

**SELINGROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC  
NEWSLETTER  
March, 2018**

Our annual Symphonic Band “Guest Artist Night” concert is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., in the SAMS auditorium. Appearing with the Symphonic Band will be Denis DiBlasio, jazz baritone sax/flute soloist from New York City. Besides being an extremely busy international clinician/performer, Mr. DiBlasio is also the executive director of the Maynard Ferguson Institute of Jazz and head of Jazz and Composition programs at Rowan University. Also appearing with the band will be Dr. Barry Long, trumpet/jazz music professor and department chairperson at Bucknell University. Dr. Long holds jazz degrees from the Berklee and Eastman Schools of Music. Jack Fries, local jazz pianist, will also appear with the group, along with several student soloists, including vocalist Hannah Doll who recently performed with the National Honors Choir in Orlando. The finale will combine everyone on “Voices That Care”, performed with video, as a tribute to all US troops, past and present.

Tickets for this exciting event are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, and will be available at the door. We have two evening rehearsals remaining in preparation for this concert. Please check the schedule included in this mailing and be sure to clear these dates. The dress for this concert will be black bottom, white top (dress shirt). Guys wear a tie (black or dark as possible). No jackets.

There will be an important Band Booster’s meeting on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the SAHS Band room. Please try to attend as there are a number of important items to discuss. We are now taking nominations for 2018-19 parent officers. As per the association’s bylaws (Article IV, Section II), “Anyone interested in serving as an officer or nominating another person to office, must submit the name and position at least 15 days prior to the election. Nominations must be approved by the band director.” If you would like to nominate someone, including yourself, for a Band Parent office, call a current officer or Mr. Smith by May 1st. Feel free to speak to a current officer if you have any questions regarding their responsibilities or time commitments. Officers’ names and numbers are included in this mailing. Elections will take place at the May Band Booster’s meeting.

We will be combining the “2017 SAHS Marching Band Year in Review” DVD with the 2018 “Guest Artist Night” concert. This video will include footage

from summer band camp through the SVM Holiday Parade, including the Florida trip. The cost will be \$16.00. A special thanks to Glenn Stuck for producing this. More information will follow in April newsletter. Please send any photos or videos from the marching band season, including Florida, so we can include on our web site and end of year video.

Thank you to all who assisted with the Selinsgrove Fine Arts Festival on Sunday, February 25. We received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from this and hope to make it an annual event. Thanks also to the Pep Band, led by McKenna Duitch, who performed at the SAHS Boys HS basketball games, and to the 22 different band members who performed with the Bucknell Pep Band during the Men's and Women's NCAA basketball regular season and play-off games.

Congratulations to the following members who auditioned and were accepted into District and Regional Band/Orchestra, District Jazz Band, NMS and SU Honors Band: Jasmine Elsassar, Maddie Newell, Spencer Cook, Leah Bodinger, Zoe Tomko, Becca Sharpless, Hannah Doll, Asli Lawrence, Sarah Van, Callie Voss, McKenna Duitch, Tessa Roan, Maddie Stebila, Alex Wentz, Jacob Arndt, Tanaya Frazier, Dara Tuttle, Nora Britton, Isabel Proger, Irene Guo, and Jasmine Elsassar. A special congratulation to Leah Bodinger who was accepted into the Pennsylvania All-State Band, and Hannah Doll, who was accepted into the All-State Chorus!

### **2018 SAHS REMAINING BAND SCHEDULE**

Monday, March 12	6:00 – 8:15 p.m. rehearsal
Thursday, March 15	6:00 – 9:30 p.m. @ SAMS – dress rehearsal
Friday, March 16	CONCERT - meet SAMS 6:45 p.m. – starts @ 7:30p.m.
Sa-Su, March 24-25	Wal-Mart, 8-4, sign up in band room to help/donate
Tuesday, April 3	Band Parent Meeting – HS Band room – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17	Chamber Music Concert – MS Aud – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 11	Band Awards Banquet – HS Caf – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15	Band Parent Meeting – HS Band room – 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day Parades – 9-noon
Wednesday, May 30	Graduation SU – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**PARENT OFFICERS:** President - Sherrie Bolig - 570-898-7166 - boligs@ptd.net, Vice President - Heath Kissinger - 570-765-8439, Treasurer - Michelle Lawrence - 570-850-6990, Asst. Treasurer - Ginny Sharpless -570-220-5391