



# **Note-able News**

## **STHS Band Program Weekly Newsletter**

Monday **3/8/21** – Sunday **3/14/21**

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## Vertical Raise

# Santa Teresa HS Band Program 2/8/21-3/19/21



**We are in the middle of our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year!**

### Vertical Rise Flyer

In order for us to have a successful 2021 Vertical Raise Campaign, we need ALL of you to participate! Last year, the Santa Teresa HS Bands raised \$23,398!!! This money has been very beneficial this year, since we haven't been able to have our normal fundraisers (Pledge Parties, BLITZ, Music in the Parks, Music Marathon, etc.). It is crucial for the survival of our music program to have a successful campaign this year!

Please do your best to find 20 quality email addresses. Ideas: aunts/uncles, grandparents, neighbors, members from your church, distant relatives, former teachers/coaches, members from the community, and other people you may know.

Even if you're only able to get 10 quality email addresses, that is you doing your part for your band program!

This [flyer](#) has detailed instructions on starting your account and a video link that has Paul C explain how to get your account started (ST Band V raise join code, etc).

Go Saints!

Thank you so much for your support!

Ramiro Sanchez



## Dine Out with STMAA

support the band

**\*Panda Express\***



**Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
10am-10pm**

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

**Where:** Panda Express at 5720 Cottle Rd. San Jose, Ca. 95123

**When:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 10am to 10pm

20% goes to the STHS Band!! WOW!!

Show them the flyer and mention STHS Band [Panda Express Flyer](#)



## Music Marathon Music Projects DUE!

**Due by 2/26/2021**  
**Videos due by 3/5/2021**

**Concert Band:** National Emblem March and Superman Returns

**Symphonic Band:** Billboard March and Blue Ridge Overture

**Wind Ensemble:** Shepherd's Hey and Star Wars-The Marches

**Jazz Band:** In a Sentimental Mood and Kaleidoscope

Each piece will be divided into 2 recording projects (1/2 of piece), equalling a total of 4 music submissions per band.

**Video Submission:** This video (not audio, since that is mixed separately through your SmartMusic Project Submissions) will have you playing your part, in concert dress (all black).

**Read next section for instructions on audio and video recording.**



**PLEASE ASK MR. SANCHEZ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

# Virtual Band Recording Instructions for Audio and Video



Our Annual Santa Teresa High School Music Marathon will be on **Friday March 19th at 7 pm**. Since we cannot gather in one place as a Band at the moment, we will still be compiling everyone's recording for the 2 pieces that your ensemble is working on. As with many organizations' projects at this time, there will indeed be an element of "building the ship as it is sailing," while I am compiling everyone's video and audio recordings to have a Virtual Music Marathon Concert! It is imperative that each and every one of you follow the strict guidelines and deadlines to make this date possible.

As last week's assignments were intended to get the ball rolling, this week will begin making recordings of the entire pieces. You will record your 2 pieces through SmartMusic, which will be split up in 2 sections per piece. *For students having issues with SmartMusic, I will upload a click track on Google Classroom that you must play along with. This click track will be the same one that is on SmartMusic. **You must wear earphones when you're recording these final recordings.*** This will prevent or lessen the sound of the metronome while you're recording.

**If you do not have access to your parts, these are available on Google Classroom under Virtual Band Music (Jazz: Virtual Band Jazz Music). Please let me know if you're having issues accessing this, so I can send you a PDF. Since we have a deadline to meet, we would like you to aim for an initial recording before this coming weekend to begin compiling sound and assessing video.**

Please stay-tuned for details as to how recordings should be uploaded, but for now, please keep testing your home capabilities.

## Here are steps to maximize the quality of smartphone recordings:

These primarily apply to phone recording but are good reference points for all setups



## VIDEO •

- Videos should always be filmed horizontally (landscape). This is an important step for making our videos more aesthetically pleasing and enjoyable on a wider range of devices. Please avoid vertical videos.
- Sit/stand 3 to 6 feet from the camera.
- Pay attention to lighting. Smartphones are not great in low light situations and without enough light will produce grainy video. If you have windows nearby, film yourself next to them so the light highlights the side of your face.
- Frame yourself in the middle of the shot (medium/wide) so your instrument is in full view. Also:
  - Your camera should be at eye level - perhaps a bit lower if you need to set to play – but upshots/downshots should be avoided.
  - Woodwind/string sound holes and bells should generally face the camera and listening device as they would in an orchestral setting. Brass/percussion/aux instruments generally use other area micing for sound production directionality but your body should face toward the camera if not directly to capture the instrument as well. Plenty of searchable online examples are available.

Here is an example of what your video should look like:



- The video file should be named liked this:
  - **Title\_Instrument\_Part\_YourName**
  - **Example:** *StarWarsMarches\_Clarinet\_1\_RamiroSanchez*
- **Dress Code:** ALL BLACK. This is a Virtual Concert. Please try your best to wear black dress clothes (Black dress shirt, Black blouse/jacket, black dress, appropriate clothes that's black). You may wear a white dress shirt if you're wearing a black jacket).



## AUDIO •

- Please TUNE. SmartMusic has a tuning section.
- Smartphones have two microphones: one on the bottom of your phone (where you speak) and one on the back (near the cameras). For optimal audio/video quality, please place your phone in a horizontal position with the back of the phone facing you.
- Pay attention to the environment where you're recording. Avoid interfering sounds like wind/traffic noise or conversations in the background.
- Put your phone in airplane mode to avoid the sounds of incoming text messages, phone calls, social media notifications, etc.
- Check the volume by recording a test video. If the volume is too high, distortion will occur. If too low, unwanted noise will be added.
- Do not add any effects (EQ, compression, reverb, etc.) to your recording.
- The best way to improve audio quality is by using an external microphone. If you have access to an external microphone (or another smartphone), please use the following instructions
  - Aim the microphone or cell phone directly at your instrument, 1 to 2 feet away.
  - Check that your microphone or cellphone is not visible in your video.
  - WAV or AIFF file formats are ideal.

If you would like to view in pdf format, click [here](#).

I understand that this is a difficult time and can be challenging, so please let me know if I can answer any questions as we begin this journey together.

Thank you,

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**Ramiro Sanchez**

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# STMAA Board and Committee Position Openings



## HOW YOU CAN HELP...



**STMAA needs to fill the Board and Committee positions for the 2021-2022 school year! Please help us and volunteer today!**



### **BOARD POSITION OPENINGS 2021-22:** **Need to be filled before the end of May!**

**Board Positions:** All board positions require attendance at all board meetings (typically 1st Tuesday of each month throughout the school year).

#### **President:**

Oversees the STMAA. Guides through meetings, oversees the calendar, creates and oversees committees. May call special meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Timing:** Year-Round, approx. 2 h/week

#### **Secretary:**

Attending all board meetings. Putting together agenda, compile reports from various board and committee members, writing minutes. Posting minutes on Webpage.

**Timing:** Year-Round, approx. 2-3 h/month

#### **Financial Secretary:**

Handles records of student accounts and communicates with the families regarding their account. Makes payments to various band staff and reimbursement for band supplies. Also completes and delivers 1099's to vendors and IRS. Works closely with the Treasurer.

**Timing:** Year-Round, approx 2-3 h/week

#### **Director of Fundraising:**

Oversees all fundraising activities and committee chairs. Create fundraising plans and submit to the Board for approval. Examples of past fundraisers: Popcorn, Sees Candy, Mixed Bag, Yankee Candles, Apples, Dineouts. Suggest committee of 2-3 people.

**Timing:** Year-Round, approx. 2 h/month



#### **Member At Large - 3 Openings**

Often a member of at least one committee and acts in the general interest of the program and its activities to support and carry out the various concerts, events, competitions and other program activities and shall perform such other duties as are incidental of that office and as required by the President and Board.





## COMMITTEE POSITION OPENINGS 2021-22: Need to be filled before the beginning of the 2021-22 school year!



**Committee Positions:** Committee Positions are encouraged to attend board meetings to stay informed and provide committee feedback.

### **Equipment Committee Lead:**

Oversees all activities related Equipment needs including maintenance and transportation of said equipment to various concerts and competitions (renting moving trucks, coordinating the equipment volunteers). Oversees the building and maintenance of Marching Band Props. Suggest committee of 2-3 people.

**Timing:** August – November, approx. 3-5 h/week (mainly weekends)



### **Food Services Committee Lead:**

Coordinate food services for Marching Band in the fall. Oversee food committee chairs in food concessions at events and Marching Band competitions. Assisting event chairs with food planning at band events like Holiday Café, MB banquet, and Music Marathon Suggest committee of 3 people.

**Timing:** Year-Round, approx. 2 h/week (could be more during Marching Band Season, less during spring)

### **Trips & Transportation Lead:**

Works closely with the Band Director to determine the travel requirements for events and competitions. May work with travel company to coordinate requirements, could work with bus companies to coordinate competition travel.

**Timing:** as needed, could vary.

### **Audit Committee:**

Help get auditing of books done at the end of the school year.

**Timing:** 4-8 hours total in the spring.

### **Color Guard Representative:**

Representing the Color Guard/ Winter Guard at the board meetings.

**Timing:** 1x/month, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7-8:30pm

### **Marching Band Uniforms:**

Fit all Marching Band students for their uniforms between August and September. Have the uniforms cleaned in the spring and ready for the Marching Band competition season. Attending all MB competitions, supporting students in dressing. No sewing needed.

**Timing:** During MB season, August to November, approx. 1-2 h/week, then cleaning in Spring

### **Recruitment Committee:**

This team is organizing communication and search to fill open positions.

**Timing:** January - April

### **Student Representative:**

Band and Guard representatives

**Timing:** 1-2 hr/month



### **Event – Holiday Café:**

Organizing decorations, volunteers, food, and tickets (presale and door). Work closely with Band Director and Food Committee.

**Timing:** Planning starts in October, event in December approx. 1 h/week



### **Event – Junior Saints Night:**

Planning, organizing and running this fun event, where we invite our feeding middle school band students to join us at a football game in the Pep-Band. Usually in October. Works closely with the Band Director. Detailed description will be provided.

**Timing:** September up to day of event, approx. 1-2 h/week

### **Event – Marching Band Banquet:**

Organizing potluck banquet event at the end of MB season, held in January. Detailed description will be provided.

**Timing:** November up to day of event, approx. 1 h/week

### **Music Marathon:**

This is the Band Program's biggest fundraiser of the year. A multifaceted event. Close coordination of Pledge Parties, Vertical Raise, and Music Marathon. Coordinating various committees: decorations, food, silent auction, sponsors, set-up/take-down, games, advertising, schedule of music (with band director). This event needs at least multiple committee members (to cover Pledge Parties, Silent Auction, Music Marathon after party, etc). Suggest separate coordinators for Music Marathon After Party (takes place several weeks after event).

**Timing:** October - March approx. 4 h/month



# **WE NEED YOU!!**

## 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).

You need your ESUHSd district email to access. 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@esuhsd.org](mailto:sanchezra@esuhsd.org) if you have any questions.**





# ALL RETURNING BAND Members 2021-2022



Dear ST Bands,

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.

We are in the process of looking at the students who've signed up for band for next year. It is imperative that you fill out [this form](#). Our APED and I will use this form to properly place you in your ensemble next year. If we have low enrollment next year, it will affect what we offer next year (if not enough students sign up, we will have to make cuts). Due to 3 approved vaccines and many school districts already planning school reopening, we will most likely be in person next year!

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.

**Click on link below(all bands, orchestra, guitar, choir):**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehblEt1OGt3bTZOdG03ijgduZDuxFz1rb3x6v4xIqi06ss5w/viewform>

**Please fill this out TODAY! This will help us plan for next year!**

Warm regards,  
Mr. Sanchez

## Sign-up info for 2021-2022

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.

### 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.

## Class Information

# CLASS INFORMATION

### 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](#)

### 1. Late Work

The last day that Mr. Sanchez will accept any late work for this Progress Report is on Tuesday 2/23/21 by NOON. You may submit late work past Tuesday, but it will not reflect on your progress report. Also, there will be a deduction in late assignments.

### 2. Music Marathon

Music Marathon is tentatively scheduled for Friday March 19th, through YouTube. In order to allow this deadline to happen, I need us to follow the strict deadlines in submitting our Music Marathon Projects, **that are due by March 5th.**

### 3. Smart Music

You will need to score higher than 90% on SmartMusic for me to use your sound files. PLEASE LET MR. SANCHEZ KNOW IF YOU NEED MORE TIME. He will begin editing the sound files as he gets them. If a good amount of students submit poor quality/poor score sound files or do not submit all together, then Mr. Sanchez will be forced to CANCEL/Postpone our Virtual Music Marathon Concert. Mr. Sanchez will allow you to complete these projects during class.

### 4. Keep in Mind!

Mr. Sanchez will be editing 8 different pieces during this 2 week period, please be mindful of that. Editing everyone's INDIVIDUAL recordings together, plus balancing/cutting/cutting background noise/etc. is a very time consuming task that he is doing for FREE (hiring a professional would cost the program thousands of dollars) on top of his teaching and personal duties. Thank you!



# 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 50% of what we anticipated, as shown in the below chart:

Santa Teresa High School Band Student Fixed Payment Summary

Prepared 3/1/21

Item Name	Item Amount	Amt Expected	Amt Collected	# of Students
<b><u>Concert Band 11-1-20</u></b>	125.00	4,625.00	1,875.00	<u>15 / 37</u>
<b><u>Jazz Band 1: 2-1-21</u></b>	150.00	2,250.00	1,650.00	<u>11 / 15</u>
<b><u>Jazz Band 2: 2-1-21</u></b>	150.00	0.00	0.00	<u>0 / 0</u>
<b><u>Jazz Combos 2-1-21</u></b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	<u>0 / 0</u>
<b><u>Marching Band 10-1-20</u></b>	100.00	5,100.00	3,000.00	<u>30 / 52</u>
<b><u>Marching Band 11-1-20</u></b>	100.00	5,100.00	2,400.00	<u>24 / 51</u>
<b><u>Marching Band 9-1-20</u></b>	100.00	5,100.00	3,200.00	<u>32 / 52</u>
<b><u>Symphonic Band 11-1-20</u></b>	125.00	3,250.00	1,000.00	<u>8 / 26</u>
<b><u>Wind Ensemble 11-1-20</u></b>	150.00	4,800.00	1,950.00	<u>13 / 32</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>30,225.00</b>	<b>15,075.00</b>	<b><u>133 / 265</u></b>

**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

# STMAA Board Meeting



## Next meeting Tuesday, **April 6, 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/>

# Please Join US!

Calling all Amazon shoppers!



**You can help the band program while shopping on Amazon!**

**After all, who doesn't shop on Amazon? You know you have the app...**

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



**You shop. Amazon gives.**



- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at **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.



# 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.

**\*\*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.

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!\*

### *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



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[Band Calendar](#)

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# Communications...Who should I contact?



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## What is 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. [STMAA Board](#)