsfootball18

Oct. 22nd - Away @ Brunswick:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFA92BA64-shsfootball19

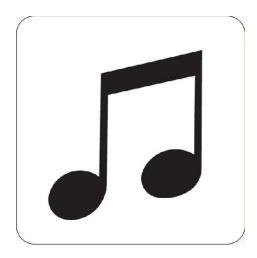
If you would like to chaperone a game and do not see an open slot to sign up,

Please contact us at simbchaperones@gmail.com

Chaperone Committee Chairs

Michele Dunbrack

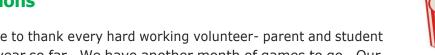
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## Benefits of chaperoning...

- 1. You might learn something new!
- 2. Get to know your kid's teachers.
- 3. Get to know other families!
- 4. Making memories with your child.

## **SIMB Football Concessions**



The **Concessions Team** would like to thank every hard working volunteer- parent and student alike- for your assistance this year so far. We have another month of games to go. Our

Mustangs are looking great on the field so hopefully we'll also have a post-season too. Continue looking for updates on volunteer opportunities on our Wednesday weekly Charms updates. If you are not receiving Charms email from SIMB please let your director know to add your preferred email.

Oct 15 Varsity Football Concessions

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daca629a46-oct8varsity

Do you like to shop? Are you a bargain hunter? Did you stockpile toilet paper last spring? Then this is for you!!!

Concessions team is looking for a trainee for the Buyer position. Due to our new arrangement with Dairy Queen this position has become considerably less time intensive. Responsibility involves purchasing candy, popcorn, pretzels and paper goods and other miscellaneous items from Sams Club and GFS. May involve communications with local vendors (DQ, pizza, etc). Reimbursement is 100% through SIMB. This position



serves both football and basketball season and involves inventory and a semi-weekly shopping trip to keep everything stocked and running smoothly.





## **SIMB Concert Uniforms**

The concert uniform committee has been very busy so far this school year to ensure that all of our orchestra and band students look their best when they perform on the stage at concerts and contests.

The green concert dresses were ordered at the end of August and we are expecting our order to arrive at the school soon. Unfortunately, our order will be short by 5 dresses. Southeastern Apparel contacted us recently to let us know that they did not have enough material to fill our entire order and they are estimating that it will take 8 weeks to get the material from their vendor. Mr. Hire has contacted the students that will not receive their dress in time for the first orchestra concert.

All concert dresses will need alterations prior to the students first concert. We will have the directors inform the students when the dresses are ready for pick up.

Tuxedo fittings took place in September. Thank you to Sharon David, Tracy Grauel,

Vickie Maloney, Margaret Parsons, Madhavilatha Polaconda, Renae Reinhart, Laurie Uline and Linda Wosnak for helping with the tuxedo fittings. We could not have gotten all of the gentlemen fitted in one day without your help and hard work.

Tuxedos have been distributed and should have been brought home. Please check the fit of your son's tuxedo prior to his first concert. If your son has not received his tuxedo it is for one of two reasons: He has not turned in his rental contract and payment which is now overdue or we needed to order one or more parts to his tuxedo from American Commodore Tuxedo.

If you have any questions please email us at <a href="mailto:simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com">simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com</a>

Concert Uniform Committee

Michele Dunbrack

Jen Bubb

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## **Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters**

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