



Somers Tuskers Arts Rising Stars

November 2020

Dear Performing Arts Families,

We hope that this new hybrid/remote 2020-2021 school year has gotten off to a good start for your children and your family. Along with our wonderful STARS parent volunteers, we are excited to kick-off our year with events to plan and SCSD performing arts' initiatives to support.

We appreciated the support of our STARS members last year. Membership donations helped us to support the performing arts groups in our schools. Below are highlights of the different ways STARS has been able to support the performing arts throughout the Somers Central School District:

Scholarships

- Granted Scholarships to six graduating seniors of \$1000 each

School Enrichment

- Provided support through the grant program for SHS music teachers to secure an online account with JW Pepper, allowing for quick access to sheet music for students
- Provided support for a SHS Senior WISE Performing Arts project through the grant program
- Supported the rental of violas for the Somers High School orchestra
- Helped purchase music stands for the SHS Jazz Ensemble
- Provided grant to purchase Smart Music Software for 112 SIS strings and band students
- Supported the drama and school musicals

Trips

- Supported the SMS Band trip and performance at the "Music in Our Parks Festival" in Holyoke, MA.
- Supported biannual Canada Chamber Choir trip

Community Engagement

- Wrote the SHS senior "Performing Arts Spotlight" interviews for The Somers Record
- Liaison support of sustainability of the project concept from "The Power of the Arts" Girl Scout Silver Award Project
- Supported Bandemonium, Stringsfest, NYSSMA and "Boys Day Out" Male Choir outreach

With your support, we hope to expand our work to continue to enhance the already rich performing arts culture within the Somers Central Schools.

We hope that you will support STARS by either renewing or maintaining your membership. You may do this by going to MySchoolBucks and completing an online membership form, or filling out the attached membership form and mailing it to: Somers High School, Attn: STARS, 120 Primrose, Lincolndale, NY 10540. As a “thank you for your membership”, members’ names will be published in all of the programs for concerts and plays throughout the year.

If you would like to join our volunteer board, please email us so that we can add you to our email distribution list. Our addresses are below.

Thank you for all that you continue to do for the students who participate in the performing arts in Somers!

Sincerely,

The STARS Board Co-Presidents

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STARS Membership Form

Join online at: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> > Search “STARS”

Or mail check payable to:

Somers High School, Attn: STARS, 120 Primrose, Lincolndale, NY 10540

_____ \$30.00 Annual Membership
_____ Additional Tax Deductible Donation \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Name(s) to be Displayed in Program _____

(ex. The Smith Family, John and Susan Smith, The John Smith Family)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Children’s Names/School _____

I can assist with:

- _____ Publicity
- _____ Shopping for food and supplies
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Baking and/or food preparation
- _____ Concession stands at school events
- _____ Other: _____