

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



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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



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 400 students marching in the parade and it was an honor to conduct these students during pregame.

NICE JOB!

I would also like to thank Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Phillips 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 will be at least 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, Thursday, December 2 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

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.

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INSTRUMENT/ REED/ MOUTHPIECE UPGRADING

\$ ALL WOODWIND STUDENTS should now be playing on upgraded reeds. Rico or Juno reeds, although cheaper, are geared toward beginning instrumentalists which your child is not. My recommendations are Vandoren or Rigotti Gold for clarinets and saxophones. Please see Mrs. Sandman for purchasing quality Oboe and Bassoon reeds.

\$\$ An upgraded mouthpiece will make a HUGE difference in an instrumentalist's tone. Please see our website for a list of upgraded mouthpieces.

\$\$\$ 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. 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.

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.

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LOOKING AHEAD!

We will be getting ready to purchase our **New Book!** All students will need to purchase a new band book. We will be using this book when we come back from winter break the week of January 6th. Books are available at Woodsy's Music in Kent, CIC in Cuyahoga Falls or online at Amazon.com.

Eighth grade students will be using:

Premier Performance Book 3 (An Innovative and Comprehensive Band Method) by Ed Sueta

Seventh grade students will be using:

Essential Technique Book 3 (Intermediate to Advanced Studies) Hal Leonard Corporation

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I look forward to seeing you soon.

Musically,

Mrs. Sandman

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



Congratulations!

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: Ellie Ryan, Kaitlyn Dutton, Connor Powers, Nolan Miller, Allie Stegenga and Derek Galperin for helping plan many of the events his year.

Fantastic performance at Ohio State University! 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 and assisting with fundraisers. Special thanks is given to all the committee chairpersons and especially our chaperone chairman: Mark and Melissa Bowers.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues: Mrs Sandman, Mrs Grossi, Mr Lewis, Mr Campagna and James Branchik.

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 **Tenor Sax and Trumpets** sections was named the outstanding section this year! The Larry May Most Inspirational Bandsman Award went to senior, **Kaitlyn Dutton and Jaron Droder**. Again, congratulations to ALL on a great season!

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ABOUT THE CONCERT BANDS:

With auditions completed students have been placed into one of four bands based on grade and/or ability level. Challenges between bands have been scheduled and will take place at regular intervals this year. Challenges within bands will occur in January. During the concert band season it is expected that instruments and music go home after their rehearsal.

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 the day of each rehearsal

GRADING SCALE:

BAND		BAND HONORS
40%	<u>PERFORMANCES:</u>	40%
Performances are major tests. An unexcused performance absence results in 100 points deducted from the final Performance Grade.		
40%	<u>REHEARSAL GRADES:</u>	30%
You will receive 100 points per week, (on average 20 points per day). Absences & tardies may lead to portions of your grades that can not be made up. Having the correct materials is also part of this grade.		
20%	<u>TESTS:</u>	20%
Including written, performance, & tape tests. & auditions.		
	<u>5 BAND HONORS POINTS:</u>	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.	Inst. or Music not	-50		
	Taken home when prescribed			
Unexcused Absence 0				

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 INSTRUCTIONS:

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.**

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SMFHS Band Practice / Performance Tape Exemption Form

Name _____ Band _____

The following form may be used in place of a "practice" or "performance" tape. You may only complete **one** in each category per quarter and all forms are to be returned by the due date of the practice/performance tape.

Practice Exemption

Performance Exemption

Private Lessons (complete form below) _____

Jazz Band _____

Solo at Contest (I or II) _____

Ensemble at Contest (I or II) _____

Woodwind/Brass Choir _____

Percussion Ensemble _____

Participation in an "Honors Band" _____

(This is not band honors at Stow!)

Location _____ Date _____

Pit for Musical _____

Performance in Community Concert _____

(Wind Ensemble students only-not choir, Quarter 4)

Large Group Contest (Quarter 3) _____

Lakeview Band-Aide (Quarter 3& 4) _____

Pep Band (Quarter 3) 5 games _____

Attending Community Concert (Form) _____

5 documented weeks of practice _____

(Form must be completed)

Church Performance (complete form below) _____

Tuba Christmas (Quarter 2) _____

INSTRUMENTAL PRIVATE LESSON TEACHER EVALUATION / CHURCH PERFORMANCE

Please have your private teacher / church music director fill out and sign the section below.

Private Teacher's Name _____ Phone _____

ITEM	POOR		FAIR		GOOD		EXCELLENT			
Student attends all lessons/practices as scheduled	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Student is prompt to lesson / Performance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Student is prepared for lesson / Performance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Student displays a good work attitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Student brings all needed materials to lessons /practices	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Performance credit should be awarded to this student YES NO

Private Teacher Signature _____ date _____

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TAPE TEST/PRACTICE TAPE 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.

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.

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

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Fundraising

Dine to Donate Opportunities:

- *Master Pizza—November 8th*
- *Dairy Queen—Round up your total for the month of November and the band will get the donation of what was rounded up.*

Pie pick up:

- *November 17th in the band room*

Important Dates to Remember

December 9	HS Band Concert	7:00 PM
January 27	Jazz in January Concert	7:00PM
February12	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Firestone HS
March 2	PreContest Concert:	7:00 PM
March 4-5	CONTEST: Wind/Gold	TBA
May 4	Band Banquet: HS Commons/Auditorium	6:30-9:00 PM
May 7	Tag Day	9:30AM-Noon
	American Celebration Concert: Wind Ensemble	7:00PM
May 16	Spring Band Concert	7:00PM
May 26	Graduation: Wind Ensemble	AM Practice & 6:30PM KSU
May 30	Memorial Day: Symphonic Bands	9:30AM Stow Cemetery
June 1	Marching Band Reading Session	3:00-5:30P

Remember to check the SMF Band Calendar for current updates!

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

Thank You's



Concessions

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped in the concession stand this year. Those of you who helped cook hot dogs, pretzels, stock pop, work a window, or fill orders.... we could not have done it without you! You made our first year managing amazing, and we look forward to reopening next year! We hope you'll come back and volunteer again, or if you haven't yet, come join the fun!

Thank you so much to The Biggs for handling the pick up and sale of donuts this season as well as Jason Flatt for handling the Chick Fil A sandwiches each week. We also want to thank Amy Thomas for baking the cookies each week, and Katherine Burke for the amazing new menu addition - salted caramel sauce and apples!!

We would be remiss if we didn't also extend a very special and heartfelt thank you to Melissa Blasko and Jason Flatt for their hours of guidance and mentorship as we learn the ropes. We hope you know that we will love this place as much as you have over the past years. We hope you know that the torch has been passed and we look forward to making it blaze even brighter!

Yay Band,
Dawnya and Michael LaMantia

Band Show



We were blessed with great weather, great bands, and wonderful community support for our annual Stow Band Show! We extend a great big THANK YOU to the many parents, alumni, and retired band parents that came out to help volunteer. This show takes a village to be successful and it was successful because of each of the volunteers! Drone coverage of the show and various other videos of the marching season will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the Marching Band Season. Stay tuned for details on ordering in the coming weeks.

Kimpton Night



We would like to thank all the volunteers who donated food, water and their time to help with Kimpton Night. The directors for their support for the event and McDonalds on 91 for donating the apple slices. We very much appreciated everyone's help and without it the night would not be successful!



Senior Night

Shout out to Oregon Trail Florist for giving us a deal on the Senior Night flowers! They gave us a 50 cent discount per flower! Pretty amazing!

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!!

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/>



HOW CAN I HELP?

Parents, are you looking to help out the band? We are in need of a co-chair for the 50/50 raffles. We do raffles at each concert. It's easy, and does not involve a lot time. It's a win-win because you get to help out the band and make someone's day! If you are interested or want more information please let Leslie Dougherty know. lesliemn22@aol.com



make. **Please check it out!**

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:

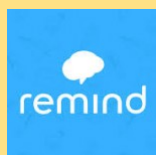
Fortissimo:

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 Jan/Feb Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **December 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