

FRESHMAN-NEW MARCHER ORIENTATION: 2017-18

- I. **WELCOME:** About Stow-Munroe Falls Band Program:
- Marching Band: All students participate.
 - Concert Bands: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band(s) & Freshmen Band
 - Jazz Ensemble: Thursdays after marching band, by audition..2 bands
 - Solo and Ensemble Performing Experience.....In January or February.
 - Summer Lesson Program.....Mr. Newman has lists of teachers: st_newman@smfcsd.org
 - Big Brother/Big Sister Program with Seniors
- II. **4th of July Parade Participation for incoming 8th graders is required.** There will not be a summer band this year. Practice June 28th & July 3rd: 9-10:30.
- III. **MARCHING BAND:**
- Reading Session: Friday May 25: 2:30-5:30
 - Practices Begin: Monday, July 31st (see calendar on <http://stowband.org>)
 - BAND CAMP: August 6-11 at Edinboro University.
 - BAND CAMP PACKET
 - About Band Camp:
 - Information Forms & Record of Payments (Deposit due 6/1 to SMF Band Boosters PO BOX)
 - Form #1: Stow Band Emergency Medical Form (Due 6/1, to PO BOX)
 - Form #2: Permission, Handbook Acknow. (Due 6/1, to PO BOX)
- IV. **BAND HANDBOOK/CODE OF CONDUCT:** <http://stowband.org/DL/Handbook.pdf>
- Handbook is good source of information about the band program.
 - Attendance, Grading Policy & Testing Schedule
 - Code of Conduct
- V. **BAND UNIFORMS: Fitting Times: August 1st 3:00-6:00**
- Uniform User Fee: \$30.00 is included in your band camp payment and includes cleaning and minor repairs
 - Additional Parts to Purchase: From Band Parents: *(these prices may change)*

Spats \$9.00	Gloves \$2.	T-Shirt \$8.00 (perc. \$10, & tubas \$11)
Military Cords \$14.00 per pair	Garment Bag \$25.00 (any garment bag will work)	
 - BLACK POLISHABLE SHOES & Black Socks: Oxford style black shoes: Ordered Leather \$31.50, Vinyl \$23.50
- VI. **HOW TO GET INFORMATION:**
- From now on please read the **FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL** section in the Band Newsletters
 - The Band Web Page at: <http://stowband.org> or mobile site (if it doesn't come up <http://stowband.org/m.html>)
 - Band Calendar on Web Page: you can also have the calendar downloaded to your computers or phones.
 - Twitter: Follow us on twitter @SMFBand Remind Text Notifications: Text: @smfband to 81010
- VIII. **OTHER NEEDS?**
- Flip Folders:** All students except percussion should have a flip folder with plenty of pages.
- Music Lyres:** required for all students- except percussion and Tubas. Flutes should have Flutist Friend Lyres.
- Tenor Saxophones:** Yamaha 5C Mouthpiece & Neck Strap. Mouthpiece is available from the band directors.
- Mellophone/French Horns:** Farkas MDC mouthpiece. This is available from the band directors.
- Tubas:** Heleburg Tuba Mouthpiece This is available from the band directors.
- Snare Drums:** Vic Firth Ralph Hardimon Sticks with Nylon tip.....available from the band directors.
- Quads:** Quad Malletsavailable from the band directors.
- Percussionists during concert band:** Concert Snare Drum Sticks
- IX. **SUMMER UNCERTAINTY:** Effects on the band, How to get through it.
- X. **INSTRUMENT UPGRADES:**
- XI. **BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION & PARENT HELP!!!!** →
- XII. **BAND CAMP QUESTIONS?** stowbandcamp@yahoo.com

