Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



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MEET OUR BAND DIRECTORS'

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KIMPTON NEWS

BAND CONCERT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th @ 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.

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 and have the opportunity to 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.

*Students chosen for ensembles must be available before school, after school, or during WIN time to work with their group and receive extra director help.

*Anyone wishing to perform a solo must have a private instructor who holds a degree on their specific instrument to ensure quality preparation. Now is a great time to get involved in private lessons! Please e-mail Mrs. Sandman if you are looking for a quality private instructor.

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 18 at Stanton Middle School. School transportation will not be provided by the school district for this event. Carpooling is suggested.

Music in the Parks for Jazz Band Students

On Saturday May 9, The Kimpton Jazz Band will be participating in an adjudicated performance at McCormick Junior High School followed by day at Cedar Point Amusement Park! 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!

FRESHMAN BAND ORIENTATION

On April 6th, we will be presenting you with information concerning all aspects of the high school program. We are looking forward to a fantastic year. In fact, we are already in deep planning for marching band 2020! 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!

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

KIMPTON NEWS

Incoming Freshman

A Special Note for 8th Grade Parents & Students

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8TH GRADE ORIENTATION - PARENT PREVIEW NIGHT

The high school sponsored Freshman Orientation on Thursday, February 6th for all incoming freshmen and the band had 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 reach out for information about the high school band program!

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Concert

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 **Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00pm.**

PERFORMANCE TAPES AND BAND HONORS POINTS

- <u>Performance Tapes</u> are due *Friday, February 28th*. Students may use exemptions for this assignment, but may not use the same exemption from the Practice Tape.
- <u>Band Honors Points</u> are due *Friday, March 6th.* Band Honors Students, please attach your completion sheet as the cover page to your work.

JAZZ IN JANUARY

Congratulations jazz band students on a fantastic concert! Great job to Jazz 1 on their final performance at BluJazz.

More JAZZ to come ...

Saturday, February 29th at 1:00 pm

Our Jazz 2 is playing @ Jilly's music room in Akron to benefit the Akron Food Bank. This concert will be in tandem with Hudson High School's Jazz 2. Concert is free and open to the public.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to Solo and Ensemble Contest students that was held again this year at Firestone High School on Saturday, January 25.

LARGE GROUP CONTEST

The Wind Ensemble and Maroon Band is preparing for Large Group Contest at Lakeview HS in Cortland, OH on Friday, March 13. Specific details will be coming home soon!

Florida Trip



Disney bound for some fun in the sun



Please see the dates below and mark your calendars in preparation for our Florida trip. There will be a parent/student meeting after the March 12th rehearsal in the auditorium.

March 5 Florida Trip rehearsal 6-8 pm

& uniform reissue

March 12 Florida Trip rehearsal 6-8 pm

& meeting

March 19 Florida packing night

March 20-25 Florida Trip

Parents and students will be getting a Florida specific email from me on Friday 2/14/20 which will include:

- Give students (photocopy) tickets during band take pic immediately!
- Email: Itinerary, Workshop breakdown, Fast Pass instructions
- Packing info
- Med turn-in times



FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

TAG DAY — May 2nd

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 on <u>Saturday, May 2 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM</u>
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 parents and students that <u>all students must attend</u> as this is a <u>mandatory obligation for the program</u>. If your child can not be in attendance, please send in a note by April 17th. We hope to cover all routes this year.



American Celebration Concert with the Wind Ensemble

The evening of Tag Day the Wind Ensemble and Choir will present their annual **American Celebration Concert 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 the music of "Disney" including several patriotic selections, honoring our troops. We hope you can join us for this special concert!

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



Calendar of Events:

March 3PreContest Concert7:00PMMarch 5Florida Trip rehearsal6-8PM HS

& uniform reissue

March 12 Florida Trip rehearsal 6-8PM HS

& meeting

March 13 District Band Contest: Lakeview HS-Cortland

(Wind Ensemble only)

March 19 Florida packing night

March 20-25 Florida Trip

April 6 Freshman Band Orientation 7:00 HS Auditorium

April 29 Band Banquet: 6:30 SMFHS
May 2 Tag Day 9:30AM-12:30

American Celebration Concert 7:00PM

(Wind Ensemble & Choir)

May 12 Spring Band Concert 7:00PM

May 21 Graduation: Wind Ens. AM Practice &

6:30PM KSU

May 25 Memorial Day: Sym. Bands 9:30AM

Stow Cemetery

June 1 Marching Band Reading Session 3:00-5:30 PM

July 27-31PreCamp (not confirmed)6-9pm SMFHSAugust 1Packing Day (not confirmed)1-2pm SMFHS

August 2-7 Band Camp (not confirmed)

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Support the Band



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/

Executive Board



We are in need of parents to volunteer to serve on the Band Parents Executive Board for the 2020-2021 school year. Positions include President, VP, Secretary, Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Kimpton Class Representatives. If you are interested in serving in this great organization please contact: Lee Thomas wleethomas@yahoo.com

Shop and Earn



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 on the band's **YouTube Channel** to view our band performances. If anyone else has a video to share let Glenn Pace our Band Parent VP 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 Lee Thomas Senior Rep **Junior Rep Tammy Lott** Sophomore Rep **Dave Stofka**

Freshman Rep Michelle Brugmann Kimpton Rep Sally Phillips

<u>Committee Chairs:</u> Please submit your information for the Nov/Dec Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at <u>mbrugmann23@gmail.com</u> by **March 31st.** 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