



# Summit Music Parents Association SMPA

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It's been a busy first half of the school year for our music students and parents! We would like to take a moment to acknowledge some amazing accomplishments and say thank you to our tireless volunteers.

## SMPA Highlights

We have awarded 2 SMPA scholarships to LCJSMS students for private instruction. Thirty scholarships were awarded to SHS students towards the cost of the Boston Trip in April 2020. And have just awarded 4 \$1,000 Merola Scholarship Fund, which are need-based scholarships for SHS students to be used towards private music instruction.

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On Monday, November 18, the orchestra hosted the Daedalus Quartet - an ensemble praised by The New Yorker as "a fresh and vital young participant in what is a golden age of American

string quartets." Quartet members joined the orchestra in our large ensemble rehearsal, performed a movement from a Beethoven String Quartet, and were able to work directly with the Chamber Orchestra, the Quintet and students during mini lessons. Orchestra director Elisabeth Sato was thrilled with their visit saying, "They are incredibly talented and it was truly an honor to have them work with our students and also get the chance to hear them perform!"

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We had an amazing, fun filled marching band season. We were able to provide refreshments and snacks for several hundred band members! Move up day gave a chance for the 8th grade band members to play with the marching band during a home game. And what move up day would be complete without a pizza party?!

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We had another great fundraising season. The concession stand had an extremely successful season raising close to \$8,000.

Pledge Day 2019 was one to remember! The weather didn't get us down. Your music students blanketed Summit asking the community to support its music programs and they did generously, over \$29,000!

### [Check this out!](#)

We want to thank everyone who baked brownies, helped set up, manned the concession stand, dropped off supplies and served the marching bands and drove for Pledge Day. THANK YOU!!!



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### Mark your calendar!

- February 7, 2020 The 48th annual Big Band Dance. Keep a lookout for the invitation coming out in January.
- Monday, January 6th at 7:30pm - We look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting
- Wednesday, March 25th - Summit District Arts Festival

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Thank you again for all our generous support! Because of you we are able to enhance our music programs with capital projects, enrichment programs and scholarships for lessons and field trips and merit scholarships for graduating seniors. Without you we couldn't do what we do! THANK YOU!!!



*We wish you all a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
filled with love, laughter and  
of course, **MUSIC!***