

Stow-Munroe Falls Band Newsletter



STOW-MUNROE FALLS BANDS

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MEET OUR BAND DIRECTORS'

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Kimpton NEWS

KIMPTON BAND CONCERT

Wednesday, February 23rd

7th Grade - 6:00 p.m. Concert

8th Grade - 7:00 p.m. Concert

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.



Music in the Parks for Jazz Band Students

The updated Jazz Band calendar reflecting practices and performances through the end of the year has been handed out and is also available through google classroom. Please confirm dates and place them on your personal calendars. The Kimpton Jazz Band has a tentative date (Saturday, May 21) to play in an adjudicated performance followed by a fun day at Cedar Point Amusement Park! Our students will also be performing in the spring at the Lakeview band concerts. Specific information regarding these performances 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!

Kimpton NEWS



SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

April 9 at Stanton Middle School

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 also 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 9 at Stanton Middle School**. School transportation will not be provided by the school district for this event. Carpooling is suggested.

See the next page for important information on the upcoming
FRESHMAN BAND ORIENTATION...

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

FRESHMAN BAND ORIENTATION



A Special Note for 8th Grade Parents & Students:

On **April 4th**, we will be presenting parents and students with information concerning all aspects of the high school band program. We are looking forward to a fantastic year. In fact, we are already in deep planning for marching band 2022! 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!

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



WINTER BAND CONCERT

The winter band concert in December was a great success. We are extremely proud of the hard work that the students put forth preparing for the concert. Students are now focused on our next concert on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00PM.

JAZZ IN JANUARY

Congratulations jazz band students on a fantastic concert on January 27th!

PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE TAPES

Practice Tapes

Due: February 4th - Students, including Band Honors Students may use exemptions for this assignment.

Performance Tapes

Due: February 25th - Students may use exemptions for this assignment, but may not use the same exemption from the Practice Tape.

**** Band Honors Students: Band Honors Points are due Friday, March 11th. Please attach your completion sheet as the cover page to your work and submit to Google Classroom. ****

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

We are looking forward to Solo and Ensemble Contest that will be held again this year at Firestone High School on Saturday, February 12. Remember only performers, parents and teachers may attend events. Masks are required by all mandated by OMEA.

LARGE GROUP CONTEST

Gold Band is preparing for Large Group Contest at Cuyahoga Falls HS on Friday, March 4. The Wind Ensemble is preparing for Large Group Contest at Mentor HS in Mentor, OH on Friday, March 11. Specific details will be coming home soon!

Florida Trip



*Are we ready for some
Fun in the Sun?*

Please make sure you are aware of dates leading to the Florida trip via the band calendar. Important items such as mandatory rehearsals, medication turn in, packing and final meeting are posted [here](#).



FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



As the band begins to grow again, funding is always a priority. Each year the band parents support the band to a tune of roughly \$25,000. Our largest fundraiser is Tag Day.

Tag Day is on Saturday, May 7th from 9:30AM - 12:30PM this year.

All students must attend. This is a source of MAJOR FUNDING for the band program. In fact, typically we earn nearly \$14,000 in 4 hours of work! We are looking forward to being in person this year! Band parents money purchases music, equipment, uniforms and many other items too numerous to mention. We need remind students that this is a mandatory obligation for the program. If your child can not be in attendance, please send in a note by April 22nd. We hope to cover all routes this year.

American Celebration Concert with the Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble and Choir will present their annual American Celebration Concert to be held on May 7th at 7:00PM in the Auditorium.



The concert is free and will consist of music celebrating the music of “Disney” including several patriotic selections, honoring our troops.

Please help us get the word out to the community. We hope you can join us for this special concert!

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL



Calendar of Events:

March 2	Pre-Contest Concert	7:00PM
March 4/5	District Band Contest (Gold Band)	Cuyahoga Falls HS
March 11/12	District Band Contest (Wind Ensemble)	Mentor HS
March 17	All Things Florida Trip Bound!	See the calendar
March 23	All Things Florida Trip Bound!	See the calendar
April 4	Freshman Band Orientation	HS Auditorium 7:00PM
May 4	Band Banquet	SMFHS 6:30PM
May 7	Tag Day	9:30AM-12:30 PM
	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)	Stow Cemetery 9:30AM
June 1	Marching Band Reading Session	3:00-5:30PM
July 18-21	Drumline Camp	TBA
July 25-29	Pre-Camp (not confirmed)	SMFHS 6:00-9:00PM
July 30	Packing Day (not confirmed)	1:00-2:00PM
July 31- August 5	Band Camp (not confirmed)	TBA

As always we are available for any questions you may have. You can always contact us by e-mail.

Look us up at <http://smfband.org/>

Support the Band



Volunteer Positions

We are in need of parent volunteers to chair/co-chair the following positions. The positions can be shadowed so you can learn the ropes.



50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales

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



Drug Mart Cook Out

Do you like to cook? This is a once a year event that does not involve much time. You work with Drug Mart management and the directors to coordinate the event. It is always held the same day as Packing Day for Band Camp, usually late July/early August. Drug Mart provides the materials and you show up! For more information contact Michelle Brugmann mbrugmann23@gmail.com



SMF Band Newsletter

Enjoy working with the computer? Are you creative and detail oriented? The newsletter is a great way to volunteer from the comfort of your home. This is a year long obligation with about 5 publications produced but it can be completed on your time table. You will work with the Directors, Band Parent Board and Event Chair's to gather details. For more information contact Michelle Brugmann mbrugmann23@gmail.com

Support the Band



Dine to Donate

Mark those calendar's and dine out to Beef 'O' Brady's on Thursday, February 17th to support the band. Don't forget to mention the band! More details to come!



Band Parent's...

You are such an important part of the band program. We encourage you to attend the monthly Band Boosters meetings. Volunteers are always needed through out the year. Watch for Sign-Up Genius emails to see how you can get involved. <http://smfband.org/boosters/>



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...

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

Committee Chairs: Please submit your information for the Nov/Dec Band Newsletter to Michelle Brugmann at mbrugmann23@gmail.com by **February 25th**. 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	Ellie Ryan
Vice President	Kaitlyn Dutton
Senior Representative	Connor Powers
Junior Representative	Nolan Miller
Sophomore Representative	Allyson Stegenga
Freshman Representative	Derek Galperin