



# STOW-MUNROE FALLS BANDS

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Stow Munroe Falls Band Website

<http://smfband.org>

# Kimpton Knotes



**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 350 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, made donations, and helped with loading the truck.

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 1 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.

## 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 and investigate our instrument upgrade suggestions. Contact a director if you have specific questions.

### Upgrading Your Student's Instrument

## JAZZ BAND

Students who play trumpet, trombone or saxophone have received information regarding jazz band if their chair placement audition met the necessary criteria. –CONGRATULATIONS! Rhythm section auditions will occur on Monday, October 17th after school. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th from 2:50 to 4:15. We are looking forward to our first concert in January!

## 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](mailto:st_sandman@smfcsd.org) . I look forward to seeing you soon.

## LOOKING AHEAD!

We will be getting ready to purchase our **New Book!** Some of you already purchased this in the fall. 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 9th**. Books are available at Woodsy's Music in Kent, Music and Arts in Cuyahoga Falls, Taylor Music in Stow, 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:** Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician by Scott Rush

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I look forward to seeing you soon.

Musically,

Mrs. Sandman

## Kimpton Night Thank You's

Thank you to the many parents who donated food for Kimpton Night. Also thank you to the volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up. We could not do it with out everyone's support.

Also shout out to McDonald's on Darrow Rd for donating apple slices.

~ Julie Hurst & Sally Phillips, Co-Chairs



# High School Harmony



It is difficult to believe that we will only have a couple more football game for the year!

Congratulations to our varsity football team and all student athletes involved in fall sports. Also, congratulations HS band students for many outstanding performances so this year including: Mogadore Band Show, Medina Band Show, Stow Band Show and KP Night, as well as every Friday night performance!

**Wow – Congratulations students!**

## END OF MARCHING BAND RESPONSIBILITIES

As you know, the end of the grading period is October 21. Testing grades have been closed as of Thursday, October 13, with the exception of Senior Show, which will close on Thursday, October 20 (Our last evening marching band rehearsal). I can't emphasize enough the importance of students attempting music and how that enhances their grade!

In the event the football team advances to play-offs, we will continue with our daily concert band schedule and move to "Football Fridays" regarding marching band. The marching band will meet together on Fridays during the school day to rehearse for the Friday evening performance for as long as needed!

## THANK YOU

On behalf of all the directors, we personally cannot thank the students and parents enough for your work and commitment to the program. Students and parents alike continue to keep the energy level high and positive. We truly believe we have the best band students and parents around! Thank you, thank you, thank you! A special thank for parents that chaired recent fundraisers, helped with the band show, KP night and volunteer to chaperone for away performances. **You are the best!**

## AUDITIONS

Students received their audition materials last week and students should be well on their way in preparation to this important time. Audition times have been assigned and will take place the week of October 17th, during the school day. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for their audition. The audition score will be used as a major part of the playing portion of the grade for the second nine weeks! As in all years, Freshman will be placed in freshman band, upperclassmen will be placed in Maroon, Gold Symphonic or Wind Ensemble. Freshman Band will meet during 5/6 and upperclassmen will meet during 7/8.

**Good Luck students!**

## JAZZ BAND

Students' concert band audition will be used as placement into one of the three high school jazz bands. Audition material for rhythm section students (drum set, guitar, bass, piano) will be coming out October 21st. Jazz Band Interest and availability Google Form. Please join us for the first jazz band performance of the school year on Thursday, January 19th in the HS auditorium. The Kimpton Jazz Band will also be performing at this concert!

### Jazz Band Interest Google Form

## UPCOMING AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 14: Band Honors Points due and testing closes (except senior show)
- October 17-19: Concert band auditions (during the day)
- October 19: Marching Band Concert (Stadium or Gym)
- October 20: Senior Show testing closed (no exceptions)
- October 21: Rhythm Section Audition Material available
- October 21: End of the 1st nine weeks
- October 21: Football Game @ Hudson
- October 24: Concert bands begin (Freshman 5/6, Upperclass 7/8)
- October 28: Jazz Band Interest and Availability form due
- November 7: Band Parents Meeting @ 7:30 HS
- November 8: Jazz Band Rhythm Section Auditions
- November 11 - December 5: Pie Sale
- November 18: Practice Tapes/Exemption due
- December 5: HS Band Concert @ 7:00
- December 9: Band Honors points due
- December 12: Band Parents meeting 7:30
- December 15: HS Solo & Ensemble forms and money due
- December 15: End of 2nd Quarter
- December 19 or 20: Pie Pick-up @ HS TBA

## QUESTIONS?

Because we do not spend much time in one place, we rarely check or school voicemail. However, please do not hesitate to reach out via email ... links from the website.



# Mark your Calendars



## Chipotle Dine to Donate

Wednesday October 26, 2022

4-8 PM

4338 Kent Rd

Stow, OH 44224

## Bellacino's Dine to Donate

Tuesday November 8, 2022

4 PM - close

3657 Fishcreek Rd

Stow, OH 44224



## Pie Sales

We will be selling pies again this year with money going directly to your student's account.

- November 11 - December 5: Pie Sale
- December 19 or 20: Pie Pick-up @ HS TBA

More information coming in November.

## Winter Band Concerts

Show your support for all Stow band students by attending or volunteering to help during concerts

- Kimpton Band Concert: Thursday Decemeber 1, 2022 @ 7:30 PM
- SMFHS Band Concert: Monday December 5, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
- Lakeview Band Concert: Tuesday December 13, 2022 - 5th grade @6 PM; 6th grade @7:30 PM
- Jazz in January: Thursday January 19, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

## Band Newsletter Submissions

Are you a committee chair? Planning a fundraising event for the band? Have helpful hints to share with other parents? Submit materials for the newsletter!! The deadline for submissions has been adjusted.

- Dec/Jan - due Nov 30
- Apr/May - due Mar 30
- Feb/Mar - due Jan 30
- Jun/Jul - due May 30

Submit materials to [jennie.oconnell@yahoo.com](mailto:jennie.oconnell@yahoo.com)

# Volunteers Make it Happen



## Thank you from the Concession Stand

Michael and I would like to thank all of our wonderful concessions volunteers (over 45 of them) who have helped make this football season and band show a great success! Thank you for cooking, baking, topping, popping, cashing out, running, packaging, and most importantly... having FUN! Keep an eye out for next years game schedule and plan to work next season!

Finally, we will dearly miss all our senior parents! If you find yourself at a football game, stop by and say hi! Or better yet... come back and work the band show, we'd love to have you!

With warm thoughts of mac 'n cheese,  
Dawnya and Michael LaMantia  
2022 SMFHS Band Concessions

## 50/50 Raffle

During every concert (Lakeview, Kimpton and SMFHS), the band boosters host a 50/50 raffle. We are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets and run the raffle at each concert. If you will be at the concert, please consider volunteering to help with this valuable fundraiser.

Contact the 50/50 Raffle Co-chairs if you are able to help.

Thank you, Melissa Tokar, Mary Appleby, and Leslie Dougherty

## Uniform Turn-In

Friday October 28, 2022 - following the play off game.



[VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)



# Give Back

## Stow Munroe Falls Band Patrons

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!

[www.smfband.org/patrons](http://www.smfband.org/patrons)

## A BIG thank you to our current Patrons!!

- **Virtuoso:** Aaron and Julie Hall
- **Maestro:**
- **Fortissimo:** Joe and Cindy Cefaratti
- **Forte:**
  - Ralph and Debbie Okonieski,
  - Tom and Pam Hutchins
- **Piano:**
  - St Stephens Lutheran Church
  - Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bella-Smuts



**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!**



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.

<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.

# Stay Informed



ParentSquare

## Parent Square

Download the app on your mobile device.  
Sign in via your phone number or email connected to the district

## Facebook

There are 2 facebook pages you can follow.

### Stow Munroe Falls Band (</stowband>)

SMF Band's Official Facebook Page! Please like the page to get up to date information on events/fundraisers/programs and volunteer requests.



### Stow-MF Bulldog Band Parents (</groups/1757066771181892>)

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.



## 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.

## Check out the SMFHS BAND performances

Glenn Pace the Technology Officer 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>



## Picking Up Your Student

As it is often dark by time students are being picked up, please remember to pull into a parking space to pick up after rehearsals or games. Please do not stop along the curb.

This is for everyone's safety.

# Support Choir Students

Many band students are also a part of the Stow-Munroe Falls choir program under the leadership of Mr. Campagna. There are several opportunities to support our choir students and enjoy their many musical talents.

## Choir Tag Dag

Saturday October 15, 2022

## Upcoming Choir Concerts

SMFHS Concert: October 26, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Kimpton Middle School Concert: December 7, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

SMFHS Winter Holiday Concert: December 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM



## Kimpton All School Musical

Oliver, Jr.

November 11 & 12 @ 7:00 PM

November 13 @ 2: PM

## Band Parents are the BEST!!

Thank you band parents and caregivers! You help get us to practice, the bus and the games on time, you bring forgotten items and purchase lost ones, you remind us to practice our music, air out our uniform and drink plenty of water when out on the field, you give your time to chaperone, volunteer in concessions, sell 50/50 tickets and load /unload the bus and you cheer the loudest!!!

Marching band season wouldn't be successful without YOU!!! Thank you.

~The Band Students



From: <http://www.talesfrombandcamp.com/>

# Helpful Reminders

**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/>

## Replacement Uniform Pieces

Before each game, there will be a band parent available for purchasing the following:

Band T-shirt - \$10    White gloves - \$3    Spats - \$10    Cords - \$3

# Concert Bands

As marching band season wraps up, students transition to concert bands. Ever wondered what the difference is between the concert bands?

## Freshman Concert Band

The Freshman Concert Band students will be placed on the same audition upperclassmen band perform and are placed in chairs based on their score.

## Maroon and Gold Symphonic Bands

The Gold and Maroon Symphonic Bands are designed as a mid to upper level high school performing ensembles. The class size is between 60-80 students. These ensembles compete in OMEA Adjudicated Events in class A or B.

The intention through the audition, is both Gold and Maroon bands will be equal in performing level. With that in mind, both bands will be balanced with the same instrumentation

## SMFHS Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble is the highest level performing ensemble at SMFHS. Students perform musical selections usually reserved advanced high school and college level ensembles.

This ensemble is considered the honors level class of the band department with 55-70 students.

The Wind Ensemble competes in OMEA Adjudicated Events in class AA and was selected to perform at the OMEA State Professional Convention in 2000, The Ohio American School Band Directors Association Ohio Convention in 2005 and the Ohio Band Director's Conference Hall Of Fame in 2008. The Wind Ensemble has also been asked to perform with bands from Kent State University and the University of Akron.

# STOW BAND BOOSTERS

## 2022-2023 Band Booster Officers

- **President:** Leslie Dougherty
- **Vice President:** Michelle Brugmann
- **Secretary:** Melissa Pockl
- **Treasurers:** Dan Marzec & Melissa Bowers
- **Technology Officer:** Glenn Pace II
- **Senior Class Rep:** Christine Mickovic
- **Junior Class Rep:** Ammie Brigger
- **Sophomore Class Rep:** Sally Phillips
- **Freshman Class Rep:** Debbie Mancuso
- **Kimpton Class Rep:** Julie Hurst

### What do the band boosters do?

- provide financial assistance to the bands;
- promotes an educationally sound, high quality band music program;
- promotes community interest in the school band programs;
- promotes communication between the band directors, students, parents, and school administration
- volunteer work force that provides chaperones, caretakers for the uniforms, and more!

### When do they meet?

- NEXT MEETING: Monday November 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the high school band room
- Schedule of meetings for 2022-2023
  - December 12, 2022
  - January 9, 2023
  - February 6, 2023
  - March 6, 2023
  - April 3, 2023
  - May 1, 2023

### Want to connect with the Stow Band Boosters?

It is never too early to get involved. You can volunteer to help load and unload buses for games, chairing a fundraiser, chaperoning, working in the concession stand or driving on tag day. You can give as little or as much as you are able. And while helping, you will get to know other parents!!

**Complete the Parent Survey TODAY!!**

## 2022-2023 Band Officers

*Congratulations to the 2022-2023 student officers who were elected by their peers*

- **President:** Nolan Miller
- **Vice President:** Paige Galperin
- **Senior Class Rep:** Natalie Pigman
- **Junior Class Rep:** Hayden Storey
- **Sophomore Class Rep:** David Neubauer
- **Freshman Class Rep:** Owen Rinaldo