

Mr. Hire Orchestra Updates

I want to thank all our student musicians, parents, and SIMB for their tireless work and efforts in making the Strongsville High School Orchestra program successful. I couldn't do it without your hard work, dedication, and great attitude! Congratulations to the String Orchestra, Chamber Strings, and Symphony Orchestra on earning superior ratings at State Orchestra Contest back in February!

Spring Concert and Recognition, May 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

Join us for our final performance of the school year! We will be featuring the amazing music of Dvorak, Fletcher, Gould, and much more. Please note this concert starts at 6:00 pm since we will also recognize student's musical accomplishments, and the Senior Class of 2023! Join us for this annual musical celebration.

2023/2024 Concert and Performance Schedule

In the coming weeks, the SHS Music Department will be having our annual calendar meeting with SHS administration to finalize the 23/24 concert and performance schedule. Once finalized, the schedule will be distributed to students in class, posted in Google classroom, and posted on the SHS Music Department website calendar. Be sure to include these dates in your family calendars.

2023/2024 Orchestra Council Election

Nomination forms are due shortly for any student wishing to serve as a member of our 23/24 orchestra council. Elections will be held in May. This is a great way for your student to get involved in a leadership position.

Tuxedo Collection/Return

All orchestra boys are reminded to bring a change of clothes to our final concert on May 16. At the close of the concert boys are to change and return their TUXEDO, Green Vest, and Bow Tie (if school owned) to the tables set up in the cafeteria. Boys own their white tuxedo shirts and should keep these for next school year.

Concert Dresses

New dress orders will be placed for incoming students in August. IF ANY upperclassmen needs to order a new dress for whatever reason, August is the ONLY time you may do so since they are custom ordered. Informational letters with sizing instructions will be distributed the first week of school.

Summer Instrument Maintenance Reminder

Like everything else, musical instruments need to be properly maintained in order to sound and perform their best. Poorly maintained instruments don't have the best sound and are more difficult to play. Stringed instrument maintenance includes replacing strings every 12 months, rehairing bows every 12 months, and regularly checking soundpost/bridge adjustment/alignment. A list of recommended string repair technicians is posted in Google Classroom.

23-24 Youth Orchestra Auditions

Late spring is when most select youth orchestras hold auditions for the following school year. Information about local youth group auditions and other information is posted in our orchestra Google classrooms. You can also visit the websites of these ensembles.



Summer Music Camps

Summer is a great time for our student musicians to expand their skills by attending a summer music camp. Baldwin Wallace University, and Bowling Green State University will be offering a one week camp for string musicians in June. Oberlin offers a unique chamber music camp for advanced musicians. For those who want to the ultimate experience, Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp in Michigan, combines the beauty of the outdoors with music making. Information is posted in our orchestra Google classrooms.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

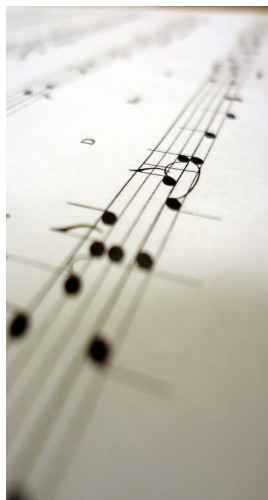
- ◆ Spring Orchestra Concert **May 16, 6:00 PM**
- ◆ Tuxedo collection return **May 16** immediately following spring concert
- ◆ May 31 is the deadline for online auditions for NERO and All
- ◆ OMEA State Competition 4/29 at North Royalton HS
- ◆ **April 29 Adult Night Out at Harvest Saloon!**
- ◆ SHS Student Recognition & Potluck **May 16**

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~NIETZSCHE

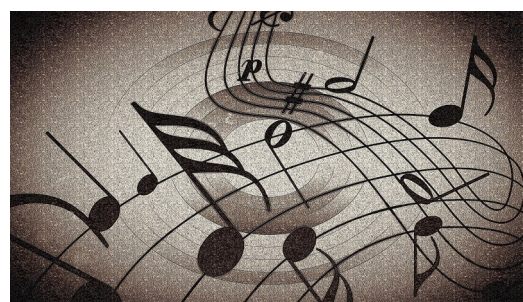


Orchestra cont'd

2023 NERO and 2024 All-State Auditions

Just a reminder, that auditions for the 2023 NERO Orchestra and All-State Ensembles (Band and Orchestra), will be due via Accepted in an online music audition app, by May 31. Applicants will be reviewed and selected during the summer months. Links are posted in our orchestra Google classrooms or you can check the OMEA website for audition requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me ahire@scsmustangs.org. Important information can be found on the SHS Music Department website or the SHS Orchestra website through strongnet.org. Musically, Andrew Hire Director of Orchestra



Mr. King Band Updates

The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will be performing at the OMEA State Contest on April 29th at North Royalton High School. There will be more information to come on this shortly. Auditions are done and results will be out soon for the bands next year. We are looking forward to our jazz ensemble performing at Slim and Chubby on **Monday, May 22**. More information to follow.

Of course this rounds out the rest of the annual performances in May with Rhythymology, Senior Recital, and the Memorial Day Parade which is after school is out this year but I am asking that as a service to the community and our veterans that everyone including seniors attend.

Upcoming April Dates:

- ◆ 4/30 State Band Contest
Performance Times: **Symphonic Band 8:30 a.m. Wind Ensemble 10:10 a.m.**
Call times will be announced shortly.
- ◆ 5/17 Spring Band Concert and Senior Recognition 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ 5/19 Rhythymology 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ 5/23 Senior Recital 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ 5/29 Memorial Day Parade 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. step-off. Done by noon.

Jazz Ensemble and Community Jazz Band joint concert **Monday, May 22!**

The Jazz Ensemble will be sharing a concert with the Community Jazz Band on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. The bands will be performing at Slim and Chubbys which have been featuring some big band jazz each month. All are highly encouraged to attend. More information will be coming out.

Online Calendar:

The online music calendar is up to date through summer. You can print and/or sync to your phone. Plan ahead so that there are no conflicts or surprises. **Please check weekly for the most up to date information.** Band camp has been posted online and is traditionally the same time every year. Drumline and Flag camp will be added asap. All summer dates are mandatory!

Flag Line

We will have a new flag advisor this coming marching season. We almost have a new instructor in place. Flag tryout posters are on google classroom dates/times.

Leadership/Drum Major/Drumline Auditions/Officers

It is that time of year where we start to get ready for marching band this summer. We will be having sign ups for Leadership and Officers soon. Drumline and Drum Major audition info will be out soon.

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~Aldous Huxley

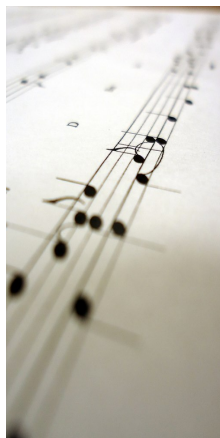


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Band Updates Cont'd

Absences:

I need a note or email from a **parent** if a student is going to miss rehearsal as soon as possible. **Please include the reason for the absence.** Refer to the handbook for our band attendance policy and what is an excused or unexcused absence. Please make every effort to have students practice a little earlier than the time listed so they have time to get their instrument and warm up. All after school rehearsals are still required during concert season.

Private Lessons:

Summertime can be a great time to improve on your instrument and come back in the summer ready to go. I would be happy to assist you with finding a great teacher. Private lessons allow your student to have a deeper experience in band as they progress on their instrument. Email me for more information.

Outside Honor Groups

This time of year also brings auditions into some fantastic performance opportunities in honors type groups. This includes but is not limited to The Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony Bands, Contemporary Youth Orchestra,

Tri C Youth Band, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Kent State Youth Winds. We are lucky to live in an area with so many playing opportunities for our students. Students are required to participate in their home ensemble. The Baldwin Wallace summer band camps are starting up again this summer, check their website for more information. You can email me with questions about any of these groups. .

Practicing:

It is a requirement (homework) that students practice at home for band. The instrument should come home several nights a week, and the weekend. Help them to find a quiet place with few distractions at home that has a wire music stand and chair so they can sit with good posture. The exception should be when they don't practice, not when they do.

New Instrument/ Mouthpieces

It is important in a student's musical development that

they are playing on a quality instrument and mouthpiece. Students start on beginner level instruments/ mouthpieces. As they progress and begin playing more challenging music, it becomes necessary to step up into an intermediate level instrument/mouthpiece. A new instrument/ mouthpiece is made of higher quality materials and can add extra keys and triggers that help sound/pitch/ alternate fingerings and ease of play. I am happy to help in the search for a new instrument/mouthpiece. If the purchase of a new instrument is out of reach right now, replacing the mouthpiece is much more affordable and can make a huge difference. Hang on to their old instrument to be used as a marching band instrument, their new instrument will be their concert instrument.

Feel free to reach out to me via email and I will be happy to help.

Mr. King

Meet SIMB

- ◇ Andrew Hire- Orchestra Director SHS; Brian King Band Director SHS
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- ◇ Ron Uline- SIMB Treasurer: simbtreasurer@gmail.com
- ◇ Jennifer Magel- Incoming Treasurer for the 2023-2024 season

A special thanks to Ron Uline and Scott Carmen! SIMB appreciates you and all of your contributions to the success of Strongsville's Music Programs.

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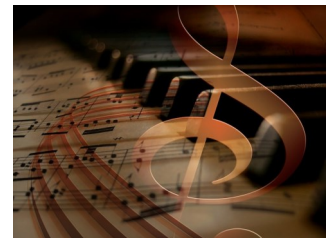
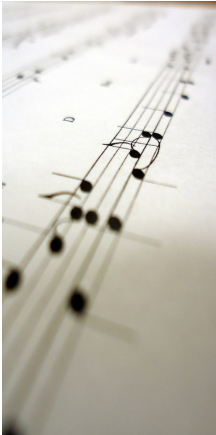
Middle School Updates

The SMS Chamber Strings ensemble has several exciting upcoming performances that include:

- ◆ **April 26, 2023:** 5th Grade Sneak Peek at Strongsville Middle School! 5th grade students and parents will come take a look at the building and hear some wonderful music!
- ◆ **May 5, 2023:** OMEA MS Large Group Contest
- ◆ **May 20, 2023:** Music in the Parks at Cedar Point!

◆ The SMS Orchestras will be having their final spring concert on **May 17, 2023!** The concerts will be available for live audience at the Strongsville Middle School auditorium as well as live-streamed to SCSTV.
6pm: 6th Grade Period 1, 7th Grade, and Chamber Strings
8pm: 6th Grade Period 9, chamber Strings, and 8th Grade

We would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Nick Simul for all of his help this year. Mr. Simul has been a long-term substitute, filling in for Mrs. Tanya Rogers who will be returning for the next school year. We



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STRONGSVILLE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS

SIMB is working hard to support the needs of our student musicians. You probably know that SIMB is the 501(c)(3) organization that provides direct support to our instrumental music program through the purchase of sheet music, instruments, music stands, instrument repairs, guest clinicians, and performance fees.

You may not realize that SIMB provides volunteers for all of our musical programs, through things like chaperones, uniform management, hospitality, and much more.

SIMB welcomes you to join us in continuing the important work we do!

Reach out to SIMBmembership@gmail.com with any questions

Adult Night Out at Harvest Saloon, April 29

Please join SIMB in celebrating the talented up and coming musicians from SMS and SHS. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit band and orchestra students at both schools.

- 50/50 raffle tickets available now! We will be selling raffle tickets for our SIMB band-wagon and 50/50 raffle tickets at the all-city band and orchestra concerts! Reach out to simbfundraising@gmail.com with questions.
- Door prizes, raffle baskets, sideboards food and fun!
- Presale tickets available for \$35 until April 25th or can be purchased at the door for \$40.
- To volunteer your time at the Wing Ding, please send an email to SIMBFundraising@gmail.com.
- Scan the QR code to purchase tickets, Hope to see you there!



Strongsville High School Spring Orchestra Concert and Student Recognition

Tuesday, May 16 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dessert Reception to follow

The Potluck Dessert Reception will occur in the cafeteria following the concert. Please bring **1 dozen of a finger food dessert of your choice** to share. Please cut/divide larger desserts to serve individually. Suggestions include but are not limited to: cookies, brownies, cupcakes, donut holes, krispy treats etc. Drop off your desserts in the cafeteria as you arrive. Paper products, punch & water will be provided by SIMB.

If you are able to help set up/serve or clean up for this event, please sign up at the following link
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA8AA29A2F58-spring>
Or scan the QR code:



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