

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



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MEET OUR BAND DIRECTORS'

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

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Kimpton NEWS



Welome 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 return the necessary documents by the date printed.

Kimpton Night

As we have all experienced over the past year, planned events can and will be subject to modification at any point based on the health situation of our county, state, and district. I am taking the optimistic approach at this point, but please anticipate any changes to the schedule/performance that may occur.

Our first performance for both 7th and 8th grade Kimpton bands will be with the high school band during the Kimpton Band Night performance. This is such a FUN experience for our Kimpton students! Our performance will be at the **September 24th** Homecoming parade and football game. There will be two extra rehearsals for this performance on **September 16th** and **September 22nd** from 6-7pm at the high school. Percussion will rehearse from 5-7. **This performance and both rehearsals are mandatory for all students.** Students will need to purchase a **Stow Band T-Shirt** at one of these rehearsals if they do not already own one. Stow band T-Shirts will be for sale in the choir room after our rehearsals. The cost is \$10 and must be purchased before the performance for Homecoming.

The tentative schedule for September 24th will be as follows:

4:30 Arrive @ HS for parade

5:00 Parade

5:45 Dinner – hot dog supper provided by *Band Parents

6:15 Line up outside the HS to march to the stadium

6:45 Performance

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT HALFTIME!

(Approximately 8:30)

This performance is an excellent opportunity for your student to be exposed to the high school band and the excitement they experience during marching band season! Your child will love it!

***THE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION WILL NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO
BAKE COOKIES AND SERVE FOOD FOR THIS EVENING.
SIGN UP GENIUS INFO WILL BE COMING OUT SHORTLY!**

Kimpton NEWS

COLOR INSTRUMENTS

In our efforts to equalize the instrumentation of the bands, I may be asking 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 band’s 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 <http://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.

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.

Kimpton NEWS

What are Good habits for band students to get into?

This is a popular question concerning our current COVID situation. This is really no different than any other year. The VERY BEST thing to do is to make sure their hands are cleaned and sanitized before they touch their mouthpiece or reed that is going to go in their mouth. –Just like we all wash our hands before we eat food.

How do students keep their instrument clean?

It is also 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 and uses the following:

Cleaning swab for all woodwind instruments



Cleaning rod for flute players



It is recommended that students purchase and carry in their case **sterisol, 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, etc.) or online.



In order to keep percussion safe, students will be sanitizing sticks and mallets in between each usage.

What about wearing a mask?

Masks are optional at this point. If your family is choosing for your child to wear a mask, then the procedure is to pull the mask up and down immediately before and after playing.

Volunteer opportunities:

Please consider getting involved as a band parent. There are many opportunities to join in on the fun! Please follow the band newsletter, website and watch for emails with a Sign-up Genius link for things like Concessions, Band Show and Kimpton Night just to name a few. You are also welcome to attend the monthly Band Booster Meetings listed on the band website calendar.

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.

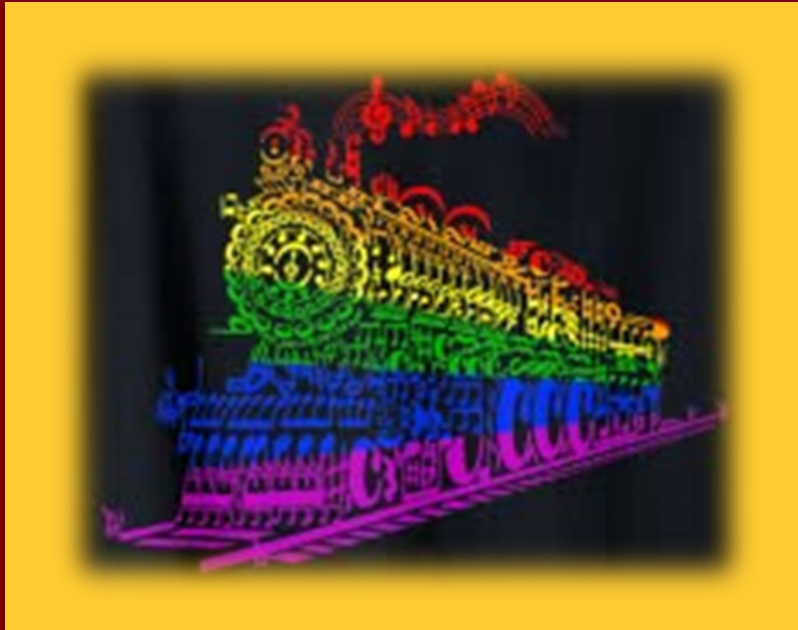
I can be reached via email: st_sandman@smfcsd.org.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at our first performance!

Musically,

Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



FULL STEAM AHEAD!

We are off to a great start. I will continue to send "This Weeks Plans" outlining the weeks rehearsal plans, testing schedule and inspection time. "This Weeks Plans" will be available through Remind, mass email and Google Classroom and 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.

CUYAHOGA FALLS BAND SHOW

Congratulations students on an outstanding performance at the Cuyahoga Falls Band Show! This is a great stepping stone performance as the group continues to get stronger! Your hard work and dedication to excellence is what makes this program thrive!

THANK YOU

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

Joel and Jennifer Biggs and band camp chaperones!
Glenn Pace band bus maintenance/repairs and the SMF transportation team
Mrs. Valdez and all who volunteered during uniform fittings
Mrs. Bowers, managing band camp payments and band financial affairs
Mr. Bowers and his team of chaperones for away performances

FLORIDA TRIP

We are in still in the process of making decisions regarding our spring trip, based on COVID and the Delta variant. We hope to have news coming soon! Thank you for your patience.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

REMINDER OF UPCOMING BAND PERFORMANCES

In addition to Friday night performances, we have two more band shows remaining on the schedule:

- ⇒ Saturday, September 18th - Stow-Munroe Falls Band Show @ SMFHS 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Saturday, October 16th - Buckeye Invitational @ OSU Stadium (Timeline info coming soon)

MUSIC TESTING/ PROGRESS BOOK

Music testing grades are now being entered into progress book. The student's final grade is based on the following:

- Daily Practice & Performance 40%
- Daily Participation Grades 20%
- Testing Grades:
 - ◊ Show Show 8%
 - ◊ Pregame/stand tunes 8%
 - ◊ Homecoming & Kimpton Night 8%
 - ◊ Senior Show 8%
- Marching Grade 8%.

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 14th**. All students have a yellow/blue testing card with an accurate record of what has been attempted or passed. In the event a grade is missing in progress book, the blue card will be proof that the student passed it off on time.

If you have any questions about your student's grade please don't hesitate to email the following directors: Mrs Sandman at st_sandman@smfcsd.org as she records all testing grades. Mrs Grossi at st_kgrossi@smfcsd.org as she records all Daily Practice & Performance (attendance) and Participation grades.

BAND HONORS POINTS

Band Honors Points are due this quarter on or before: **Friday, October 8th.**

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.

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

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/update-your-records/>
- **Remind Texts:** Text @dawgband to 81010

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



Fundraising

Dine to Donate Opportunities:

- *Dairy Queen - September 21st from 4-7pm*
- *Beef O Brady's - October 12th*

Individual account Opportunity:

- *Pie fundraiser towards the end of October*

Important Dates to Remember

- Aug 28th HS Junior/Sophomore DQ Car Wash 10:30—1:00pm
- Sep 13th Band Parents Meeting 7:30—8:30pm
- Sep 18th Stow Band Show 7:00—8:00pm
- Sep 21st DQ Dine to Donate 4:00—7:00pm
- Sep 24th Kimpton Night (Homecoming)
- Oct 4th Band Parents Meeting 7:30—8:30pm
- Oct 8th Band Honors Points Due
- Oct 12th Beef O'Brady's Dine to Donate Time TBA
- Oct 15th End of Grading Period
- Oct 16th Buckeye Invitational The Ohio State University Time TBA
- Oct 18/19/20th Concert Band Auditions
- Oct 20th Marching Band Concert
- Oct 22nd Senior Night

Remember to check the SMF Band Calendar for current updates!

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

STOW BAND SHOW 2021

***The 2021 Stow Band Show will be held on Saturday,
September 18th at 7:00pm at the HS Stadium***

How can you help??

We are still in need of many parents to help us with our Stow Band Show on September 18th. This is one of the largest fundraisers for our band and it takes about 100 parents to successfully run the show.

Please [click here](#) for the Sign-up Genius information. There are plenty of opportunities to get in on all the fun and we appreciate your willingness to volunteer and support the band program.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FACAF2FA3F49-20151>

Ticket Info:

We will be selling all general admission tickets.

Adults - \$10

Seniors/Students -\$7

Pre-K younger - Free

The link for tickets will be out soon.

Please watch your email, Remind and Facebook for more information.

2021 Visiting Bands

Canton South, Hudson, Kent Roosevelt, Riverside,
Kent State University and the Stow Alumni Band

Make a Difference



Concessions

A big THANK YOU to those who helped clean up the concession stand for the season.

2021 Band Concession Stand **SIGNUPGENIUS.COM**

Your help is needed in the concession stand at the Home Football Games and the SMF Band Show. 7th and 8th grade parents, alumni parents, and current HS parents are all welcome!! It's an enjoyable way that we can fundraise for the band.



Kimpton Night

Friday, September 24th

Our 7th and 8th grade Kimpton students will join the High School students for the Homecoming Parade and Pre-Game! A Sign-up Genius will be coming out soon for donations to feed the students between the parade and pre-game. Volunteers the day of will also be needed to help distribute food to the students.

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 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...

Virtuoso:

Maestro:

Fortissimo:

Forte: Joe and Cindy Cefaratti, Debbie and Ralph Okonieski and Catharine Wind

Piano: Joan Trent and Family

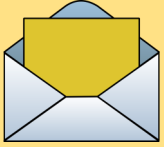
There is room for you here!
Please spread the word if you, someone you know or a
business would like to become one of our patrons.
The support is always appreciated!

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	Melissa Blasko
Vice President	Leslie Dougherty
Secretary	Melissa Pockl
Treasurers	Melissa Bowers and Dan Marzec
Senior Rep	Lisa Cogdeil
Junior Rep	Michelle Brugmann
Sophomore Rep	Ammie Brigger
Freshman Rep	Sally Phillips
Kimpton Rep	Debbie Mancuso
Technology Officer	Glenn Pace

Committee Chairs: Please submit your information for the Nov/Dec Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **October 15th** 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/>

2021-2022 Band Officers

President	Elle Ryan
Vice President	Kaitlyn Dutton
Senior Representative	Connor Powers
Junior Representative	Nolan Miller
Sophomore Representative	Allyson Stegenga
Freshman Representative	Derek Galperin