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### STHS Band Program Weekly Newsletter

Monday 12/14/2020 – Sunday 12/20/2020

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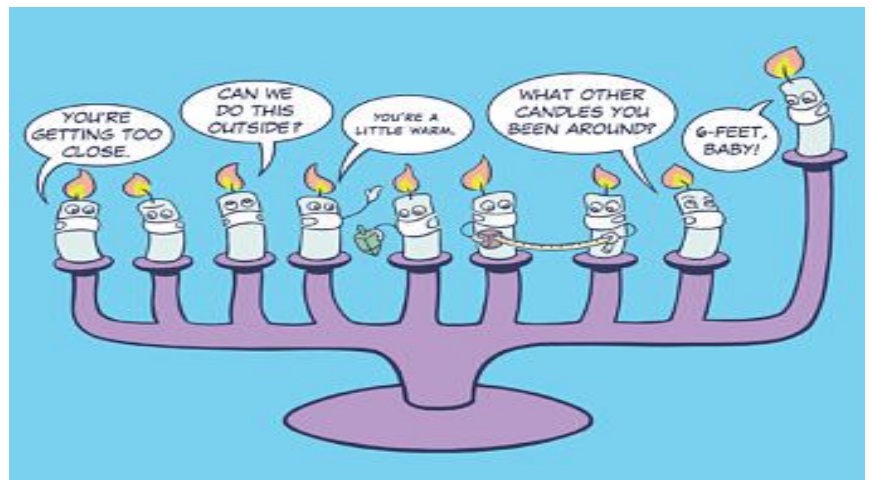
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## Band Program Contributions

### Contribution Rates



**Dear Band Families,**

As we approach the end of the year, we are anticipating contributions for our Concert, Symphonic, and Wind Ensemble programs, in addition to final contributions for Marching Band.

Currently we have only received 45% of what we anticipated, as shown in the below chart:

#### **Santa Teresa High School Band Student Fixed Payment Summary**

Prepared 12/7/2020 2:17 PM

Item Name	Item Amount	Amt Expected	Amt Collected	# of Student
Concert Band 11-1-20	\$ 125	\$ 4,625	\$ 1,625	13 -- 37
Jazz Band 1: 2-1-21	\$ 150	\$ 2,550	\$ 1,200	8 -- 17
Marching Band 10-1-20	\$ 100	\$ 5,100	\$ 3,000	30 -- 51
Marching Band 11-1-20	\$ 100	\$ 5,100	\$ 2,300	23 -- 51
Marching Band 9-1-20	\$ 100	\$ 5,100	\$ 3,200	32 -- 51
Symphonic Band 11-1-20	\$ 125	\$ 3,125	\$ 750	6 -- 25
Wind Ensemble 11-1-20	\$ 150	\$ 4,800	\$ 1,500	10 -- 32
Totals	\$	\$ 30,400	\$ 13,575	

45%

**We appreciate any contributions to assist our band programs. See Marching Band Contributions section below for payment options.**



# Classic Potato Latke Recipe

Featured in  
**The New York Times**



A **latke** is a type of potato pancake in Ashkenazi Jewish cuisine that is traditionally prepared to celebrate Hanukkah. The word comes from the Yiddish *latke* meaning 'small fried pancake'. Why latkes? The simple answer is that they're meant to remind Jews of the miracle of the oil associated with Hanukkah. In short, latkes are generally consumed on Hanukkah to commemorate the miracle of the oil lasting eight days in the story of the event Hanukkah commemorates, the rededication of the Holy Temple. The oil lasting eight days in this story is also why we have eight candles to light on a menorah.



## Classic Potato Latkes

*Yield* About 3 dozen

*Time* 45 minutes

### Ingredients

- 2 large Russet potatoes (about 1 pound), scrubbed and cut lengthwise into quarters
- 1 large onion (8 ounces), peeled and cut into quarters
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt (or 1 teaspoon fine sea salt), plus more for sprinkling
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Safflower or other oil, for frying

### Method

1. Using a food processor with a coarse grating disc, grate the potatoes and onion. Transfer the mixture to a clean dish towel and squeeze and wring out as much of the liquid as possible.
2. Working quickly, transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the eggs, flour, salt, baking powder and pepper, and mix until the flour is absorbed.
3. In a medium heavy-bottomed pan over medium-high heat, pour in about 1/4 inch of the oil. Once the oil is hot (a drop of batter placed in the pan should sizzle), use a heaping tablespoon to drop the batter into the hot pan, cooking in batches. Use a spatula to flatten and shape the drops into discs. When the edges of the latkes are brown and crispy, about 5 minutes, flip. Cook until the second side is deeply browned, about another 5 minutes. Transfer the latkes to a paper towel-lined plate to drain and sprinkle with salt while still warm. Repeat with the remaining batter.

## Holiday shopping on Amazon??

amazon**smile**



**You can help the band program while shopping at Amazon this holiday season!**

Use this link ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://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.





## Marching Band Contributions



Dear Band Families,

As we start November, we are anticipating contributions for our Concert, Symphonic, and Wind Ensemble programs, in addition to the final contribution for Marching Band.

Contributions may be made in the following ways:

1. A check made out to STMAA and mailed to STMAA, PO BOX 23761, San Jose, CA 95153.
2. Credit card payments through Charms ([charmsoffice.com](http://charmsoffice.com)). The school code STHSband. The default password is your student's school ID, unless you or the student have changed it. Choose the "Finances" icon and the band program's fixed payment name.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email.

Thank you for supporting our program!

Best Regards,

Hayley Ng

[Treasurer@santateresamusic.com](mailto:Treasurer@santateresamusic.com)

GROUP	CONTRIBUTION	9/1/20	10/1/20	11/1/20	12/1/20	1/1/21	2/1/21
Marching Band/Colorguard	\$300	\$100	\$100	\$100			
Concert Band	\$125			\$125			
Symphonic Band	\$125			\$125			
Wind Ensemble	\$150			\$150			
Jazz	\$150						\$150
Winter Guard	\$300				\$100	\$100	\$100
Combos	\$100						\$100

# Google Forms



**Yes, we are still waiting for students to complete and send back their forms**

At the beginning of each school year, we send out a band packet which contains a lot of very important information. In lieu of paper forms, we have made a Google Form. Since the band program uses a program called Charms to handle our communication, finances, instrument and music library inventory, Charms store, and so much more! It is very important to have everyone's correct contact information and t-shirt size of our students.

Please take the time to complete this form: <https://forms.gle/yfCmMLzq8BgbZ8yN6> (PLEASE COMPLETE BY Friday, September 11th)

This form contains: (PLEASE COMPLETE BY Friday, September 11th)

- Confirmation of Charms Profile Update (has videos on logging in, etc)
- Syllabus applicable to each band class you are taking
- STMAA flyer
- 2020-2021 Band Handbook
- Flip Book and Lyre Information
- Contributions and Volunteers

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR FORMS VIA  
THE LINK ABOVE**

# Instructional Login Information



**Students:** Practice Records are due on Monday's (Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Concert and Symphonic Bands). Look on google classroom for fillable pdf. These practice records need to be filled out each week and signed on Sundays. Students are expected to practice outside of class time. Anything practiced outside of class time must be written on the practice record, which includes:

private lessons, practice on scales, band music, solo music, chamber music, audition music, etudes, etc. A copy of the weekly practice records can be found [here](#).

**Parents:** Please confirm on Sunday nights that the hours practiced that the students entered are happening. Parents are being asked to verify these hours and that they actually took place. The pdf is in a fillable format, but students are free to print these. They may submit the printed ones by scanning or submitting a picture of the completed form. Please contact Mr. Sanchez at [sanchezra@esuhsd.org](mailto:sanchezra@esuhsd.org) if you have any questions.



Google Classroom: You may access Google Classroom [here](#).



SmartMusic: <https://www.smartmusic.com/>

\*SmartMusic participation will count towards your grade\*

STHS Band program will use SmartMusic for the 2020-2021 school year. Students will have a SmartMusic account. Mr. Sanchez will assign students technical and rhythmic exercises, scales, solo, chamber, and virtual band assignments during the semester. He will extract our final recordings (recorded on SmartMusic) of these pieces and combine them to have a "Virtual Band performance". You may use your smartphone, tablet, chrome book, or any computer to record yourself on SmartMusic (no external microphone needed).

Returning students: You already have an account

New Students: You will need to make an account <https://www.smartmusic.com/>



Remind

3rd Period Symphonic Band Instructions: <https://www.remind.com/join/stsym>

4th Period Wind Ensemble instructions: <https://www.remind.com/join/stwind>

5th Period Music Appreciation instructions: <https://www.remind.com/join/6367h8>

6th Period Concert Band instructions: <https://www.remind.com/join/stconc>

6th Period Jazz Band 1 instructions: <https://www.remind.com/join/stjaz>

8th Period Virtual Marching Band and Color Guard Instructions: <https://www.remind.com/join/stvirt>

# 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 students login to charms to obtain critical class information\*

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. 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.

If you don't remember your password, use the Forgot Password option on the login screen and follow the prompts.

New students: Go to [Charms](#)

Click the LogIn button.

Select Parents/Students/Members tab.

Enter the school code sthsband.

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.

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

**\*\*FREE\*\* CLOTH FACE MASKS for band students, family, and friends at the Charms store!!**

*They are handmade cotton blend fabrics and are FREE!! They come in two sizes, two different fittings, many colors, a nose bridge wire for better fit, and a pocket to add more layers or a filter.*

*-Log into Charms using the instructions above.*

*-Follow video link below to learn how to purchase from the Charms store.*

<https://youtu.be/mmWn3iGDQ-o>



## 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, FB games, etc). You can access i-Volunteer at this [link](#) to see the current volunteer requirements of the ST Band.

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

## Mr. Sanchez's Classroom Wish List

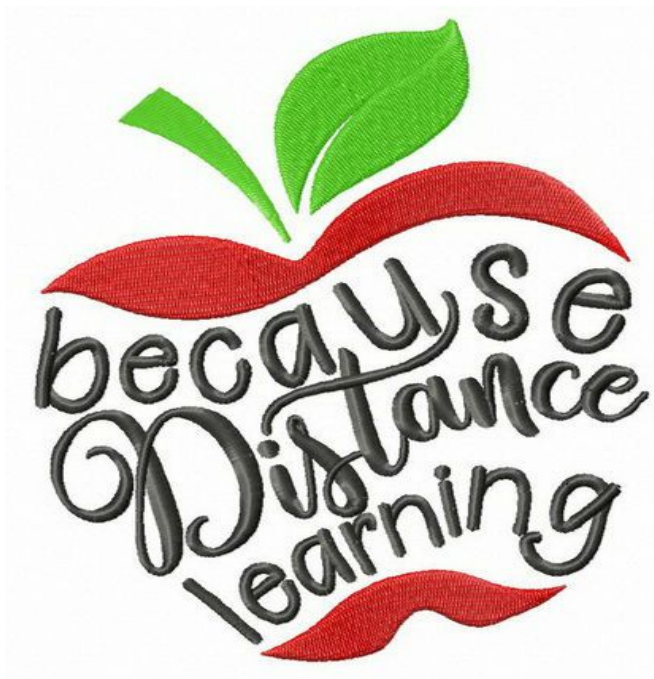


- \* Colored Paper
- \* Hand Sanitizer

- \* Disinfectant Wipes
- \* White Paper (11x17)

- \* Kleenex

- \* Wood Pencils
- \* Amazon Gift Cards (any amount)



## *Emailing Mr. Sanchez*

*Due to the amount of emails Mr. Sanchez is receiving during the distance learning model, responses may be delayed. Expect a response within 48 hours. Thank you for understanding.*

## STMAA Board Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday, **January 5, 2021**  
**7:00-9:00 pm Google Meets 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](mailto:Secretary@SantaTeresaMusic.com) and we will have you added to the Google Meets meeting.

We hope you can attend!

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**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/>

## Stay Informed, Stay Connected



[Band Website](#)

[Band Calendar](#)

[Board and Committee Chair Members](#)

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

[Weekly Newsletters](#)

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## Communications...Who should I contact?



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