

Note-able News

STHS Band Program Weekly Newsletter

Monday 8/3/2020 – Sunday 8/9/2020

Letter from Mr. Sanchez, Director of Bands

Dear 2020-2021 Santa Teresa High School Band and Color Guard,

I hope that you are doing well enjoying your last few days of Summer break. I want to provide you all with some updates and resources before school starts on August 11th. As we start off with Full Distance Learning, it is very important that you are all set up with [Charms](#), which is where our band program handles our communication, inventory, finances, documents, and so much more! Our Band Assistant Robin DeJarnett can help you get set up with your [Charms](#) account. We are very fortunate to have Robin in our music program. She may be reached at sthsbandassistant@gmail.com. I will not be available from Saturday August 1 through Monday August 3rd and will have very limited internet connection. Please take the time to read this email

[Click here for the full email](#)

Dine out with STMAA at Pure Tea **Wednesday, August 5, 3pm - 7:30pm**

[Click here for a copy of the flyer](#)

Please help support the Santa Teresa Music and Arts (STMAA) Program and enjoy a delicious drink or food items from their menu.

Where: Pure Tea Bar & Eatery

When: Wednesday, August 5, 3pm-7:30pm

25% goes to the STHS Band!!

6195 Santa Teresa Blvd., San Jose, CA 95123
At Cottle & Santa Teresa

Show them [THIS FLYER](#) and mention STHS Band

Marching Band

This year the **marching band season will be virtual** since full distance learning is required due to the current COVID-19 concerns.

Virtual Marching Band will evolve as we go through Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4 as listed below. The students will start with learning the music and basic choreography (for both band and color guard) virtually. As we move forward and are allowed back on campus, then we will add the physical visual package to our show. As soon as Santa Clara County is off Governor Newsom's Watch list for 2 weeks, then we will allow cohorts of 10 students back on campus. During this time, we will begin adding our visual package to our show! Our goal will be to perform in person

at our home football games. Below are the phases, based on the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

Phase 1: Full Distance Learning/Virtual Marching Band: ALL Online

Phase 2: Small cohorts of 10 students will be allowed on campus. These groups may not have any contact with other cohorts on campus. These groups will be allowed on campus for 75 minutes. Students must bring all supplies and not use any of the indoor facilities, including the locker room. Water/Food will not be provided. Temperature checks upon arrival and students with symptoms will be sent home.

Phase 3: Larger groups are allowed together, with full social distancing, Drill will be 4 steps apart and we will remain outdoors.

Phase 4: Winter Football game performances. TBD

Classic ST Show: The Raven 2020: [Click here to see The Raven 2018](#) (Virtual Marching band will be learning some music from this classic show)

Virtual Rehearsal Schedule: Tuesdays: 3:30-5:00 pm, Wednesdays: 2:30-4:00 pm, Color Guard/Percussion: Another rehearsal will be added during the week

Instrument/Equipment Requirements

The following is a list of items each band member should have for class. Since the year will start with distance learning, some additional items may be required.

- * Music Stand
- * Cork Grease/Valve Oil
- * Reeds
- * Mouthpieces and Ligatures (ligatures are for clarinet and saxophones)
See list of items below for suggested mouthpieces (next page)
- * Instrument Maintenance Kit
- * Tuner/Metronome
See list of items below for suggested Tuners and Metronome. (next page)
- * Neck Straps (Saxophones and Bass Clarinet)
- * Instrument Stands
- * Practice Pads for Percussion

The program has a limited amount of the following items that may be checked out for home use (first come/first serve basis):

- * Music Stands
- * Mouthpieces and Ligatures
- * Neck Straps
- * Practice Pads
- * Instruments

If you need to check out any of the items above please [complete this form](#).
To see full document with estimated pricing of requirements [click here](#).

2020-2021 Ensemble CONTRIBUTIONS:
Will be published in the next couple weeks.

Charms Log-On

The Santa Teresa band program utilizes [Charms](#) for multiple activities related to the band program such as distributing music and forms to the students and handling parent donations. **It is essential that all students log into charms in order to obtain critical information for class.**

Returning Students: Due to Charms updates, returning students may be asked to change their password if they haven't logged in recently. Just follow the prompts to complete the change, and notify your parents of the new password. REMEMBER: there is only one login password for each student account. You must share that password with your parents/guardians if they want to be able to log in and do things like make donations.

Our school code is sthsband. If you don't remember your password, use the Forgot Password option the login screen. You will have to fill out a form to have the password emailed to the student.

New students: Go to <https://www.charmsoffice.com/> and click the **LogIn** button, then choose **Parents/Students/Members** tab. The school code is sthsband, and your password is your school ID number (it's the same as your OGSD ID if you attended middle school locally). You will have to change it the first time you log in. Please keep in mind: there is only one login password for each student account. You must share that password with your parents/guardians if they want to be able to log in and do things like make donations.

Parents - If you change the password, please make sure to notify your student. It is critical that students be able to log in to download forms, music, and perform other activities related to class.

STMAA Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 11, 2020
7:00-9:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

All band parents are welcome to attend the Santa Teresa Music and Arts Association (STMAA) board meeting to hear of all the latest happenings within the band program. We have board and committee positions still open for the 2020-2021 school year:

Voting Board Positions Open:

Financial Secretary
Fundraising Director
Member at Large

Non-Voting Positions Open:

Food Chair/Committee	Equipment Chair/Committee
Music Marathon Chair/Committee	Pledge Parties Committee
Jazz Cafe Chair	Travel Coordinator

Please let us know if you would like to attend by sending an email to Secretary@SantaTeresaMusic.com and we will have you added to the Zoom Meeting.

We hope you can attend!

Communications... Who should I contact?

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Mr. Sanchez Classroom Wish List

* Colored Paper	* Disinfectant Wipes	* Amazon Gift Cards (any amount)
* Hand Sanitizer	* Kleenex	
* White Paper (11x17)	* Wood Pencils	

VARSITY LETTER PROGRAM:

Update in process - check back on future newsletters.

Can I Get a Hand Here?

Shopping at Amazon?

You can help the band program while doing your holiday shopping at Amazon!

Use this link (www.smile.amazon.com) from now on whenever you are shopping at Amazon from the web browser on your computer or mobile device.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you can use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select STMAA to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to “AmazonSmile” select (Santa Teresa Music and Arts, 6150 Snell Ave., San Jose, CA 95123) as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/about> for full details.

A summary of all our opportunities to earn free money for STMAA check out this [link](#).

i-Volunteer

i-Volunteer is the system the Santa Teresa band program uses to request volunteers for multiple purposes (Pledge Parties, Music in the Parks, Band Concerts, Marching Band Comps and FB games, etc). You could access i-Volunteer at this [link](#) to see what the current volunteer requirements of the ST Band.

Students - keep in mind volunteering for the band program earns Varsity Points!

What, When, Who, How (Additional Information)

Stay Informed, Stay Connected– Link to:

[Band Website](#)

[Weekly Newsletters](#)

[Band Calendar](#)

[i-Volunteer](#)

[Board and Committee Chair Members](#)

[Fundraising](#)

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[Payment Options](#)

[Charms Access](#)

Remind Text Message System

[ESUHSD Calendar](#)

[Varsity Letter Program](#)

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)

STMAA

The STMAA (Santa Teresa Music & Arts Association) is a non-profit organization staffed completely by volunteer STHS band and color guard family members. Every band & guard member's family automatically becomes a member of the STMAA. With a few exceptions, all the benefits the band students enjoy throughout the school year are made possible by STMAA member's offerings of time, talent, and financial contributions. We appreciate and need your help throughout the entire year.

Questions or comments? Please allow 24 hours for a response as many of our STMAA board members work full-time jobs.

<https://santateresamusic.com/stmaa-board/>