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STHS Band Program Weekly Newsletter

Monday **12/7/2020** – Sunday **12/13/2020**

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Final Project Recordings



Due by Friday, December 11th

Pieces by Band:

Period 3: Symphonic Band: Christmas Across the World, A Holst Christmas, and Carol of the Night

Period 4: Wind Ensemble: Sleigh Ride and A Holst Christmas

Period 6: Concert Band: Christmas Across the World and Carol of the Night

Period 7: Jazz Band 1: Greensleeves and God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman

Where do I submit?

Starting on Monday, you can begin submitting these assignments through SmartMusic. These recordings will not have the metronome and will be at performance tempo. If you are having issues with SmartMusic, please let Mr. Sanchez know. You may email him at sanchezra@esuhdsd.org

What if SmartMusic does not work for me? What are my options?

Mr. Sanchez will have a folder on Google Classroom, where you can submit your recording from start to finish. There will be a music file on there that you must use to play along. He recommends that you wear earphones and listen to the music, while recording the audio on a Smart phone or any device. Then upload the music file on to Google Classroom. All Winter sheet music is available on Google Classroom under "Virtual Band Music".

If you need an extension, please let Mr. Sanchez know. He will easily spend 40+ hours on EACH PIECE editing each part.

Where can I listen to the final recordings?

Once Mr. Sanchez is finished editing the audio, then he will send out more information. This Winter Showcase will only feature AUDIO.



Percussion Distribution/Drop Off



(Percussion Students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble):

ESUHSD has purchased Percussion kits, which include: Bell kit with bell stand and mallets, snare drum with snare stand and drumsticks, and a practice pad. Mr. Sanchez will be at Santa Teresa High School during lunch on **Monday, December 7th**. ALL Percussion students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble will need to get a Percussion Kit. Mr. Sanchez will take your percussion kit to your home on Monday AFTER 7th period if you can't make it. Please email Mr. Sanchez at sanchezra@esuhsd.org to let him know if you will make it to the 600 building on Monday or if you need him to drop it off. He will confirm your address/drop off location.

Virtual Marching Band Percussion Equipment drop off:

Mr. Sanchez will be at Santa Teresa High School on **Monday, December 7th** during lunch if you need to drop off any equipment used during Virtual Marching Band. If you would like to keep the equipment for the remainder of the year, you may do so. This is for students that want to return.



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) 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). 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



2020-2021 Ensemble CONTRIBUTIONS



See below for this year's contributions.

Credit/Debit card payments can be made via Charms (preferred). However, you can mail a check to the band program-

Payable to STMAA at PO Box 23761, San Jose, Ca. 95153.

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

*Some families find it easier to break down the contribution payments into smaller increments throughout the season (ie. \$25 per week, etc).

Contributions for Marching Band/Colorguard will cover music, subscriptions, software, choreography, and instructors.

Should you have any questions regarding the contributions or wish to work out an alternative arrangement, please feel free to reach out to the STMAA Treasurer at 1stmaatreasurer@gmail.com.

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 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



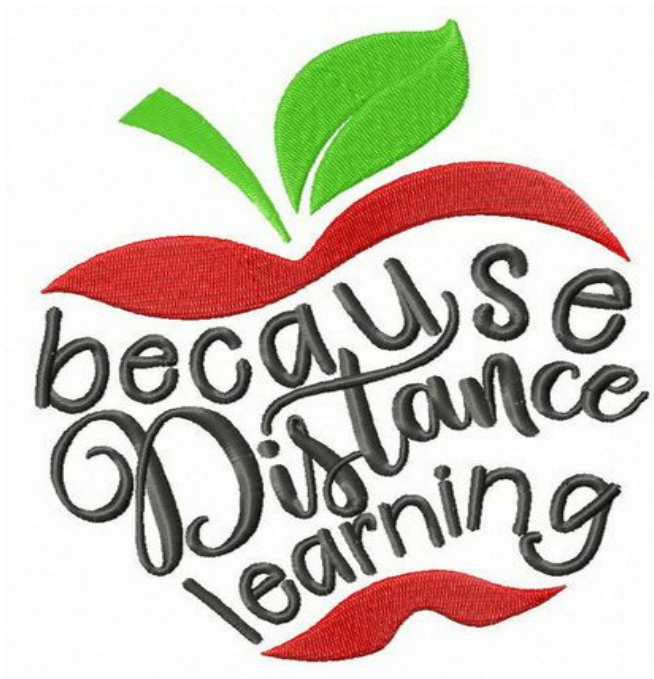
- * Colored Paper
- * Hand Sanitizer

- * 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 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/>

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Communications...Who should I contact?



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