

Note-able News

STHS Band Program Weekly Newsletter

Monday 8/10/2020 – Sunday 8/16/2020

Instructional Log Ins:

Google Classroom:

On Monday, August 10th, Mr. Sanchez will send the google classroom class code for you to access your music class. He will mainly use Google Classroom to enter most assignments during the school year. You may access Google Classroom [here](#). Remember that you will get the class code on Monday!

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

The Santa Teresa High School Band program will use SmartMusic for the 2020-2021 school year. Your students will all have a SmartMusic student account (\$10 value) included with your ensemble contributions (STMAA will send information on contributions at a later time). With SmartMusic, our students will have thousands of available solo, ensemble, and band music to work with! Mr. Sanchez will assign our 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 smart phone, tablet, chrome book, or any computer to record yourself on SmartMusic (no external microphone needed). SmartMusic participation will count towards your grade.

Returning students: You already have an account

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

Remind: Sign up to my class for Important Updates

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>

[STMAA Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 11, 2020](#)

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!

Dine out with STMAA at Panda Express
Wednesday, August 26, 11:30am-8:30pm

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, August 26 from 11:30am-8:30pm

20% goes to the STHS Band!!

Show them the flyer and mention STHS Band (will be included in next news letter)

2020 Marching Band and Color Guard:

Virtual Rehearsal Schedule: (subject to change)

Tuesday's: 3:30-5:30 pm

Wednesday's: 2:30-4:30 pm

Percussion and Color Guard: one extra rehearsal per week with Instructors.

Sectionals: 1 hour per week with section leaders

Marching Band will start this TUESDAY August 11th at 3:30 pm. We will also meet on Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 pm this week. Instrument/Equipment Distribution will take place on Wednesday, from 10:30am-1:00 pm. Mr. Sanchez will contact you to schedule a time for pick-up after you've completed and submit this [form](#).

All Color Guard members please contact Elijah Morales at elijahlmorales@gmail.com.

If you know of anyone interested in joining color guard, please have them contact Eli and myself. They can come try it out!

We will start distributing school instruments, percussion instruments, and color guard equipment on Wednesday August 12th, beginning at 3:00 pm in the MPR. Make sure to request any school instrument, percussion equipment, and color guard equipment [HERE](#). Mr. Sanchez will contact you to confirm when to come pick up your instrument/equipment during August 12th. Make sure to come with a face mask. We will be doing this by appointment when Mr. Sanchez reaches out to you.

Need to borrow a School owned Instrument or Equipment?

School owned Instrument and Equipment Request: <https://forms.gle/vdC6nS7bt3v4HdMa6>

Santa Teresa High School has a very limited supply of instruments that may be loaned to students that do not own their own instrument. These instruments are issued on a first come first serve basis. The majority of our instrument inventory have been or are currently being serviced and disinfected during the summer break. Items that will not be provided are: valve/slide oil, key oil (woodwinds), instrument maintenance kits (instrument swab, cork grease, polishing cloth, pad savers, flute cleaning rod, etc), reeds (oboe, bassoon, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophones), instrument stands (only drum stands will be provided), and any other instrument accessories.

All students in Color Guard must [fill out this form](#) to receive a tall flag and a rifle/saber to check out for the season.

ESUHSD covers the normal wear and tear maintenance of the instrument, but the student/parents are responsible for financially covering any significant damage or replacement of the instrument if damage is caused while checked out to the student.

Instrument/equipment distribution will be on Wednesday, August 12th. [You may request a school instrument/equipment here.](#) After you've filled out the form, Mr. Sanchez will contact you to schedule a pick-up time during our Instrument/equipment distribution on August 12th. If you have prior commitments, you can communicate with Mr. Sanchez when he contacts you after filling out the form to pick a different date.

[List of available instruments](#)

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.

Communications... Who should I contact?

Santa Teresa Music Website: <https://santateresamusic.com/>

Ramiro Sanchez, Director of Bands. sanchezra@esuhsd.org

Robin DeJarnett, Santa Teresa Band Assistant. sthsbandassistant@gmail.com

Karen DeFrisco, STMAA President. president@santateresamusic.com

Hayley Ng, STMAA Treasurer. treasurer@santateresamusic.com

Wendy Valdez, STMAA Secretary. secretary@santateresamusic.com

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Mr. Sanchez Classroom Wish List

* Colored Paper

* Hand Sanitizer

* White Paper (11x17)

* Disinfectant Wipes

* Kleenex

* Wood Pencils

* Amazon Gift Cards (any amount)

VARSITY LETTER PROGRAM:

Update in process - check back on future newsletters.

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](#)

[Facebook, Instagram, YouTube](#)

[ESUHSD Calendar](#)

[Varsity Letter Program](#)

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/>