

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



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KIMPTON NEWS

Congratulations to all students on a fantastic and memorable Kimpton Night Band performance!

I am extremely proud of the students' accomplishments. Their hard work and dedication to excellence was seen during the parade and the pregame performance! It was truly amazing to watch 450 students marching in the parade and it was an honor to conduct these students during pregame. **NICE JOB!**

I would also like to thank Angelique Kline for organizing and arranging the hot dog dinner for the students. Thank you to all the parents who baked cookies there were certainly plenty to go around. This evening would not have gone as smoothly without your support and help. **THANK YOU!**

CHAIR PLACEMENT AUDITIONS AND WINTER CONCERT

Auditions for chair placement are now complete. In regard to auditions, there **may** be one round of challenges after our December concert. Students who are not pleased with their chair placement have the opportunity to move up the section by playing a piece of music better than the person who is in front of them. Students will be made aware of their challenge piece one week in advance of their challenge. Students will play one on one with a director or a recorder. The chair placement test was the students playing grade for the first nine weeks.

All energies are now focused towards our first concert performance of the year,

Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 PM in the Kimpton Gym.

As usual, **ALL CONCERTS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS.** Per the handbook, **ALL** students will be wearing **black bottoms and black tops, boys with ties.** The jazz band will **NOT** be performing at this concert. Students will be bringing home specific information regarding arrival time, duties, etc... for this concert before Thanksgiving.

DAILY PRACTICE AND INSTRUMENT/MOUTHPIECE UPGRADING

All students should be taking their instruments home to practice on Monday, Wednesday and Friday unless other arrangements have been made with Mrs. Sandman. Participation points will be taken from the student grades if instruments are left in the storage room on these days. Students should practice at least 20 minutes a day 5 days a week. It is important that students practice at home to improve their skills, and to improve the music that we are preparing for the concert.

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.

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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. 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 at smfband.org and investigate our instrument upgrade suggestions. Contact a director if you have specific questions.

JAZZ BAND

Students who play trumpet, trombone or saxophone have received information regarding jazz band if their chair placement audition met the necessary criteria. Rhythm section auditions occurred on Monday, October 28th after school. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th from 2:50 to 4:15.

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. Students who have agreed to switch to a color instrument have been receiving a private or group lesson with a director with a goal of a smooth transition back into concert band.

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 soon.

Musically,

Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations and Thank You!

Students, thank you for your hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank the senior class and squad/section leaders for your leadership and attitude. Special thanks are given to our band officers and reps: **Suzie Lee, Will Boggs, Madison Vestfals, Paige Schrickel, Zach Duffy and Nolan Miller** for helping plan many of the events his year.

Our season was also successful due to the support of parents. Thank you for getting students to practices and performances on time, taking time to chaperone, working in the concession stand, watching over uniforms, assisting with fundraisers or just being there at the football games, practices and band shows.

Special thanks is given to all the committee chairpersons and especially our chaperone chairman: **Lee Thomas**. Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues: **Mrs. Sandman, Mrs. Grossi, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Campagna**.

Congratulations to all on a fine job at the Marching Band Concert. Our marching band awards were as follows.....The outstanding section award was decided by the directors and was based on testing scores, marching, attitude and performance. The Baritone section was named the outstanding section this year. The Larry May Most Inspirational Bandsman Award went to seniors **Suzie Lee and Katie Lowry**.

Again, congratulations to ALL on a great season!



BROWNS GAME HALFTIME PERFORMANCE!

We are not quite finished with marching band yet! The Browns game performance is **Sunday, November 24!**

Tubas/Percussion/ T. Sax 11:00

Inspection/attendance 11:20

Departure 11:30

After the game we will be turning uniforms in for cleaning and repairs to get ready for the Disney Trip! We will also be inventorying marching band instruments for repairs to get ready for Disney also...Percussion, tubas, tenor sax, baritone and mellophones will have their instrument inspected by a director after uniform is returned and before leaving!

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

ABOUT THE CONCERT BANDS

With auditions completed students have been placed into one of four bands based on grade and/or ability level. Challenges within and between bands have been scheduled and will take place at regular intervals this year. Students are reminded that they should arrive to band on time. Tardiness will count against the daily practice and performance grade. During the concert band season it is expected that instruments and music go home every weekend.

Students received the following information on the first day of concert band:

GENERAL ITEMS:

- * If you need to use the restroom, go before you come to the band room, but tardies will be counted.
- * Bring your instrument & case into the rehearsal room.
- * Books and/or homework are not permitted in the band setup at any time. Cell phones should be used for tuning only.
- * FOOD or DRINK is not permitted in the music area or auditorium at any time.
- * You must take care of your folders & music. Most are not "copies." Replacement cost of each piece (\$2-\$10)

STORAGE ROOM:

- *Everyone has a storage slot. Please use the one that has been assigned to you.
- * INSTRUMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN CLOSED & LATCHED CASES IN YOUR SLOT.

PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS:

- * Instruments & Music should go home each MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY for practice.

GRADING SCALE:

BAND		BAND HONORS
40%	PERFORMANCES:	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 & tardiness 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%
Band Honors Students must submit a point completion form one week prior to the end of the grading period		

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Grading Specifics:

PERFORMANCE	REHEARSAL GRADES			
Attend Dressed Appropriately with all supplies 100 POINTS	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.				
Unexcused Absence o				

Inst. or Music not taken -50
home when prescribed

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.

TAPE TESTS & PRACTICE TAPE:

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.

Click Here: [SMFHS Band Practice / Performance Tape Exemption Form](#)

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.

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******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 Honor points. ****

POST MARCHING BAND PARTY AT LIFE CENTER PLUS:

This year the band is again sponsoring a party at Life Center Plus on Saturday evening, November 9 from 7-11 PM. All high school band members are encouraged to attend. This is a band members only party. Students not involved in the band program are not permitted to attend. Cost is \$3.00 per student and is used to cover facility rental and food. Students should pay their class reps by November 9th. No \$\$ will be accepted at the door.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST:

Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held again this year at Firestone High School on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Any students who are interested in performing in an ensemble or as a soloist should see their director before break. Any student may participate in an ensemble, but only students who are taking private lessons may perform a solo. All solos and ensembles must be taken from the OMEA Contest list. Our band library contains many ensembles so please see your director if you are interested. Cost for S&E Contest is as follows: Solos....\$18.00, Ensemble....\$23.00. All fees should be played by check, made payable to **STOW-MUNROE FALLS BAND PARENTS**. Application forms will be available as soon and the deadline for turning everything in will be **Friday, December 20th!**



Calendar of Events:

November 9	Life Center + MB party	6:30 PM - 11:30 PM
November 24	Browns Game Performance	1:00PM
December 12	HS Band Concert	7:00 PM
December 20	Solo and Ensemble forms \$\$ due	3:00 PM
January 15	Jazz in January Concert	7:00PM
January 25	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Firestone HS
March 3	PreContest Concert:	7:00 PM
March 5 & 12	Florida Trip Practice	6:00-8:00
March 13-14	CONTEST: Wind & Gold Bands	TBA
March 20-25	Florida Trip	
April 29	Band Banquet: HS Commons/Auditorium	6:30-9:00 PM
May 2	Tag Day 9:30AM-12PM; American Celebration Concert:	Wind Ensemble 7PM
May 12	Spring Band Concert	7:00PM
May 21	Graduation: Wind Ensemble AM Practice &	6:30PM KSU
May 25	Memorial Day: Symphonic Bands	9:30AM Stow Cemetery
June 1	Marching Band Reading Session	3:00-5:30PM

Support the Band



~THANK YOU'S~



Concession Stands

Thank you to all who volunteered in concessions this year! Special shout out to Jason Flatt and Maggie Hijazi.

Thank you both for your help and support this year.

Stow Band Show

A special thanks to the nearly 100 parents that volunteered to make our Stow Band Show a success!

We couldn't have done it without you!



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/>

Fundraisers

Please watch for information on when to pick up your pies from the pie sale. Just in time for Thanksgiving!!



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



Stow Munroe Falls Band Patron

By becoming a **STOW-MUNROE FALLS BAND PATRON**, you can help ensure the continued success of our program, and let our community know you support our band! Go to our website to find out more!

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

A BIG thank you to our current Patrons!!

Please consider joining our current patrons with your sponsorship level of choice...

Piano

Forte Lee Family, Lisa Cogdeill, Dave Stofka, Glenn and Kristy Pace, Falls Mediterranean Food Mart & Grill

Fortissimo

Maestro

Virtuoso Toppin Insurance, Sta-Warm Electric Company - Brian Borthwick, Blasko & Cummins Insurance Services, Stow-Munroe Fall Alumni Band, Double Dog Day Care, Maria Grimm Realtor - Russell Real Estate Services, Dave and Sandy Christman

There is room for you here! Please spread the word if you, someone you know or a business would like to become one of our patrons.
The support is always appreciated!

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/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	Melissa Bowers
Asst. Treasurer	Dan Marzec
Senior Rep	Lee Thomas
Junior Rep	Tammy Lott
Sophomore Rep	Dave Stofka
Freshman Rep	Michelle Brugmann
Kimpton Rep	Sally Phillips

Committee Chairs: Please submit your information for the Nov/Dec Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **December 20th.** 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/>

2019-2020 Band Officers

President	Suzie Lee
Vice President	Will Boggs
Senior Representative	Madison Vestfals
Junior Representative	Paige Schrickel
Sophomore Representative	Zach Duffy
Freshman Representative	Nolan Miller