

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter

2020

SMFHS MARCHING BAND

Love through the Decades



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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

...Or WELCOME to Kimpton! I am so looking forward to working with your child, and sharing in their musical maturity this year!

Beginning of the year paperwork

In addition to a new music folder and music, all students will bring home to share with parents the Kimpton Handbook packet. This contains crucial information, including concert dates, as well as guidelines for the success of all Kimpton band students for the year. They will also receive information about purchasing a flip folder and lyre. Please take time to review this material with your child and turn in the Google Classroom Handbook acknowledgment assignment.

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. Many private lesson teachers are also offering virtual lessons as an option.

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Covid-19 and Band FAQs

Is Playing a Wind Instrument Safe Right Now?

We too, have had these thoughts, concerns, and conversations since March. However, we are fortunate to have several universities complete studies that have helped answer this question. The University of Colorado continues to do the most research on this. You can watch their lengthy videos online that go into further detail. For a quick reference, this video does a great job of showing the aerosol trajectory and low risk of playing an instrument: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsLHFwtpABU>

How close will my student be sitting from another student during band class?

As we all know, 6 feet is the recommended distance. In our hybrid plan, we will be able to have band classes with between 6-8 feet spacing to provide even more safety.



How do students keep their instrument clean?

This is no different than any other year. It is important to practice good maintenance and routine cleanings on your instrument. Each year, we show students the proper way to swab out and clean their instrument. However, it is more important than ever to make sure your student has the following:

Cleaning swab for for all woodwind instruments



Cleaning rod for flute players



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KIMPTON NEWS

Covid-19 and Band FAQs cont...

All students will need to purchase and carry in their case sterilol, magic mist, or mint-t-mist for daily mouthpiece cleaning. All of these items can be purchased at any local music store (Central Instrument Company, Woodsys, Soundboard, Front Street Music, etc.) or online.



In order to keep percussion safe, percussion students will be required to use their own mallets and drumsticks for all instruments. Here is a link for two great options.

<https://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/stick-pack/stick-mallet-pack>

<https://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/vic-firth-ep2-stick-pack/stick-mallet-pack>

What about wearing a mask?

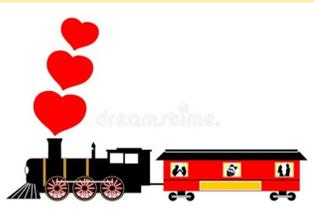
All students will wear a mask at all times unless playing. Percussion will wear a mask throughout the class time. The requirement and procedure is to pull the mask up and down immediately before and after playing. As seen in the video above, little to no air is released through the instrument. This is with the exception of flute players. Flute players will need to purchase a flute shield. Our high school students have used these throughout marching band season this summer and they are very effective and affordable. These can be purchased at the following website: www.fluteairshield.com.

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 a great year.

Musically,
Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

FULL STEAM AHEAD!



We are off to a great start. Students have done a great job completing daily Health Assessments, wearing masks, hand sanitizing and being thoughtful about social distancing. Continuing to do these tasks truthfully and habitually, will allow us to continue to do the things that we love to do!

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.



I would like to take an opportunity to thank the team of parents that have helped make beginning of marching band season successful. These people and their team of volunteers are extremely important to the bands success.

- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Biggs and band camp chaperones
- ◆ Mrs. Lamancusa, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Sheline & everyone who volunteered during uniform fittings
- ◆ Mrs. Bowers, managing band camp payments and band financial affairs
- ◆ Mrs. Dougherty and Mr. Stofka Tag Day
- ◆ Mr. Pace for his work in the band room

• TAG DAY

THANK YOU for getting the word out and making Virtual Tag Day 2020 a huge success! To date, we have raised a little under \$11,000 for our band students!



FOOTBALL GAMES/PERFORMANCES

Based on the governor's order and OHSSA, the band will be permitted to attend and perform at home games this season. Students will perform pregame and perform a 10 minute half-time performance. Students will be seated in the band and student section stands with masks to provide proper social distancing and stay for the duration of the game. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase 2 tickets for their family for each game. More information will be coming out soon!



STOW BAND SHOW - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Our band show/concert will be held in the stadium on Saturday, September 19th at 7:00PM. More information will be coming out soon regarding the format.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

MUSIC TESTING/ PROGRESS BOOK:

As school begins, students' testing grades will be entered into Progress Book.

The student's final grade is based on:

- **Daily Practice & Performance** 40% (Band Honors 30% this category & 10% Band Honors points)
- **Participation** 20%
- **Testing Grades:**
 - Pregame 10%
 - Show Show 10%
 - Time Outs, HOCO 10%
 - Marching Grade 10% (Gold Plan—non-marching will be exempt—can not earn nor lose points here)

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 15th**. 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. I am in the process of updating the testing schedule based on our performances. Your student will have that information before our first performance.

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) Participation grades and manages Health Assessments

BAND HONORS POINTS

Band Honors Points are due this quarter on or before: **Friday, October 9th**.

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.

Band Honors Guidelines

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.

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

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REMINDER OF UPCOMING BAND PERFORMANCES

- Friday, September 4th — Home Game verses Wadsworth
- Friday, September 11th — Home Game verses Highland
- Saturday, September 19th — Stow Band Show/Concert @ 7pm in the Stadium
- Friday, September 25th — Home Game verses Brecksville Broadview Heights

Check the SMF Band Calendar for current updates and possible playoff game dates.
<http://smfband.org/calendar/>

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

2020 SMF BAND SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!

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THROUGH THE DECADES
1958 - 1978 - 1988 - 1998 - 2008

T-SHIRT LONG-SLEEVE TEE CREW HOODIE

**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY!
NOW THRU SEPT. 5**
SMFBAND.ORG/SPIRITWEAR

Spirit wear is available for purchase! Only online orders will be accepted this year. See all the amazing options and place your order at <http://smfband.org/spiritwear/>. If you have any questions regarding spirit wear, contact Jennifer Biggs at jbiggs99@gmail.com

Band Camp Report

Band Camp this year was a wonderful experience. The students and directors worked very hard. Camp this year was unlike any other year. Masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and many more. It was an emotional experience watching them make music together again. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that band camp a success. Thank you to the directors that work tirelessly to make the program what it is. Our students are blessed to have people that care so much about them.

We look forward to Marching Band Season 2020!

Support the Band

FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY—SEPT 9th



**The Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters
Presents:
Pizza Night with
Master Pizza of Stow!**

The Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters have partnered with Master Pizza. On **Date to be determined** Master Pizza will generously donate 15% of qualifying sales from 4pm-8pm to The Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters. Whether you choose carry-out or get delivery please mention The Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters when you order!

**This is the tastiest fundraiser your group will ever do!
Promote and earn money for your group!**

- *Tell everyone to order on your Pizza Day and 15% of the sale will go to your group!
- *Promote your Pizza Day on Facebook, Twitter and all other social media!
- *Don't forget to mention The Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters when ordering

-15% donation is valid on all Pick Up and Delivery orders

**Master Pizza Stow
4437 Kent Rd (In the Acme Plaza)
234-815-1100
www.masterpizza.com**



Make a Difference



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/>

Current Opportunities:

We are in need of some parents to volunteer as Committee Chairpersons for the following positions. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Joel Biggs at jbiggs99@gmail.com

- **50/50 Raffle:**
 - Sell tickets for the 50/50 raffle at band events at Lakeview, Kimpton and the high school.
 - Time commitment: 2 hours per event
 - Dates of service: school year

- **Ways and Means:**
 - Identify and oversee fundraising activities for the band and student accounts.
 - Time commitment: 20-30 hours per school year
 - Dates of service: All year



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 Megan Shumaker and Joseph Balko

Forte Julie and Joe Petrecca

Fortissimo

Maestro

Virtuoso

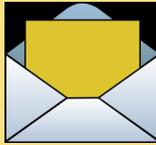
There is room for you here!
Please spread the word if you, someone you know or a
business would like to become one of our patrons.
The support is always appreciated!

Get Connected/Stay Informed



Follow The Band On Remind under Bulldogband

Go to <https://www.remind.com/> or app on mobile device and search *@dawgband*.



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 videos from the performances. If anyone else has a video or photos 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
Class Rep's	Tammy Lott, Dave Stofka, 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 **October 23rd**. 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/>*

2020-2021 Band Officers

President	Tyler Rice
Vice President	Spring Biggs
Senior Representative	Paige Schrickel
Junior Representative	Ellie Ryan
Sophomore Representative	Nolan Miller
Freshman Representative	Hayden Storey