



# STOW-MUNROE FALLS BANDS

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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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### Stow Munroe Falls Band Website

<http://smfband.org>

# Kimpton Knotes



## WELCOME BACK!

...Or WELCOME to Kimpton! I am so looking forward to working with you 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

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 27 Homecoming parade and football game**. There will be two extra rehearsals for this performance on **September 19** and **September 25** from 6-7 PM at the high school. Percussion will rehearse from 5-7 PM. 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 27th will be as follows:**

Arrive @ HS 4:30 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. PLEASE LOOK FOR A SIGN-UP GENIUS WHERE INFO WILL BE COMING OUT SHORTLY!\*

## Looking ahead to the STOW BAND SHOW!

- We would love to have you attend the Stow Band Show on Saturday September 21!
- Our Band Parents Organization is also looking for concession stand Parent Volunteers for the Stow Band Show! Students are welcome also, as long as a parent comes along to also volunteer. This is a very good way to start to get involved in the High School atmosphere! Please contact Mrs. LaMantia if you are interested [dawnyad@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnyad@yahoo.com)

## COLOR INSTRUMENTS

In our efforts to equalize the instrumentation of the bands, I may be asking some 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, as well as 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.

## ONGOING INSTRUCTION

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:**

### One on one – teacher/student

Allows the teacher to focus all of their attention to your child's needs.

### Catch-up

Allows the student to feel good about music on their instrument and progress with the entire class.

### 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. Any director can also recommend a variety of teachers for lessons as well.

## Start the year with Good Habits!

It is 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. It is 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 (Music and Arts, Woodsy's, Taylor Music, etc.) or online.

I have provided a lot of information in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me in regards 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 all soon at our first performance!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sandman

# High School Harmony



## 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 Parent Square, mass email and Google Classroom and will best serve for keeping you up to date with upcoming events, during football season. The purpose of this newsletter is to remind you of general information.

## MOGADORE BAND SHOW

Congratulations students on an outstanding performance! We are looking forward to performing the entire show at the Stow Band Show on Saturday, September 21. Students were ready to display their hard work from band camp!

## 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.

- **Tina Valdez, Amy Chikosky** and **all who volunteered** during uniform fittings!
- **Ken Marquette, Gretchan Alimov** as head band camp chaperones!
- **Melissa Bowers**, managing band camp payments and band financial affairs.
- **Mark Bowers** and his **team of chaperones** for away performances.
- Band Parent Alum, **Dave Stofka**, website, marketing & graphics for fundraisers, Spiritwear & other events!

## REMINDER OF UPCOMING BAND PERFORMANCES

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

**Saturday, September 21**  
**Stow-Munroe Falls Band Show @ SMFHS 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, October 5**  
**Barberton Band Show @ 7:00 PM**

## MUSIC TESTING/ PROGRESS BOOK

Music testing grades are now being entered into progress book. The student's final grade is based on Daily Practice & Performance 40%, Daily Participation Grades 20%, and Testing Grades: Show Show 8%, Pregame/stand tunes 8%, Homecoming & Kimpton Night 8%, Senior Show 8% & a 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 10th.

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 yellow 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 Mrs Sandman (st\_sandman@smfcsd.org) Mrs Sandman records all testing grades. Ms DeWitt (st\_kdewitt@smfcsd.org) records all Daily Practice & Performance (attendance) and Participation grades.

## BAND HONORS POINTS

Band Honors Points are due this quarter on or before: Friday, October 11th. 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.

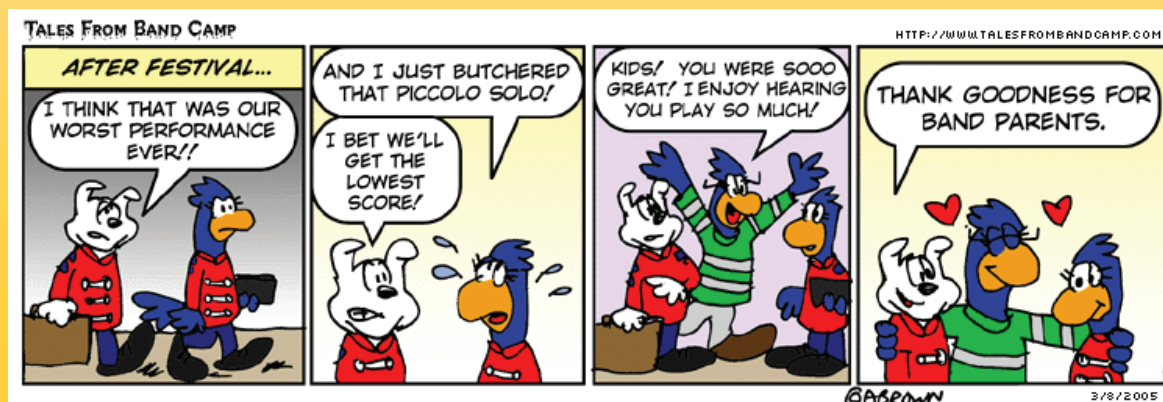
## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

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:** The Stow Band Website gives information regarding: Calendar, handbooks for procedures including Band Honors requirements.

**Email:** If you are not receiving emails please update your records and you will be added to the email thread.

**ParentSquare:** The main platform used for communication. Please read and be in the know!





# THANK YOU!!!!



**Thank you to all the chaperones who gave their time and care to our band students for camp.**

## Mark your Calendars



- Aug 26th 7:30 PM: @Band Room - Band Parent Meeting
- Aug 30th: 1st Home Game - Be sure to sign up to help
- Sept 3rd: Last Day to Order Band Show T-Shirts
- Sept 19th 6-7 PM @SMFHS - Kimpton Night Practice
- Sept 21st 7 PM: @Bulldog Stadium - Stow Band Show

### **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**

- Sept 25th 6-9 PM: @SMFHS - Band Practice **(NOTE: Wednesday & 6-7 PM Kimpton Night Practice)**
- Sept 27th 5 PM @SMFHS - Homecoming Parade & Game
- Oct 5th 7 PM @ Barberton HS - Barberton Band Show
- Oct 7th 7:30 PM @Band Room - Band Parent Meeting
- **Oct 10th: Final day to test off any music for at least 55%**
- **Oct 11th: Band Honor Points DUE**
- Oct 15th: 7 PM @Bulldog Stadium - Marching Band Concert
- Oct 18th: 6:30 PM @ Bulldog Stadium - Senior Night
- Oct 21st - 23 - Concert Band Auditions

# All Things BAND SHOW

## Pre-order Band Show Tickets

Enter the passcode Bulldogs24 to access presale tickets.

Tickets will go on sale to the public on August 31.

We're looking for businesses to advertise in our the printed program! Please share with those that would like to advertise!

**All advertisements must be submitted by September 7th!!**

Promote Your Business · Support Your Band!  
**Advertise in Our Program!**

**STOW BAND SHOW 2024**

**Sat. Sept. 21  
7:00 pm  
SMFHS Stadium**

**BE SEEN BY MANY!**

Scheduled to Appear:  
 KENT ROOSEVELT · TALLMADGE · MOCADORE · TUSLAW · LAKESIDE · RIVERSIDE  
 THE STON-MUNROE FALLS H. S. BULLDOG MARCHING BAND!

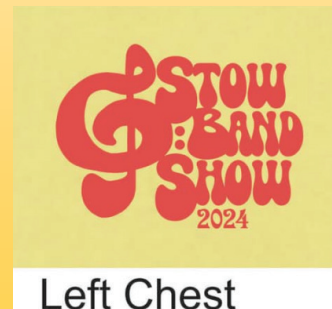
visit [smfband.org/StowBandShow/ads](http://smfband.org/StowBandShow/ads)

## Buy an Ad - Band Show Program



The Stow Band Show will be here before you know it! Pre-order your t-shirt today!

**Sale closes on 9/03.**



**2024 Stow Band Show Shirt Ordering Link**

**Band Show Volunteers**



# Volunteers Make it Happen

## CONCESSION STAND CLEAN UP

Michael and I are overwhelmed by the support of the band parents so far this year! We had a great group of volunteers help with clean up of the stand which was dirty work, but was made fun and quick with those we worked with! Then, even more astonishing as of a week before the first game, all of our volunteer slots for football games are full! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

For those who may have missed out don't worry, you can still join the fun in concessions for the Band Show!! We need double the normal amount of volunteers because we run the athletic stand for the show! That means we have to haul everything down to that stand, set up the way we like it, run concessions, and then haul leftovers back. For those of you who are new to the band, we accept all parents, grandparents, and friends! Please sign up via signup genius for the band show and scroll down to concessions!

### Home Games Concessions Stand - Sign Up

We're looking forward to another great season raising money for the band program and having a great time together!

**Dawnya and Mike LaMantia - Concession Chairs**

## From Our Uniform Moms

If your student needs new uniform supplies, they will be available for purchase before each game. Below are the current prices for uniform supplies. Increases are from the manufacturers.

- Gloves: \$3 a pair.
- Spats: \$10 a pair
- Cords: \$28 a pair
- Berets: \$18
- Band t-shirts: \$10
- Percussion and tuba shirts: \$12

Ms. Valdez and Mrs. Chikosky.

If your student leaves their band hat in the stands, bus or someplace else, please have them see us to pay \$5 and get it out of the "Hat Jail"



## Picking Up Your Student

When picking up after practice or a game, please remember to pull into a parking space to pick up after rehearsals or games. **Please do not stop along the curb, (this is reserved for buses after away games).**

This is for everyone's safety.

# Band Patrons Give Back










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 past Patrons!!**

BENEFITS AT EACH DONATION LEVEL (per school year)	 PIANO \$100	 FORTISSIMO \$250	 VIRTUOSO \$500	 MAESTRO \$1000
	 Quarterly Band Newsletter	★	★	★
 Band Website	★	★	★	★
 Programs <small>Inclusion in all Lakeview, Kimpton, High School band show programs</small>	—	★	★	★
 Concession Stand <small>SMFHS Football Game Band Concession Stand display</small>	—	—	★	★
 "Official" Status <small>Company advertised in all of the above as "Official ____ of the SMF Band" (only one business allowed for each type of business — spirit wear, legal office, accountants, Mexican restaurant, pizza, etc.)</small>	—	—	—	★
 Band Show Announcement <small>Verbal announcement at the Stow Band Show in September</small>	—	—	—	★
 Band Show Tickets <small>Two complementary tickets to the Stow Band Show in September</small>	—	—	—	★

**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!**

# 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

### 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>)

We invite all the new parents and grandparents to join our private Facebook group called "Stow-MF Bulldog Band Parents" If your student is currently in the Stow-MF Bulldog band, this is where we share pictures and information that is pertinent to our organization.

Just search Facebook for "Stow-MF Bulldog Band Parents" and click the "join group" button. There are several questions that will need to be answered correctly before your request to join is approved.



### Subscribe to the Band Calendar on your phone or computer:

Please check the Calendar found on the web page 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

Check out the YouTube Channel to view videos from performances. If anyone else has a video or photos to share, send to Don Applyby, Technology Officer, and he will include them on the channel. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsPXqpihkM6j7rSnMJ4uUSQ>



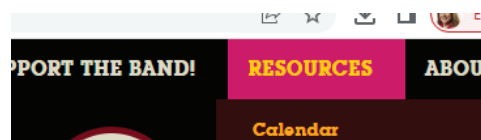
# Helpful Reminders

**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/>

## Check your student account:

- Go to [www.smfband.org](http://www.smfband.org)
- Click on the word "Resources" in the top right corner



- On the Student/Parent Resources page, click on the "Student Account Lookup" button

**STUDENT ACCOUNT LOOKUP**

- To look up a student's account, enter in the Student ID and Graduation Year
- Click on "Get Balance"

Enter your Student ID and Graduation Year to retrieve your account balance.

Student ID	Graduation Year (yyyy)
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<b>GET BALANCE</b>	

## From the Band Booster President

Dear Parents,

Many of our volunteers serve in multiple areas in our band boosters. For this edition of our newsletter, I am wearing the hat of serving on the Band Patron Committee. Consider being a band patron for \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1000. Perhaps you can ask others, those you work with, or where you work. Those of us on the committee are asking local small businesses to consider supporting our band as well.

The name of the patron will appear at the level you donate, on our website, in this newsletter, and in each concert program at Lakeview, Kimpton, and the high school. The \$500 and \$1000 levels have a few other benefits. Check out our website to donate or encourage others to become a patron. While we are doing this to raise money for our band, it is a nice way to recognize individuals and businesses who support our band and for them to receive advertising.

The deadline to be patron for this school year is Saturday, September 7. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you for donating and encouraging others to donate!

Bob Brantsch  
President  
Stow-Munroe Falls Band Booster Association

**View Band Booster Sign Ups**

# STOW BAND BOOSTERS

## 2024-2025 Band Booster Officers

**President:** Bob Brantsch  
**Vice President:** Tina Valdez  
**Secretary:** Annette Vanik  
**Treasurer 1:** Melissa Bowers  
**Treasurer 2:** Julie Hurst  
**Treasurer 3:** Kristy Dugan

**Technology Officer:** Don Appleby  
**Senior Class Rep:** Sally Phillips  
**Junior Class Rep:** Richelle Aukeman  
**Sophomore Class Rep:** Di Kup  
**Freshman Class Rep:** Laura Stokes  
**Kimpton Rep:** Amanda Holman

### 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 chaperons, caretakers for the uniforms, and more!

FIRST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR :

**Monday August 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the high school band room**

NEXT MEETING

Monday October 7, 2024 at 7:30 in the high school band room

### 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!!**

## 2024-2025 Band Officers

*Congratulations to the 2024-2025 student officers who were elected by their peers*

- **President:** Andre Rudlosky
- **Vice President:** Caleb Smith
- **Senior Class Rep:** Ashley Swindler
- **Junior Class Rep:** Owen Rinaldo
- **Sophomore Class Rep:** Ryan Kapolka
- **Freshman Class Rep:** Ellie Julius