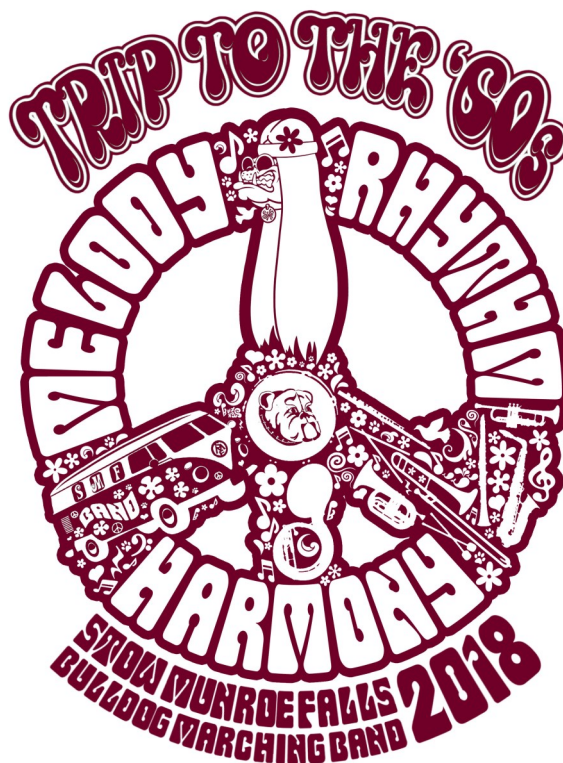


Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



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MEET OUR BAND DIRECTORS

<http://smfband.org/about/>

Email is the preferred method of contacting the band directors.

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KIMPTON NEWS

Welcome Back

First, please let me start off by saying how happy I am to be in this new position. I am so looking forward to working with you child, and sharing in their musical maturity this year!

Beginning of the year paperwork

During the first weeks of school, all students should have brought home to share with parents two important papers: The Kimpton Handbook packet, containing crucial information including concert dates for the success of all Kimpton band students for the year, and the Emergency Medical Form which should have been filled out and returned. They also received information about purchasing a flip folder and lyre. Please take time to review this material with your child and return the necessary documents by the date printed.

Kimpton Night

The first performance for both Kimpton bands will be with the high school band during the Kimpton Band Night performance. This performance will be at the September 28th Homecoming parade and football game. There will be two extra rehearsals for this performance on September 20th and September 26th from 6-7 at the high school. Percussion will rehearse from 5-7. This performance and rehearsals are mandatory for all students. Students will need to purchase a Stow Band T-Shirt at one of these rehearsals if they do not already own one. Stow band T-Shirts will be for sale in the choir room after our rehearsal. The cost is as follows: tuba \$11, percussion \$10 all others \$8.

The schedule for September 28th will be as follows:

- ⇒ Arrive @ HS 4:30 for parade
- ⇒ 5:00 parade
- ⇒ 5:45 dinner – hot dog supper provided by *Band Parents
- ⇒ 6:45 line up outside the HS to march to the stadium
- ⇒ 7:20 performance

ALL KIMPTON STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT HALFTIME!

(Approximately 8:30pm)

This performance is an excellent opportunity for your student to be exposed to the high school band and the excitement they experience during marching band season.

***THE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION WILL NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO BAKE COOKIES AND SERVE FOOD FOR THIS EVENING. SIGN UP GENIUS INFO WILL BE COMING OUT SHORTLY!**

KIMPTON NEWS

COLOR INSTRUMENTS

In our efforts to equalize the instrumentation of the bands, I have asked several students to consider a “color instrument.” Color instruments are instruments that are generally too expensive to purchase and are therefore owned by the band program. They contribute to the maturity of the bands sound and also help with overall balance. Students who agree to switch to a color instrument, will receive a private or group lesson with a director until a smooth transition is made. Please be patient with your student during this transition.

Step-up Instruments

As your student enters or continues middle school you may want to consider purchasing a step-up instrument. There are several reasons to think about a new instrument.

1. Marching Band – purchasing a second instrument would allow for the beginning instrument to be used for marching band which is generally hard on instruments.
2. Maturity - many beginning level instruments inhibit the student’s ability to produce a more mature sound since student line instruments are generally slightly smaller in construction than **intermediate** or **advanced** models. Most of the instruments your child started on are considered beginning level instruments. These are generally smaller in bore size (the inside diameter of the tubing) and made of cheaper materials. Step-up instruments are larger in bore and feature additional keys or valves which permit easier playing in the **high ranges often found in advancing level band music**. **Advanced level** instruments feature hand made or near hand made construction. Many **intermediate instruments are very similar to advanced or professional models but have only minor cosmetic and/or structural differences and often cost significantly less**. Please check out the information on the web page (smfband.org). First, click on Kimpton, then the “upgrading your instrument” link. If an instrument is not in the budget, perhaps upgrading your child’s mouthpiece will fit. This is a great way to get started without spending a ton of money. Please talk to a director for the most update info on mouthpieces for your child’s instrument.

Students will receive small group lessons as needed throughout the year. Students will be held accountable for material covered in this lesson. In addition to this group lesson, parents may be interested in private lessons for their student. There are three main benefits of private lessons.

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| 1. One on one – teacher/student | Allows the teacher to focus all of their attention to your child’s needs. |
| 2. Catch-up | Allows the student to feel good about music on their instrument and progress with the entire class. |
| 3. Move-ahead | Allows the above average student to move ahead and tap their full musical potential. |

I recommend Woodsy’s music in Kent, Western Reserve Music, and Hudson School of Music in Hudson, or check with the directors, as we can also recommend variety of teachers for lessons as well.

I have provided a lot of information in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me in regard to this newsletter, your student, or the Kimpton Band program. I can be reached via email: st_sandman@smfcsd.org. I look forward to seeing you all soon at our first performance!

Musically,

Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



FULL STEAM AHEAD! We are off to a great start. I will continue to send weekly updates outlining the weeks rehearsal plans, testing schedule and inspection time. The weekly updates will serve best at keeping you up to date with upcoming events, during football season. The purpose of this newsletter is to remind you of general information.

TOM LEWIS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr. Tom Lewis to the band teaching staff. Mr. Lewis is a Stow grad and a graduate of Kent State University. He will be serving as the percussion specialist, 5th grade band director, Gold Band director and Jazz 2 director. We are thrilled to have Mr. Lewis on our team!

KENT ROOSEVELT

Congratulations students an outstanding performance at the Kent Roosevelt band show! Your hard work and dedication to excellence is what makes this program thrive!



I would like to take an opportunity to thank a variety of parents that have helped make beginning of marching band season successful. These people and their team of volunteers is extremely important to the band's success:

- ♦ Joel Biggs and band camp chaperones
- ♦ Mrs. Keyser and Mrs. Gopp our band camp medical team
- ♦ Glenn Pace and Lee Thomas band bus maintenance/repairs and the SMF transportation team
- ♦ Sam Biggs and his team of volunteers, concession stand renovation
- ♦ Mrs. Lamancusa, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Sheline & everyone who volunteered for uniform fittings
- ♦ Mrs. Bowers, managing band camp payments and band financial affairs
- ♦ Audio Technica - donation of new outdoor sound system!
- ♦ Mrs. Flower, Leyba-Silva, Lott - Car Wash chairs
- ♦ Mrs. Brugmann and Drug Mart volunteers

MEDICAL FORMS

We appreciate your patience with the medical forms for band camp. The district and band will have a more efficient plan in place next year.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING BAND PERFORMANCES

In addition to Friday night performances, we have two band shows remaining:

- ♦ **Saturday, September 15** - Stow-Munroe Falls Band Show @ SMFHS 7:00
<http://smfband.org/stowbandshow/>
- ♦ **Saturday, October 6** - Hudson Band Show @ HHS 7:00
- ♦ All other events can be found at <http://smfband.org/calendar/>

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

MUSIC TESTING/ PROGRESS BOOK

Music testing grades are now being entered into progress book.

The student's final grade is based on:

- **Daily Practice & Performance** **40%**
- **Daily Participation Grades** **20%**
- **Testing Grades:**

Show Show	8%
Pregame	8%
Homecoming & Kimpton Night	8%
Senior Show	8%
Marching Grade	8%

Please remind your student to **attempt each piece of music**. An attempt is recorded as a 50% and will average much better than a 0%. Any piece of music not passed off or attempted receives a zero when grades are closed. Students may pass any piece of music for at least a 55% until **Thursday, October 18th**. All students have a yellow testing card with an accurate record of what has been attempted or passed. In the event a grade is missing in progress book, the yellow card will be proof that the student passed it off on time. If you have any questions about you child's grade please don't hesitate to email Mrs. Sandman (st_sandman@smfcsd.org) as she records all testing grades. Mrs. Grossi (st_kgrossi@smfcsd.org) records all Daily Practice & Performance (attendance) and Participation grades.

BAND HONORS POINTS

Band Honors Points are due this quarter on or before: Friday, October 12. Band Honors points are worth 10% of the students grade for the quarter and therefore would lower a students grade by one letter grade if not turned in or incomplete. Please refer to Honors Band Handbook for questions and criteria regarding Honors Band Points.

⇒ <http://smfband.org/smfhs/>

⇒ SMFHS BAND HONORS GUIDELINES 2018-19

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

There are three means that I will be providing information and communication to keep parents and students up to date on events, changes and reminders.

Website: <http://smfband.org> The website gives information regarding: Calendar, handbooks for procedures including Band Honors requirements. If you experience problems, spot an error or have suggestions, please contact Dave Stofka ~ webmaster@smfband.org ~

Email: If you are not receiving emails please update your information and you will be added to the email thread. <http://smfband.org/stuff/update-your-records/>

Remind Texts: Text @dawgband to 81010

Support the Band

~ STOW BAND SHOW ~

Stow will host our Annual Band Show on **Saturday, September 15th at 7pm.**



You can purchase tickets online prior to the event at:

<http://smfband.org/stowbandshow/>

Reserved Seating: SOLD OUT

General Admission: \$7

Students and Seniors: \$5

Tickets at the door will be available by cash purchase only.

Concession stand volunteers are still needed for the band show.

Please consider volunteering your time for the evening.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094facaf2fa3f49-20151>



We will also be selling Band Show T-Shirts this year! Shirts will be \$15 and can be purchased at the show with cash only. Quantities are limited.

~ Kimpton Night/Homecoming ~

Your help is needed to make this event a success!!

Kimpton Night is Friday, September 28th. For this event, the Kimpton and SMF High School students march together in the homecoming parade and the pregame show. Band parents always support this fabulous event by providing a dinner to all the students after the parade and before the football game. We are in need of several volunteers to help feed the 300+ students. We need volunteers to make cookies and donate listed items, cook the hot dogs, set up, serve, and tear down the event. We serve the kids in the hallway outside the band room. Set up begins at 4:00, we serve the students immediately after they march in the parade (approximately 5:30), and clean up is right after they are finished eating. All volunteers will have ample time to enjoy the homecoming activities and see the parade and game.

Cookie and donation drop off and Hot dog pick up are on **Thursday, September 28th** at a marked location in front of the band room before that evenings rehearsal begins.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094facaf2fa3f49-kimpton>

Support the Band



Spirit Wear



We have a few remaining items of maroon Marching Band spirit wear remaining. These will be available for purchase at the Home Football Games or you can email Jennifer at: jbiggs99@gmail.com if you would like to purchase them earlier.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are ahead in the next month! Please watch for information on ways to raise money for your students 2020 Disney Trip! Looking ahead to the upcoming mattress sale as well as the perfectly timed pie sale for Thanksgiving!!

DVD's

DVD's for this season are also in the works. Additional information on how to purchase will be sent out in the weeks to come. Stay tuned...

Band Parents...



You are such an important part of the band program. Volunteers are always needed through out the year. Please feel free to attend the monthly Band Boosters meetings and watch for Sign-Up Genius emails to see how you can get involved. <http://smfband.org/boosters/>



A small portion of every Amazon purchase you make goes to the band if you designate the Stow-Munroe Falls Band Parents Association as the charity of choice at <https://smile.amazon.com/>. To choose the band, either search by the name or by EIN 34-1599158. This is an easy way to generate some funds for the band while making purchases that you already intend to make. Please check it out!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Sam Biggs, of Boy Scout Troop 62, would like to thank all the Band Parents, Students, and community members that contributed baked goods, rummage sale items, time, and help for his Eagle Scout Project. Over \$2000 was raised to fund the upgrade of the band concession stand. Around 200 man hours were donated by many people for the manual labor of tearing out rotted plywood siding, and installing vinyl siding for the entire stand. A new door was also installed. This is a great contribution to the Band Parents, Band Members, and School. A big shout out to all who were involved!!!





Get Connected/Stay Informed



Receive Band Text Messages: All parents and students with a cell phone please subscribe to our REMIND service.
TEXT: @dawgband to 81010



Follow The "Bulldogband" on Remind @dawgband
Go to <https://www.remind.com/> or app on mobile device



BAND WEB SITE. <http://smfband.org/>

If you experience problems, spot an error or have suggestions, please contact Dave Stofka ~ webmaster@smfband.org ~



Subscribe to the Band Calendar on your phone or computer:

Please check the Calendar found on the webpage for up to date events. You can also subscribe to the various calendars on your computer and mobile phones. Go to <http://smfband.org/calendar/> and select which calendar you want updates from.

HELPFUL HINTS:

Forms & Info Available for Download: <http://smfband.org/>, select which school.

Student Transportation Forms: In the event your child can not ride the provided transportation to or from a performance, please fill out the transportation form found online and submit it to a director prior to the event. <http://smfband.org/smfhs/>



Check out the SMFHS BAND performances. Glenn Pace the Band Parents VP has created a **YouTube Channel** to view our band videos for the 2018 performances. If anyone else has a video to share let Glenn know and he will figure out how to get them out there. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsPXqpihkM6j7rSnMJ4uUSQ>



Stow Munroe Falls Band

SMF Band's Official Facebook Page! Please like the page to get up to date information on events/fundraisers/programs and volunteer requests.

<https://www.facebook.com/stowband>



Stow-MF Bulldog Band Parents

This is a closed group on facebook for band parents. To join this group you will be asked a few questions. This page was created to **share pictures**, have a little fun and get information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1757066771181892/>

Band Booster Officers



President	Joel Biggs
Vice President	Glenn Pace
Secretary	Kathy Ritchie
Treasurer	Brian McCombs
Asst. Treasurer	Melissa Bowers
Senior Rep	Sandy Flower
Junior Rep	Lee Thomas
Sophomore Rep	Tammy Lott
Freshman Rep	Arlene Leyba-Silva
Kimpton Rep	Michelle Brugmann

Committee Chairs: Please submit your information for the Nov/Dec Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **October 22nd**. Thank you!

***Get involved with the
Band Boosters!
Help us support the band and
the directors!***

Meetings are on the first Monday of the month during the school year at 7:30 pm in the High School Band Room.
<http://smfband.org/boosters/>

2018-2019 Band Officers

President	Julia Moxley
Vice President	Brian Walsh
Senior Representative	Wyatt Martin
Junior Representative	Madison Vestfals
Sophomore Representative	Allison Rudman
Freshman Representative	Ellie Ryan