

## ***Stow Band Parents Meeting: August 29, 2011 7:30 pm – 8:55 pm***

- Treasurer Report:
  - \$21,826 in General Fund
  - \$32,380 in Student Accounts
  - Motion made by Joe Petrecca to put \$5,000 into the uniform fund. Motion seconded by Lisa Gopp and was then voted to pass unanimously by those in attendance.
  - Current fundraising brought in: \$525 from Restaurant Night; \$ 250 from Drug Mart; \$605 Senior Car Wash
- Old Business, Mark Thiese:
  - Band Camp successful. Special thanks to the O'Malleys and John Cannon for their leadership.
  - Thanks to Wanda Deiwert and Jen Confer for a successful uniform distribution.
  - Thanks to Denise O'Malley for organizing Drug Mart fundraiser.
  - Kent Band Show was fantastic.
  - Blossom – 4 shows left this season and all volunteer slots have been filled. Thanks to Janice Brown and Jeff Earle for organizing this fundraiser.
  - Car Washes are currently underway: Senior Car Wash was on August 27; Junior Car Wash is September 3 (special note: this car wash will end at 12:30 due to Summer Sunset Blast being the same day); Sophomore Car Wash is September 10; Freshman Car Wash is September 17. Car Washes are held at the Dairy Queen on Fishcreek and are 10 am – 2 pm unless otherwise noted.
  - First football game was away this past Friday. Love the new camaraderie between the football team and the band.
- Upcoming Events, Mark Thiese :
  - Band Shows: Sat Sept 10 – Lake; Sat Sept 24 – Aurora
  - At the Lake Band Show there will be 11 bands performing. Consider purchasing tickets ahead of time. You can go to: [lakebandshow2011.info](http://lakebandshow2011.info) to get tickets. This show now starts at 6:30 pm.
  - Loge seating for Lake Band Show – 12 tickets available and those seats were raffled off at the meeting for any parents who had volunteered their time to the band over the past year.
  - Aurora Band Show: presale tickets are available from Stow Band Parents for the price of \$5 (they will be \$8 at the gate). Tickets can be bought during band rehearsal times (Wed this week, then on Thursdays) until they are all gone. Find Lisa Gopp at the spirit wear table for purchase. T-shirt order forms are also available for this event but must be ordered this week as Sept 7<sup>th</sup> is the day I must turn in all orders to Aurora.
- Cleaning Concession Stand during band practice this Wed. Anyone available to volunteer please show up with sponges, buckets, cleaners. Thanks for your time.
- Homecoming:

- Thanks to Heather Galioto and Cindy Cloud for organizing the food and decorations for this night. Kids will be fed hot dogs, apples, chips and cookies. Cookies can be donated by contacting Heather or Cindy.
- Volunteers are needed to help feed the kids. Contact Heather or Cindy.
- There will be an outside concession stand again to purchase food after the parade and before the game. Please support the band by buying from us!
- Concession Stand: in case you were not aware, the band has their own concession stand located inside the school stadium. It's just to the right of the main entrance. Profits from the stand support the band. Please consider purchasing your goodies for the game from the band!
  - If you are interested in volunteering for the concession stand please contact Stephen Donahue.
  - Donuts and Ice Cream will be on sale during home games (located outside of band concession stand)
  - Band Spirit Wear will be on sale during home games (as well as Thursday rehearsals) – just outside of band concession stand by Art's Food Truck (also sales for the band)
- BEST 4 Stow, Jeff Earle – please consider donating to get the school artificial turf. Goal to get 350 more families involved. See [www.bestforstow.com](http://www.bestforstow.com)
- Next McDonald's Night is Monday, October 17 from 5-8 pm at the McD on Norton and Rt 91. There will be a student pep band playing.
- Possible new fundraiser – working at University of Akron's concession stands during football and soccer games. A few people are going to an informational meeting this Thursday. The band parents are looking for ways to help you raise money toward the Disney trip this year.
- Reverse Raffle – Heather Galioto: mark your calendar for April 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Disney theme.
- Christmas Cash Fundraiser – Janice Brown: This is a combined fundraiser with the sports boosters. Tickets are sold for \$10 each with the grand prize being \$5000. Please make sure money and stubs get turned back in. Full information will be in Sept newsletter.
- Special thanks to Kevin and Gail Davis for the use of their trailer for band camp the past few years. They are senior parents this year.
- Director Reports:
  - **Mrs Sandman:** along with teaching band at Lakeview, Kimpton and the High School, this year she is teaching general music to a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class.
  - Getting ready for Lakeview band to get going. 6<sup>th</sup> grade sign ups have begun. Next week instruments will be available for demonstration to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - Next week 6<sup>th</sup> grade band will be underway on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
  - Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade lessons will begin.
  - High School – be watching progress book for grades. If something is not correct, have students check their own testing card and show it to Mrs Sandman. The grades pass through many hands – kids test off to squad leaders, section leaders and/or directors; grades get recorded in a book; then grades are entered into progress book by Mrs Sandman.
  - **Mr. Newman:** highlights from upcoming newsletter –

- Handbook came home and EMF should have been signed and returned
- Kimpton Night rehearsals: Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and Oct 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm with the high school band. Percussion needs to report at 5 pm.
- Homecoming Parade at high school Oct 7 – see newsletter for complete info and info will also be sent home with students
- Chair placement for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be done first because they have been chosen to play for the Ohio Band Directors Association on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations for this great honor!
- Dress code for 8<sup>th</sup> graders has been changed since handbook published. Now will be all black.
- Expectations for 8<sup>th</sup> graders now higher because they are no longer beginners. Please consider upgrading mouthpieces and instruments. Good idea to hold on to beginning instruments for marching band.
- High School – attendance and class participation. Please send excuses for absence in 3 weeks in advance when that is possible.
- Be prepared to march outside every day.
- On progress book may see:
  - NI = no instrument
  - NM = no music
  - NS = no shoes
- **Mr. Monroe:**
- Already done – 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Band Camp
- Students have done an outstanding job of learning show. Usually shows have about 40 pictures to learn, and this year's show has almost 60 which the kids learned in the same amount of time! Watch show for hidden Miceys; the words Pirate, Disney and Dream; the rocking boat; lion head; crown.
- Thanks to the chaperones and nurses for band camp. Chaperones had to make last minute changes at band camp when one of the floors became unavailable for use.
- Congrats to the many Stow Alumni who are continuing to play in their college marching bands and small ensembles.
- Wind Ensemble has been selected along with one other school (out of 120 applications) to play at the OMEA in Columbus on February 16, 2012 at 1:30 pm in the Columbus Convention Center. They will also be a demo band for a workshop done.
- Band Auditions for upperclassmen will take place earlier this year due to the above honor. Auditions will be the week of homecoming.
- Freshman auditions will take place as usual at the end of marching season.
- Please ask your child if they have filled out the online survey.
- Florida Trip –
  - School board didn't get approval packet in a timely manner (even though they had it for 2 months). Trip was finally approved last Monday, so plans for booking busses and hotels may now go forward.

- There has been a surcharge added now for the busses and hotel prices have risen. This will affect trip cost. Complete info will come home later this week when bookings are complete and costs can be more accurately computed.
  - Written info on Disney will be sent home with kids this week
  - Trip dates – March 15-20, 2012
  - Will leave on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm from school.
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> will be packing night – need to bring instruments, uniforms (minus hat), pack LIGHT and small – everything must fit underneath 5 coach busses
  - Bus travel will be all night
  - Typical day begins at 6 am
  - Trip highlights include: Cocoa Beach (parent chaperones are stationed in a perimeter around beach), Ron Jon Surf Shop, Lori Wilson Park for cookout dinner, hope to stay in Rosen Hotels in Orlando (security guards are hired to roam hotel hallways at night), Breakfast at Planet Hollywood, in Parade at Disney on Saturday –time TBA - , Recording session at Disney and get to make a live soundtrack (no parents allowed in recording session, directors and students only), Epcot, MGM, Rainforest Café for breakfast
  - Trip cost will most likely be about \$730
  - 1<sup>st</sup> payment for trip will be due mid Sept and then monthly. Student accounts may be used to pay for trip
  - Parents may take kids home with them after trip – there will be a special sign-out time. Watch for complete information about this.
  - Kids must have an itinerary and watch with them at all times.
- Next Band Parent Meeting – Monday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary