

Orchestra Updates

Members of Strongsville Wind Ensemble performed in the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony for OMEA in Columbus. This is a group that makes up the best musicians in Northeast Ohio and requires an Audition. The group will travel to England this summer.

Congratulations to Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings and String Orchestra. All three Orchestra's received a 1 which is the best rating that the Ohio Music Education Association gives. This is an extremely talented group of kids, their dedication and hard work does not go unrecognized.



Band Updates

SHS band students have been very busy this concert season. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Solo & Ensemble OMEA contest. All of their hard work paid off and many students received a superior rating.

Congratulations to Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble for scoring a 1 at the OMEA district competition, qualifying them for states.

Please join our talented percussionists for the annual student-led event, Rhythmolology at SHS on May 19th, directed by our own exceptional Adrianna Kostyack! The show is free to the public, and features marching band and concert band percussionists. This event showcases the outstand-

ing students in the drumline who spend many hours outside of their school day practicing to bring this show to life. One of the pieces called "It's Raining Somewhere in La La Land" was transcribed by Adrianna herself, and features three of Strongsville's other skilled musicians.



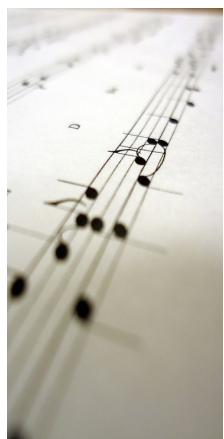
IMPORTANT UPDATES

- ◆ All-City Orchestra Concert:
March 15, 7-9pm; Grades 6, 7, and SHS String Orchestra;
March 16, 7-9pm; Grades 8, 9, and Symphony.
- ◆ All-City Band Concert:
March 21, 6:30-8:30p, Grades 5, 7, SHS Jazz Lab and Symphonic Band ; **March 22, 6:30 – 8:30p**, Grades 7, 8, Jazz band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble.
- ◆ SHS Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble at OMEA Band Competition on 3/10. Both groups earned superior ratings.
- ◆ OMEA Orchestra Competition 2/24 & 2/25; Congratulations to all students for earning superior ratings.
- ◆ April 29 Adult Night Out at Harvest Saloon!

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"THE MUSIC IS NOT
IN THE NOTES, BUT
IN THE SILENCE
BETWEEN"
~MOZART



Honorable Mentions

Please give a round of applause to Adrianna Kostyack, Abby Maher and Amelia Ragan who performed in The Ohio Band Directors Honors Band at the University of Akron! They worked with Composer Steven Bryant and the Conductor of the Duke University Wind Ensemble.

Finally congratulations to Adrianna Kostyack, Daniel Castner, Jose Snachez Perez, Alyssa Maddox, Abby Maher Cecilia Le, and Jamil Halabi. These talented aspiring musicians were selected to participate in the District IV Honors band at Cleveland State University. They spent three days rehearsing with guest conductors and performed at CSU's downtown cam-

pus. Thank you for your excellence in music performance, you make Strongsville proud!



SIMB Needs You!

Our commitment to preserving the excellent music programs available to students in Strongsville is dependent on community support and volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about who we are, or how you can help, please reach out to Vicky Maloney at SIMBmembership@gmail.com. There are several open positions for board members and general volunteer

opportunities. We would love to have you on our team!

During the 2022-2023 school year, we helped raise funds for our students in new and exciting ways, including working concessions stands at Progressive Field for games, concerts and during the playoffs! If you are interested in joining us at the ballpark for opening day or July 4th, please reach out to Jennie Crosby at

simbfundraising@gmail.com.

A majority of our fundraising comes from working the concessions stands at various sporting events at SMS and SHS throughout the year, including , football, basketball, and track! Volunteer opportunities are open to ALL members of SIMB and students who need volunteer hours. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities reach out to simbconcessions@gmail.com.

Middle School Music Families

Parents of 8th grade band and orchestra students, please encourage your students to continue their musical journeys in high school! These programs are fun and rewarding. We have a diverse group of music students, academic scholars, and varsity athletes. Many of our music students go on to play at a collegiate level, and are accepted into

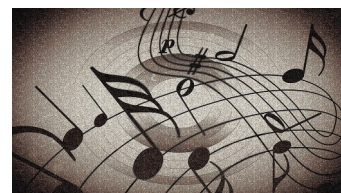
some of the most esteemed schools for music.

Recent studies show that music education improves motor skills, self-confidence, accountability, discipline, and improves math and reading skills.

Reach out to SIMB to network with other band and orchestra families.

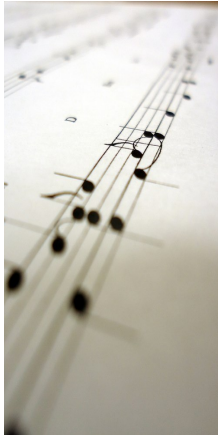
*"Music Gives Soul to the Universe,
Wings to the Mind,
Flight to Imagination and
Life to Everything"*

~Plato



"MUSIC IS THE
SHORTHAND OF
EMOTION"

~TOLSTOY



The middle school band is busy working on many things this March. First, we have solo & ensemble contest that will occur on Saturday, March 18th. There are approximately 50 6th-8th graders participating in a solo, or a small group ensemble performance and they are all doing extremely well. This contest is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform in a different way than they are used to, and gain valuable feedback to improve their musicianship.

The all-city band festival is coming up as well on March 21st and 22nd. The 5th and 7th grade bands will be performing on the March 21st concert while the 6th and 8th grade bands will be performing on March 22nd. They have all been hard at work preparing

their music and look forward to sharing it with everyone.

Another group that has been hard at work is the honors band, an extracurricular band that meets after school and directed by Mrs. Roblee. They will be performing at the All-City band Festival concert on March 21st.

Jazz band is also hard at work preparing for their Spring concerts in May. They will perform on the May 8th band concert, and also at Music In the Parks on May 20th.



We are incredibly proud of the following 7th graders for participating in this year's District 4 OMEA Middle School Honors Orchestra: Caleb Bissel, Katey Bowers, Luke Huber, Avery Needham, Rory Needham, and Isaac Storm. These students joined other 8th graders from surrounding school districts to rehearse and perform challenging pieces with guest conductor Lisa Goldman. They demonstrated high levels of skill and professionalism, and represented themselves and their school in a positive manner.

Congratulations!

Meet SIMB

- ◇ Andrew Hire- Orchestra Director SHS; Brian King Band Director SHS ◇ Florence Zabarsky- SIMB Concessions: simbconcessions@gmail.com
- ◇ Kim Taylor- Orchestra Director SMS; Chris Chidsey- Band Director SMS ◇ Ron Uline- SIMB Treasurer: simbtreasurer@gmail.com
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STRONGSVILLE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS

SIMB is working hard to support the needs of our student musicians. You probably know that SIMB is the 501(c)(3) organization that provides direct support to our instrumental music program through the purchase of sheet music, instruments, music stands, instrument repairs, guest clinicians, and performance fees.

You may not realize that SIMB provides volunteers for all of our musical programs, through things like chaperones, uniform management, hospitality, and much more.

SIMB welcomes you to join us in continuing the important work we do!

Reach out to SIMBmembership@gmail.com with any questions

Adult Night Out at Harvest Saloon, April 29

Please join SIMB in celebrating the talented up and coming musicians from SMS and SHS. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit band and orchestra students at both schools.

- 50/50 raffle tickets available now! We will be selling raffle tickets for our SIMB band-wagon and 50/50 raffle tickets at the all-city band and orchestra concerts! Reach out to simbfundraising@gmail.com with questions.
- Door prizes, raffle baskets, sideboards food and fun!
- Presale tickets available for \$35 until April 25th or can be purchased at the door for \$40.
- To volunteer your time at the Wing Ding, please send an email to SIMBFundraising@gmail.com.
- Scan the QR code to purchase tickets, Hope to see you there!



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you for your
continued
support!**

