

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter

A Special Note for 8th Grade Parents & Students:

8TH GRADE ORIENTATION:

The high school will sponsor the Freshman Orientation on **Thursday, February 7 @ 6:00** for all incoming freshmen. The band will have a booth set up. If you know someone who is moving into Stow, or planning to come to the High School from a Private or Parochial school, please encourage them to attend and stop by the booth for information about the high school band program!

FRESHMAN BAND ORIENTATION:

On **April 8th**, we will be presenting parents and students with information concerning all aspects of the high school band program. We are looking forward to a fantastic year. We are already in the planning stages for marching band 2019! We promise a fast paced, exciting year! Please plan on attending this important meeting at 7:00P.M. in the HS Auditorium. The meeting usually lasts about an hour. Parents and students will receive important information regarding band camp at this meeting!

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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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BAND CONCERT: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th @ 7:30!

Just a reminder!

All students should be taking instruments home to practice on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** unless other arrangements have been made with Mrs. Sandman. I check the instrument storage room at random times and hold the students' participation grade accountable. It is important that students practice at home to improve their skills on their music and to reinforce concepts taught in class.

Tri-C Downbeat Education Day for Jazz Band Students

The Kimpton Jazz Band will be participating in the Tri-C Downbeat Education Day this year! This is a fun-packed day full of our daytime performance and adjudication, attending workshops and clinics, and listening to other local jazz ensembles. The day will close with a very anticipated concert by the One O'Clock Jazz Band from the University of North Texas under the direction of Alan Baylock.

***When:** Tuesday April 9th, Specific Times TBA (all day /night)*

***Where:** Westlake High School*

***Concert:** One O'Clock Jazz Band @ 7:30 (also @ Westlake HS)*

Tickets: ***If parents would like to also attend this concert please use the following link to purchase tickets. There is no specific seating, but on a first come first serve basis. This will probably sell out so if you want tickets, order **ASAP!** (Our Jazz Band students do not need to purchase tickets)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-one-oclock-lab-band-from-the-university-of-north-texas-tickets-54986784954>

Specific information regarding performance time etc... will be coming home soon. The jazz band students should be practicing their music on a daily basis. This band is driven by hard working and self-motivated students with a desire to play jazz. I have expressed to them the work ethic involved for successful a performance. Keep working hard jazz band students!

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SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST:

Students will be receiving information regarding solo and ensemble contest. This is an optional event for students. Many students will be asked to perform in small group ensembles as well as perform solos. Students will perform their musical selection for a judge and get a performance rating as well as specific comments regarding their performance. Directors will choose the pieces for the individual ensembles.

It is important for parents and students to understand, once students have committed to perform in a group, they are required to prepare their music and perform with their group on April 13 at Stanton Middle School. School transportation will not be provided by the school district for this event. Carpooling is suggested.

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DAILY PRACTICE AND INSTRUMENT/MOUTHPIECE UPGRADING

For three to four years, your student has worked to develop their skills on a musical instrument. As they continue at middle school and look ahead to high school, now is a great time to consider purchasing a step-up instrument. There are several reasons to think about a new instrument. First, marching band is hard on instruments. The daily use in the elements can cause an instrument to show signs of wear much faster than when were just used in concert band. A new horn would allow your student to use their beginning instrument for marching band and their new step-up instrument for concert band.

Secondly, 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.

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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 utilize 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 middle school and high school level band music. In the case of clarinets, they are made from wood, producing a warmer, richer sound. Advanced level instruments feature handmade or near handmade construction and adjustment. Many intermediate instruments are very similar to advanced or professional models but have only minor cosmetic and/or slight structural differences.

The bottom line is, your child is no longer a beginner and they should not be playing on a beginning level instrument. Please feel free to visit the band website and investigate our instrument upgrade suggestions. Contact a director if you have specific questions.

As always, please do not hesitate to email if you have any questions in regard to your child's progress, instrument or equipment upgrading or anything pertaining to the band program.

Email: st_sandman@smfcsd.org

Musically yours,
Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

The winter band concert in December was a great success. We are extremely proud of the hard work that the students put in preparing for the concert. Students are now focused on our **next concert on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00.**

PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE TAPES:

Practice tapes are due February 8: Students, including Band Honors Students may use exemptions for this assignment.

Performance Tapes are due March 1: Students may use exemptions for this assignment, but may not use the same exemption from the Practice Tape.

**** BAND HONORS STUDENTS:**

Band Honors Points are due Friday, March 1. Please attach your completion sheet as the cover page to your work.

JAZZ IN JANUARY:

Congratulations jazz band students on a fantastic concert! Energies are focused on the **next concert on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00,** as well as other potential performances for the jazz band.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE:

Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held again this year at **Firestone High School on Saturday, February 16th.** Students are reminded that they must furnish their own transportation to and from this event. All performers must furnish the judge with a copy of their composition with the measures consecutively numbered. All soloists will have to perform scales from memory. Percussionists will perform rudiments. All scale & rudiment requirements are available in the application packets. Performance times will be available in hopefully this week.

LARGE GROUP CONTEST:

The Wind Ensemble and Maroon Band is preparing for Large Group Contest at **Firestone HS on Friday/Saturday March 15/16.** Students need to keep both dates available until they have been notified of the specific date.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

TAG DAY: May 4th

As the band begins to grow again, funding is always a concern. Each year the band parents support the band to a tune of over \$25,000. One of our major fundraisers is Tag Day. Tag Day will be held this year on **Saturday, May 4th from 9:30AM to 12:30PM.** **All students must attend.** This is a source of **MAJOR FUNDING** for the band program. In fact, last year we earned almost \$14,000 in 4 hours of work!. Band parents money purchases music, equipment, uniforms and many other items too numerous to mention. We need remind students that this is a mandatory obligation for the program. If your child can not be in attendance, please send in a note by April 12th. We hope to cover all routes this year.

American Celebration Concert with the Wind Ensemble:

The Wind Ensemble and Choir will present their annual American Celebration Concert on **Saturday, May 4th at 7:00PM** in the Auditorium. The concert is free. Please help us get the word out to the community. The concert will consist of music celebrating "Americans that have impacted History and Music," including several patriotic selections, honoring our troops. We hope you can join us for this special concert!

CONCERT DRESS:

Men: Black Button Down Shirts and Ties, Black Dress Pants (no jeans), Black Dress Socks and Black Shoes

Women: Black Shirts, or Blouses with sleeves, Black Dress Pants/Slacks or Floor Length Skirts. Yoga Pants, Leggings, and non floor length skirts are no longer permitted. If there is a problem please let us know and we can reissue a band pants to you. Black Socks or Hose (no Fishnet) Black Shoes.

As always we are available for any questions you may have. You can always contact us by e-mail.

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Calendar of EVENTS:

February 16	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Firestone HS
March 6	PreContest Concert:	7:00 PM
March 15-16	CONTEST: Wind & Maroon Bands	Firestone HS
April 8	Freshman Band Orientation	7:00 PM
	HS Auditorium	
May 1	Band Banquet:	6:30-9:00 PM
	HS Commons/Auditorium	
May 4	Tag Day	9:30AM-Noon
	American Celebration Concert:	7:00 PM
	Wind Ensemble Only	
May 13	Spring Band Concert	7:00 PM
TBA	Senior Recognition (Fr. Band)	7:00 PM
May 23	Graduation: Wind Ensemble	AM Practice &
		6:30 PM KSU
May 27	Memorial Day: Sym. Bands	9:30 AM Stow Cemetery
May 31	Marching Band Reading Session	3:00-5:30 PM
July 29 - Aug 2	Pre - Camp	6:00-9:00 PM
	SMFHS	
Aug 3	Packing Day	1:00-2:00 PM
Aug 4 - 9	Band Camp	All Week
	Edinboro University PA	

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, hand-books for procedures including Band Honors requirements.

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](https://www.remind101.com/) to 81010

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

GRADING SCALE:

BAND

40%

PERFORMANCES:

BAND HONORS

40%

Performances are major tests. An unexcused performance absence results in 100 points deducted from the final Performance Grade.

40%

REHEARSAL GRADES:

30%

You will receive 100 points per week, (on average 20 points per day). Absences & tardies may lead to portions of your grades that can not be made up. Having the correct materials is also part of this grade.

20%

TESTS:

20%

Including written, performance, & tape tests. & auditions.

5 BAND HONORS POINTS: 10%

Including Band Honors Students must submit a point completion form one week prior to the end of the grading period.

Grading Specifics:

PERFORMANCE

Attend Dressed Appropriately with all supplies
100 POINTS

REHEARSAL GRADES

CUT CLASS	-50
NO INSTRUMENT	-50
TARDY	-20
NO MUSIC	-20 to -50
CUT SECTIONAL	-20
NOT PREPARED	-15 to -50
UNEXCUSED REH.	-50
BEHAVIOR	-20 to -50
	Office Referral

Missing supplies or inappropriate dress, will result in loss of points at the decision of the directors.

Inst. or Music not taken home when prescribed -50

Unexcused Absence 0 POINTS

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

TAPE TESTS & PRACTICE TAPE INSTRUCTIONS:

Each quarter you must complete 2 recordings of yourself playing selected music.

** 1 recording must be practice sessions of at least 15 minutes and*

** 1 "performance" recording with all tunes on the upcoming concert.*

Performance tapes will be graded on musical accuracy and are counted as twice the weight of a practice tape. You may complete a "Exemption form" to take the place of the performance or practice tapes. Forms are due at exact times.

- ♦ **Forms may be downloaded from the band webpage.**
- ♦ **For this nine weeks, your audition score will satisfy your PERFORMANCE RECORDING.**

TAPE TEST/PRACTICE TAPE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Recordings may be submitted in the following formats: Flash drives, SD cards, CD's or e-mailed mp3's.
2. Tapes must be turned in by midnight on the day due for full credit or the following Monday for 1/2 credit.
3. At the beginning of the recording, state your name confidently and clearly.
4. **Practice Tapes** must be a minimum of 15 minutes. You should drill specific areas in your music focusing on: Rhythm, Articulation, Note Accuracy, Dynamics and Intonation.
5. **Performance Tapes** will be a recording of an entire selection or selections that will be performed at the next concert. There is no "going back or fixing" This tape will be graded on accuracy. You will want to submit your most quality work.
6. It is your responsibility to check the recording before it is turned in to make sure it recorded correctly. If it is turned in with nothing recorded, credit will not be awarded.

******* BAND HONORS STUDENTS MUST STILL DO PRACTICE OR PERFORMANCE RECORDINGS. STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE TO SUBMIT AN EXEMPTION FORM BUT THE EXEMPTION CAN NOT BE USED FOR BOTH RECORDING AND HONORS CREDIT. *******

For example you can not count LESSONS as both your Exemption AND Band

Support the Band



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!



Band Parent's...

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/>

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



2019 OMEA



Our own Julia Moxley had the honor of being principal trumpet at the OMEA All State Honors Band. Congratulations Julia and thank you for representing the Stow-Munroe Falls music program!

Get Connected/Stay Informed



Follow The Band On Remind @ bulldogband

Go to <https://www.remind.com/> or app on mobile device



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



BAND WEB SITE. <http://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/smfh/>



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 April/May Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **March 24th**. 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