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## STHS Band Program Weekly Newsletter

Monday 2/1/21 – Sunday 2/7/21

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## STMAA Board Meeting



**Next meeting Tuesday, February 2, 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!

The STMAA (Santa Teresa Music & Arts Association) is a non-profit organization staffed completely by volunteer 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/>



Dine Out!



**Round Table Pizza  
Take-Out and Delivery  
Fundraiser!**

Wednesday February 10, 2021  
11:00am-10:00pm



Address: 6217 Santa Teresa Blvd San Jose, CA

**Donating Back: 15%**

**You can participate in this fundraiser by:**

**Phone Call**

Call **(408) 226-0756** and mention that you are with STMAA before placing your order.

**Storefront Walk-in**

Visit the location at 6217 Santa Teresa Blvd, San Jose 95123 and they will take your order from their storefront for take-out.

**Please mention that you are with STMAA GroupRaise Meal before placing your order and your group will get 15% of your meal's price donated back!**

\*For customer health and safety, dine-in space is not available during this meal.



## LATEST UPDATES!



### Weekly lesson plan:

You will find the Weekly Class Schedule in the link below. These are the minute-to-minute breakdown of our class schedule that is meant to guide you through our semester. I will update this schedule each weekend, to reflect what will be covered during our class period. You are expected to be participating 100% of the 90 minute class period, even though some of this time includes asynchronous assignments that you will work on independently. I am available during that time for help (you can message me through the Zoom Chat).

[Period 3 Symphonic Band \(click here\)](#)

[Period 4 Wind Ensemble \(click here\)](#)

[Period 6 Concert Band](#)

[Period 7 Jazz Band](#)

### New Band Warm-up: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble:

**Attention** all members in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. You will need to download our new warmups that we will begin working out of starting this week. You may find these warm-ups on Google Classroom under "Virtual Band Warm-ups". These are named "HMD Scales and Patterns", "HMD Harmonic Studies and Chorales", and "HMD Fundamentals Grade 3+" on Google Classroom.

### Percussion Kits:

All Percussion students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble need to have a Percussion Kit. Please contact Mr. Sanchez at [sanchezra@esuhsd.org](mailto:sanchezra@esuhsd.org) to arrange for you to get a percussion kit.

### School owned instruments:

If you are borrowing a school owned instrument and need repair/maintenance, please contact Mr. Sanchez to get it sent to our district repair person. If you need to borrow a school owned instrument, please contact Mr. Sanchez to borrow one for the year.

## Orchestra/Choir/Guitar for 2021-2022

Santa Teresa High School is proposing adding a choir class, orchestra class, and guitar for the 2021-2022 school year (in addition to band). If you know anyone that would be interested in joining these classes, please have them sign up for these classes. We are in the process of hiring a 2nd music teacher to teach Guitar and Choir. I will most likely teach orchestra next year.

## Band Class Registration for 2021-2022



**Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble:** Please sign up for Advanced Band. I will coordinate with Mr. Payne-Alex in properly placing you.

**Jazz Band 1:** It is a requirement for you to be enrolled in a concert band, in order to be in our jazz band (since the concert bands are the core of the ST Band program.). All students will be placed in a concert band, before adding you in Jazz Band class.

**Marching Band:** If you're planning on doing marching band, please request that into your schedule. This class will be in danger of not being offered next year if there aren't any sign ups. Administration looks into interest when they schedule their classes for the following year. Not enough interest will result in no marching band. Please request it. All musicians enrolled in marching band must be enrolled in a concert band (concert band, symphonic band, wind ensemble).

**Yearbook Interview:** The STHS Journalism class is looking for Santa Teresa Music Students to interview for the STHS 2020-2021 Yearbook! These interviews will be printed in the Music spread for the 2020-2021 STHS Yearbook. They are looking for music students to showcase their love for music during Distance Learning. They understand that we haven't done any performances, but would like to interview students about their love for music.

If you're interested, please fill out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/GLJJZuEs6BSoFcRc7>  
Once you've filled out the form, then you will get contacted by a ST Journalism student.

**I hope that this information helps guide you when you're registering for classes for next year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [sanchezra@esuhisd.org](mailto:sanchezra@esuhisd.org) if you have any questions.**



## SEMESTER UPDATES!



### 1. Updated grading policy information: Effective Spring 2020 Semester:

New Late Work Policy for Semester 2: For the Spring 2021 semester, I will begin deducting points for late work that is submitted 1 week late (based on DUE date, also all IEP/504 accommodations will be followed). Please let Mr. Sanchez know if you need more time to complete a given assignment. There may be some things that are out of your control, that may include: Instrument in the shop, bad internet connection, COVID illness, etc. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**-Grade book:** School Loop is the official grade book for this class. Even though I put grades on Google Classroom, School Loop is where you need to check. Please remember that I will begin deducting points for late work.

### 2. Weekly Practice Records: Due on Mondays (available on Google Classroom):

Practice Records are assigned each Monday at the beginning of the week, and are due by the following Monday at midnight. These practice records are worth 25 points a week!

You may include: Scales, warm-ups, band music, solo and chamber music, lip slurs, etudes, orchestral excerpts, method books, pep band music, and music that you're working on with your private lesson instructor. Pretty much ANYTHING you've practiced.

Please include: date, minutes practiced, list of music practiced, number of minutes per music, measure numbers (if applicable) practiced, tempo used (ALWAYS practice with a metronome). Please make sure to have a parent/guardian verify your practice records at the end of the week, then submit through Google Classroom.

### 3. Soundtrap

This week, we started using Soundtrap in all of our band classes. This program will help our students record and collaborate to create music together. Below is how our students will login to Soundtrap. Also, the link below will take you to the "**Soundtrap for Education-Student Course**", which will provide additional training for our students.

Login with your ESUHSD District email address, through the "Login with Google" link. Your ESUHSD email address and password will log you into the Soundtrap platform.

If you would like to learn more about using Soundtrap, please complete the [Soundtrap for Education-Student Course](#).

**BUT WAIT!**  
**THERE'S MORE !**

### 4. Breezin thru theory: Weekly Assignments

Starting this semester, our students are working on developing their music theory skills in a program called Breezin Thru Theory. Breezin' Thru's music theory program is so motivating, students quickly build mastery as well as self-confidence! Accessed seamlessly online—on any device, anytime, anywhere—it's fun and interactive.

It's a **2 Step** Login Process

1. All students enter this username & password (each time)

Student Access - Santa Teresa High School Band/STMAA

Username: santateresa

Password: loud345

2. Unique ID (which was generated the first time they logged in ... with their name/class): PLEASE contact Mr. Sanchez if you've misplaced your Unique ID.

#### IMPORTANT Techy Tips for STUDENTS

[Login Video for Students](#) (if using New Access ID System)

Here's a short video on [Navigating Next Gen for Students](#). There's a link in the app to it too. Remember to click "submit" after you complete a drill or your result will not be recorded.

See your Theory results in 3 places: Drill page, Chapter Table of Contents, and your Student Dashboard (website-subscriber area). Do well and collect some fun rewards!



## 5. Band Class sign-up for 2021-2022 School Year

It is that time of the year again that you will be selecting classes for next year's course schedule. I would like to thank all of you for doing an outstanding job during distance learning. I understand that this year is different from anything we have ever experienced in our lifetimes. Now that we have approved vaccines available (and many in the works), it is safe to say that we will have a more normal year next year. I am inviting each and every one of you returning to Santa Teresa High School next year to continue with our amazing band program. Our goal is to continue with our long tradition of excellence and creating music. Next year will depend on all of you. In order to maintain our current ensembles, we need to have the proper enrollment in place. Less students=less band offered. Please try your best to fit band into your schedule next year. It is critical for our band program to survive. There could be a possibility that instead of having 3 concert bands, we have 2. Another possibility is that Jazz Band or Marching Band classes aren't offered, due to low enrollment.

Below are the course numbers for our bands at Santa Teresa High School. It may be very confusing deciphering the catalog codes with what we call our ensembles, since a lot of our class codes have the name "Advanced Band" attached to the name. Below are the ST Band names, with the official names right next to them. All incoming freshmen should enroll in Intermediate Band, since it is a freshman level class. Once you're a sophomore/junior/senior, then you may enroll in the other bands (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band 1). If you're unsure in which band to enroll in, please contact Mr. Sanchez-He will coordinate with the counseling team to properly place you in either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble (if you're unsure, just register for Symphonic Band T1100XX-1 P-ADV Band). Remember that in order to enroll in Jazz Band, you must also be enrolled in Wind Ensemble. You may sign up for Marching Band class for all 4 years.



### [Google Form for Band 2021-2022](#)

**Freshman Concert Band: Intermediate Band (T1000XX-1 P-INT BAND):** Freshman: Intermediate Band (All Incoming Freshman music sign up for Intermediate Band)

**Symphonic Band: Advanced Band (T1100XX-1 P-ADV BAND):** Symphonic Band: All returning students will sign up for Advanced Band. Mr. Sanchez will take care of properly placing you. If you're not sure, sign up for Symphonic Band.

**Wind Ensemble: Advanced Band (T1100XW-1 P-ADV BAND)** Wind Ensemble: All returning students will sign up for Advanced Band. Mr. Sanchez will take care of properly placing you. If you're not sure, sign up for Symphonic Band.

**Jazz Band (T2150XX-2 P JAZZ ENS 204):** There is a CO-REQUISITE with taking Jazz Band, which is taking Advanced Band (Wind Ensemble) along with Jazz Band.

**Marching Band: Advanced Band(T1100XM-1 P-ADV BAND 1):** All students that are interested in Marching Band need to register for this class.

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- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

### **-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.



## Band Program Contributions

### Contribution Rates



**Dear Band Families,**

Below chart is the anticipated contribution amounts for our Concert, Symphonic, and Wind Ensemble programs, in addition to final contributions for Marching Band.

Currently we have only received 46% of what we anticipated, as shown in the below chart:

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

Prepared 1/2/2021 10:45 AM

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	\$ 5,200	\$ 3,100	31 -- 52
Marching Band 11-1-20	\$ 100	\$ 5,200	\$ 2,400	24 -- 52
Marching Band 9-1-20	\$ 100	\$ 5,200	\$ 3,300	33 -- 52
Symphonic Band 11-1-20	\$ 125	\$ 3,125	\$ 875	7 -- 25
Wind Ensemble 11-1-20	\$ 150	\$ 4,800	\$ 1,500	10 -- 32
	Totals	\$ 30,700	\$ 14,000	126 -- 267

46%

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



## 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/mmWh3iGDQ-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  
\* Amazon Gift Cards (any amount)  
\* Wood Pencils



## 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.

## Stay Informed, Stay Connected



[Band Website](#)

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## Communications...Who should I contact?



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