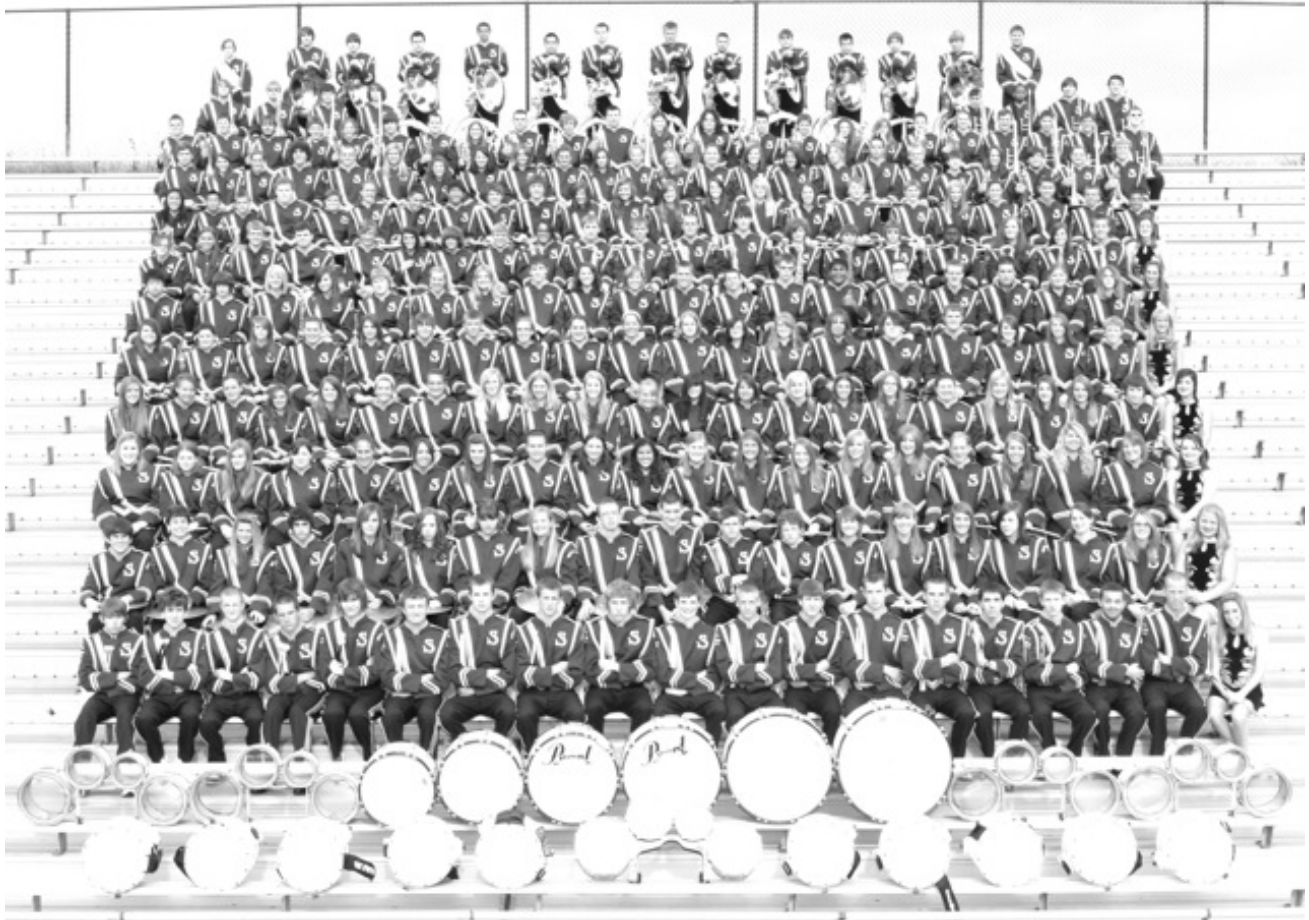


Stow-Munroe Falls High School Band Department



*New Student Information
for the 2016-17 school year.*

Special info for students who have just registered

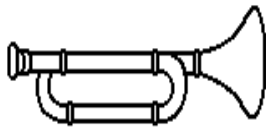
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for important information

The High School Band Program: is the largest organization at SMFHS. Next year over 230 students will participate in our marching, concert and jazz band programs. The SMFHS Band performs over 20 times each year including football games, pep assemblies, band shows, parades, winter concerts, district & state level competitions, spring concerts and for events such as memorial day, the school recognition ceremony & graduation. SMFHS is known statewide and nationally for its excellent band program.

As a student moving from Kimpton MS to SMF HS you will not need to audition to register for the high school band. However, if you are new to Stow, or did not play in the band at Kimpton, you will need to audition for one of the directors.



Students enrolling in **Band** or **Band Honors** will receive one full credit for the class. Because of this, students must participate in both marching band and concert band. Students can also opt to earn honors credit but additional work will be required.



Marching band begins on Wednesday, June 8th with a reading session covering the music for the fall marching season. Students will have all summer to learn the music. Kimpton Students will be bussed to the HS for the rehearsal. Time 3:30PM to 5:30 PM in the HS Auditorium.

The HS Band also participates in the *4th of July Parade*. As Mr. Newman stated in an earlier email, there will not be Summer Band this year for Kimpton students. **All incoming Freshman are required to participate in the parade this year.** Practices will be on June 22nd and July 1st with the parade on Monday, July 4th.

August brings the return of marching band. Pre-Camp will be August 1st-5th with evening rehearsals from 6-9PM. To assist new marchers, we will also hold two freshmen/new marcher rehearsals on Mon. (Aug. 1) and Wed. (Aug 3) from 10 AM. to Noon. During these sessions students, will receive assistance in learning the music & marching techniques. *We realize that many students are also involved in HS sports. To this end, we work cooperatively with the athletic department & coaches to ensure students may participate in both.*



Band Camp is August 7th-12th at Edinboro College, Edinboro PA. The fee for band camp is approx. \$290 and includes housing, meals and the student's Band Uniform User Fee.

Families with multiple band students pay full price for the first and a lower amount for siblings. The SMF Band Boosters provide fundraisers to help defray costs for camp. Each student has a "Student Account" and money raised through fundraisers is placed in an account that may be drawn upon to pay for camp and other expenses. Camp payments are divided over the summer. The first will be due by June 15th and the final payment due by July 20th.

At camp, students will learn additional music & drills in large & small group sessions that will be used throughout the fall. It is strongly suggested that students attend camp. We are also always looking for parents who would like to chaperone or act as nurses.

The week following camp marks the band's first performance at the Kent Band Show and a performance at the First Football Game.

Once school begins the band will rehearse as a class during the school day as well as Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00.



At the conclusion of Marching Band, students will audition for placement in the concert bands. All Freshmen will be placed in the FRESHMEN BAND. This band participates in 3 concerts each year and at Contest. Students are also encouraged to participate in Solo & Ensemble Contest.

All incoming upperclassmen will audition for placement in one of the upperclassmen bands (Gold Symphonic, Maroon Symphonic or the Wind Ensemble).

Placement auditions for all bands will include: scales, a prepared piece, and sight-reading an unknown selection.

The Jazz Program at SMFHS features 2 or 3 jazz ensembles allowing students to experience America's music. Jazz Band begins after marching band season & rehearses Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. Placement in Jazz 1 will be based on an audition. The size of this group is limited to that of a standard jazz ensemble. Jazz 2 (Maroon or Gold) is designed to allow other interested students the opportunity to participate in Jazz.



BAND HONORS PROGRAM: The band honors program allows students to receive Honors Credit for band. Students will be required to complete 5 points of HONOR CREDIT each Quarter. More info can be found on our webpage. <http://stowband.org/honors.html>

FRESHMEN / NEW MEMBER BAND ORIENTATION

We will host a Freshmen / New Member Orientation at 7:00PM on April 4th in the HS Band Room. New students & parents should plan on attending this important meeting.

We realize that all this material may seem overwhelming, and students moving from Kimpton to the high school may feel uncomfortable, but we are very proud of the family approach we take with our program. We do our best to ensure that every student has a positive experience. Located on our Web Page is a complete calendar for all SMF band events. We invite you to attend one of our performances. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 330-689-5220 or st_monroe@smfcsd.org. Mr. Monroe.

WHY WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS?:

**** Average GPA of Band Students is 3.51 ****

*** 52% of our students are involved in honors &/or AP level classes.**

*** 51.8% of band students are involved in Athletics including fall sports. (soccer, football, cross country, volleyball, golf, tennis)**

*** On Average, Band students are involved in 2.5 Extracurricular &/or Co-Curricular Activities a year.**

*** We are proud to have former students attend leading Colleges & Universities across the United States as well as Several former students who are currently serving in the US Armed Forces across the world.**



Not Yet Registered for classes?

Please e-mail Mr. Monroe, HS Band Director, with your child's name, address, phone, instrument, & parents names so we can put you into our database. The email address is st_monroe@smfcsd.org. Also please check out our web site at the address below.

<http://stowband.org>