

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



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MEET OUR BAND DIRECTORS'
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KIMPTON NEWS



FRESHMAN BAND ORIENTATION FOLLOW UP

It was a pleasure seeing so many students and parents in person or via Zoom at the Freshmen Orientation on April 12. Please feel free to reach out with any questions pertaining to the band program at the high school. Your child is going to love it next year!

Please also remember to sign up for the REMIND text and update any contact information through the website so you can be well informed of all events.

- <http://smfband.org/smfhs/>
- Text @dawgband to 81010

TAG DAY

Please take note of our “Virtual Tag Day Campaign” May 1-7th.

We will make QR codes available for you to invite friends or family to make monetary donations. These donations assist in band purchases such as new instruments, music, and so much more. Your contributions are appreciated for the continued success of our strong band program, allowing it to continue to thrive!

JAZZ BAND CONCERT

Congratulations to all jazz bands for a great Evening of Jazz on March 18th. This was our final concert of the year! Thank you, students and parents, for a great season of Jazz. Your hard work paid off!

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FINAL BAND CONCERT AND EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS

MONDAY, MAY 3rd

I am so happy to announce that we have approval for our final concert with a limited audience! Students will be permitted to have 1 audience member. As usual for this year, the concert will still be recorded and sent home at a later time so other family members can watch and enjoy.

In preparation, we will have 2 rehearsals that will include Gold students who are participating in the concert. *Please note times for rehearsals and concerts are different for 7th and 8th grades:

7th GRADE

- Wednesday, April 21st - 1:00-2:00 –REHEARSAL
- Wednesday, April 28th - 1:00-2:00 –REHEARSAL
- Bring Chromebooks if you have a 7th period zoom that you need to attend
- Monday May 3rd - 5:15- ARRIVAL in Concert Dress, 5:30-CONCERT

8th GRADE

- Wednesday, April 21st - 2:45-3:45
- Wednesday, April 28th - 2:45-3:45
- Monday, May 3rd - 6:30- ARRIVAL in Concert Dress, 6:45-CONCERT

FINAL EXAM GRADING

After our concert, all students will be playing their scales for their final exam grade. These are scales that we have worked on daily for the whole school year. The 7th graders will be playing their Major Scales for the exam. Results from this grading will also determine their chair placement when they return next year as 8th graders. The 8th graders will be playing their Minor Scales for the exam. This will only count as their exam grade as they will be moving on to the high school next year!

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MARCHING BAND READING SESSION

(8TH GRADE ONLY)

Thursday, May 27th

We are planning on having a reading session which involves 8th grade band students combined with the high school band members to “sight-read” through the Marching Band music for the 2021 Football Season. This will start at 3:00 p.m. and pick up is at 5:00 p.m. Please look for more information and details over the next couple of weeks.

EIGHTH GRADE/FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Toward the end of May, we will make marching band instruments available to horns, baritones, tenor sax, tuba and percussionists. All school owned Kimpton instruments will be cleaned and checked in for inventory purposes.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS!



JAZZ BAND STUDENTS!

CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful jazz band concert with Bobby Selvaggio!
Thank you for a wonderful jazz band season!

ATTENTION AND GREETINGS KIMPTON EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS!

For the past two years you may have likely skipped through this section. Thank you for attending in person or Zoom to the Freshman Band Orientation Meeting. Moving forward, it will be important to pay close attention to this part of the newsletter, as many items may pertain to you and your students' direct participation in band.

TAG DAY

One of our biggest fund raisers of the year is Tag Day. Funds that we receive are needed to put the band on the right step as we begin the 2021-22 season. Due to the lingering pandemic, Tag Day will be VIRTUAL again this year. Tag Day will be held from May 1-7. More info will be coming out in separate communications.

WIND ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AMERICAN CELEBRATION CONCERT

The Wind Ensemble AND Choirs will be performing a special community concert "An American Celebration - Salute to American composer Aaron Copland on Saturday evening, **May 1st, at 7:00 P.M** in the High School Auditorium. Parents of performing students may attend only. We are hoping to send a link to the livestream in a separate communication.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

BAND BANQUET AND AWARDS

The Band Banquet will be held on **Wednesday, May 5th @ 6:30 PM** in the HS Commons for SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ONLY! SENIOR PARENTS, make sure you complete and submit the form here by April 30. Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors, please join the Zoom at 7:30 for the awards portion of the evening using the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/94475167428>. The Freshman B.A.N.D Award, Jerry Busby Sophomore Awards will be announced. All Juniors will be announced and receive their letter and all Seniors will be announced. Recipients of the Woody Herman, Louie Armstrong, Semper Fi, Patrick Gilmore and John Phillip Sousa Awards will be announced!

SPRING BAND CONCERT EVENING REHEARSALS

- ◇ Freshman Band: April 29 & May 10 7:30-9:00PM
- ◇ Gold Band: April 29 (Senior MB instrument turn-in before) & May 10 5:30-7:00 PM
- ◇ Maroon Band: April 28 (Senior MB instrument turn-in before) & May 4 5:30-7:00 PM
- ◇ Wind Ensemble: April 28 (Senior MB instrument turn-in before) & May 4 7:30-9:00PM

SPRING BAND CONCERT

The Spring Band Concert promises to be an excellent event with all four bands performing a wide variety of music from Broadway and movie themes to contemporary selections on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:00PM. Black concert dress will be worn except for seniors who should dress in semi-formal/formal attire. Two audience members per student, for the ensemble their student participates, may attend. Same guidelines as the March concert.

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| ◇ Freshman Band: | Arrive 5:00 | Perform 5:30 |
| ◇ Maroon Band: | Arrive 6:00 | Perform 6:30 |
| ◇ Gold Band: | Arrive 7:00 | Perform 7:30 |
| ◇ Wind Ensemble: | Arrive 8:00 | Perform 8:30 |

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL END OF THE YEAR COMMITMENTS

The Symphonic Bands (both Gold and Maroon bands) will be performing for Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Stow Cemetery on Monday, May 31st. More information will be coming out soon from Mrs Grossi.

SENIOR FINAL CHECKOUT

All seniors must formally check out with Mr Newman on Wednesday, May 12. On this day students must return any school owned instrument, clean their storage slots, return any music, & pay any band fees or fines still outstanding. At this time, students will also be given options for disbursement of their remaining band account funds. Three options are available: * Give to a sibling (This is automatic where there is a sibling in current grades 5-11) * Donate remainder to another band student. * Donate to a specific fund: * Trips (for students who need assistance with band camp) * Uniform Fund * Band Parents General Fund

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCHING BAND 2021

SECTION LEADER SELECTION:

Section Leaders are appointed based on their high chair placement, grade and seniority in a band. The concept of the total sound of the SMFHS Band is developed through communication between the section leaders and the band directors. Section leaders will be selected first. Each section leader is also a Squad Leader and must complete the Google Form for Squad Leader.

SQUAD LEADER SELECTION

(Google Form Application available May 3, due May 21)

Squad Leaders are upperclassmen, selected by the directors, and are directly responsible for both the playing and marching precision of their “squadlings.” Students interested in becoming a squad leader must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior and demonstrate good attitude, leadership and knowledge of marching band techniques. A written statement will be required when applying for a squad leader position.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT CONDUCTOR SELECTION

(Audition music will be available on Monday, May 3rd)

Auditions will take place on May 14th @ 2:30PM in the band room.

Student Conductors: may be used again this year to help lead the band. Student Conductors must be upperclassmen (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors), and will be chosen based on conducting ability, leadership and attitude. Candidates must complete a conducting audition. The student's testing record, personality, dedication and drive will be taken into account as well. Please reach out to Mr. Newman if you are interested. Students selected as Student Conductors will still march & perform pregame at football games. They will be responsible for learning and testing all music and will play in the stands during football games.

MB PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

(Audition music will be available on Monday, May 3rd)

Marching Percussion Auditions are mandatory to determine placement on one of the marching percussion instrument. All percussionists must audition to be placed on an instrument.

The following distributions will be used:

9 Snare Drums, 5 Quints, 6 Bass Drums and 6-9 Cymbals.

The audition will include a snare drum selection. Students auditioning for quints will need to play a quint audition piece. Students will sign up for an audition time.

The following schedule will be used:

- ◇ Current Kimpton 8th Graders: May 14th, Audition during band period
- ◇ Current HS Students: May 14th, All Day until 4:00 PM

MARCHING BAND PICCOLO AUDITIONS

(Audition music will be available on Monday, May 3rd)

Auditions for piccolos will take place on Friday, May 14th

Students should see Mrs. Sandman or Mrs Grossi to schedule a time.

Kimpton Students will audition during their band time on Friday, May 14.

Students will receive audition music on Monday, May 3rd.

Students who played piccolo in marching band this year do not need to audition.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

VOTING ON 2021-2022 BAND OFFICERS

All students will be voting May 24-26 via Google Form through Google Classroom. Students who wish to apply for an office will need to complete the Google Intent Form (Available May 3 in Google Classroom). He or She will need to secure the signatures of 10 students in order to be placed in the voting pool. The highest number of votes will be the President, runner up-Vice President. Election of class representatives will take place using the same format. Freshman Representative will be chosen based on the Directors Award, presented at the Kimpton Concert on Monday, May 3.

The following offices are available:

- ◇ Band President (senior)
- ◇ Band Vice President (senior)
- ◇ Senior Representative
- ◇ Junior Representative
- ◇ Sophomore Representative

MARCHING BAND READING SESSION

The Marching Band Reading Session will be held on **Thursday, May 27 from 3:00-5:00PM** in the HS Auditorium. All music for the 2021 season will be given out at this time. Freshman will report to the KP band room at the end of the school day and will be bussed to the HS! Freshman, please remember your instrument and take all of your belongings from KP before you leave, as you will not be returning!

PRE CAMP & BAND CAMP

Pre-camp will take place from **July 26-30th**. This year band camp will take place at the high school from **August 1-6th**. There will be a small fee (\$65-\$85) which will include uniform user fee, lunches during band camp week and camp staff. More information will be coming home in June.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT YEARS SHOW!

Hits That Started the 80's:



- Call Me
- Open Arms
- Party Train
- You Shook Me All Night Long
- You Dropped a Bomb on Me
- Turn Your Love Around
- Best of Times



NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?

If any info has changed, please update info [here](#).
If you have other questions, email Mr. Newman [here](#).

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



⇒ May 1	Tag Day	Virtual
	American Celebration Concert: Wind Ensemble	7:00PM
⇒ May 5	Band Banquet: SMFHS	6:30PM
⇒ May 11	Spring Band Concert	7:00PM
⇒ May 27	Marching Band Reading Session	3:00-5:00PM
⇒ July 26-30	PreCamp SMFHS	6:00-9:00PM
⇒ August 1-6	Band Camp	TBA
⇒ March 25-30 (2022)	Band to Florida! (Tentative)	

**** Note - possible staggered report time changes could occur if concerts need to be live streamed or recorded. Please watch your band updates for more detailed information.**

Remember to check the SMF Band Calendar for current updates.

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

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/tools/update-your-records/>

Remind Texts: Text @dawgband to 81010

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/>



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.

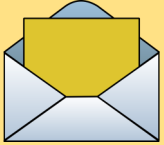
The support is always appreciated!

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 Aug/Sep Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **July 26th**. 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