

## **Program Overview:**

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*Prepared by Julie Bounds, Band Director*

The Santa Teresa Band program consists of three “concert band” style groups. These bands are our classical music ensembles that consist woodwind, brass, and percussion players. Our students are divided by ability level into: Concert Band (all 9<sup>th</sup> graders, approximately 50 members), Symphonic Band (our intermediate group, 75 members), and Wind Ensemble (our advanced group, 50 members). These ensembles occur during the school day. All students in jazz band or marching band must be in one of these three groups. These bands do not rehearse outside of the school day. They each participate in two music festivals a year and four concerts at Santa Teresa High School.

There are two jazz bands in the Santa Teresa Band Program. Jazz Band I is our advanced, elite jazz ensemble. This ensemble is by audition only and is open to students in grades 10-12. This band meets as a class during the school day and attends festivals and concerts throughout the year. Jazz Bands II is also selected by audition only. This group is auditioned in late fall (at the end of marching band season) and begins in December. This band rehearses two days a week right after school and attends festivals and perform concerts throughout the school year. Jazz Band II is open to students in grades 9-12. Jazz Band II is considered a class and students are given 5 units of performing arts credit for their semester long participation in the group.

The Santa Teresa Marching Band is one of the most visible programs on the Santa Teresa campus. The marching band consists of one hundred wind, percussion and color guard members. The group starts two weeks before school starts for all day practices to learn music & marching fundamentals, as well as to start learning our competitive field show. The marching band then rehearses two-three days a week after school and select Saturdays. All marching band students do receive 5 units of performing arts credit for their participation in the marching band. The marching band performs at select Santa Teresa football games and also competes as a member of the Western Band Association Marching Band circuit. While Marching Band is not required, all students are highly encouraged to participate. We hire an outstanding staff of excellent musicians and instructors throughout the bay area to provide small group and one on one tutoring for the students. I have found that the students who participate in marching band have an outstanding level of musical growth in the short period of time that marching band rehearses due to the high level of instruction that the students receive in this program. Also, students in the marching band have a greater connection to our school and our band program as they instantly make friends with a wide variety of students in our marching band program. Marching Band season goes from August-November. This year the marching band will be participating in two night overnight trip to Fresno for the marching band championships.

I highly encourage students who are interested in marching band, but aren't sure if they want to do it or not to “try it out” before you commit. Simply come to the first week of marching band. If after the first week you decide you don't want to do, you can leave with no penalty. Since marching band is a new activity for most students I highly encourage you to try it out before you sign-up! I think you'll be surprised at how much you will enjoy. I guarantee it's like nothing you have ever done!

**Schedule:** A detailed schedule of all rehearsals and concerts was distributed at the meeting. You should be receiving a mailing with this information & it is also on our website. For an up to date calendar visit our website at [www.600building.com](http://www.600building.com)

Please note that this year we will not be attending the Reno Jazz Festival due to scheduling conflicts. More information about the Jazz Band overnight trip will follow.

We are announcing very tentative plans to go on a trip to Hawaii in 2012. The trip will be held in the spring and will be open to all current students, alumni, & parents. In terms of dates, cost, timeline, ensembles performing etc. those details have not been worked out. The trip is currently out to bid to many travel companies. There will be meetings this summer to discuss our travel options and select a travel package that is correct for our program. ***Please do not email Ms. Bounds regarding trip details as they are not known. Information regarding this trip will be announced in the fall.*** Due to this trip, we will be taking a less costly Jazz Band trip in 2010-11.

**Volunteers**

This organization runs predominately through the support of our parent volunteers. Please complete the "Parent Participation Sheet" to assist us in placing you with the right volunteer opportunity.

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Get connected. Check out the program's web site at [www.600building.com](http://www.600building.com). Sign up for the STMAA email list. You will find directions near the bottom of the page on <http://www.600building.com>. This email list is used to communicate important dates and activities related to the band program. Your email address is safe with us. We don't share it with anyone.

School Loop is another valuable resource for information including but not limited to the band program. Go to [www.schoolloop.com](http://www.schoolloop.com) to sign up.

We have STMAA board meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 in the ST library. All are welcomed to attend. We will have meetings over the summer although they will not be at ST. Sign up on the mailing list to get the details. You can always send emails to [questions@600building.com](mailto:questions@600building.com).

Incoming freshman that participate in the marching band program have 100 new friends before the first day of school. These are people who can show them the ropes and make their transition to high school much easier.

**Slide 14 & 15**

STMAA Board Member List/General STMAA information

**Slide 16**

Budget Information

**Slide 17/18**

Band Contribution Information & Payment Schedule

**Slide 19**

Suggested ways that you can meet your contribution. Each family needs to determine their approach to paying their contribution. Some families choose to pay it all, some families choose to fundraise it all, and many families do a combination of both.

**Slide 20**

Additional fee information.

**Slide 21-end**

Additional Fundraising information