

Stow-Munroe Falls High Band Beginning of School 2011

1. WELCOME BACK!!

2. TESTING SCHEDULE:

The updated testing schedule is online at the Band Web Page (<http://stowband.org/mbtest.html>). Students should attempt to pass off every song. Attempts are given a 50% where non attempts are given zeros. The lowest grade a student may test off a piece is for a 55%. Until Friday 8/26, all tunes are still "A's." After Friday, there are several that will move to "B's" so please use your testing time on Thursday Night to get more stuff tested off! Students should also have a YELLOW testing card which will show the date that selections have been tested or attempted. This form can be used to dispute any grade that has been listed in Progress Book. Remember the goal should be to ATTEMPT every tune!

3. WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE:

I send out a weekly updates occasionally which includes rehearsal plans and testing schedules. If you would like to receive on, please e-mail me. st_monroe@smfcsd.org

4. ABSENCES:

Always please send in or email a note. If you know that you will be out for a performance or practice please let us know at least 3 weeks in advance. Notes can be emailed from a parent email.

5. GRADING POLICY: See the Band Handbook. <http://stowband.org/DL/Handbook.pdf>

6. WHO TO SEE IF I HAVE QUESTIONS??

Attendance/Daily Participation: Mr. Newman

Grades (Marching Band): Mrs Sandman

7. UNIFORM CARE:

Once your child arrives home from a game the uniform should be taken out of the garment bag to air dry. Mildew stains can not be removed from the uniform and students will be charged for the damaged sections to be replaced. Any uniform parts left in the band room following a game will be collected and held. It will cost the student \$5.00 to have it returned. The \$5.00 will be placed into the band activity fund, and will be used to defray the cost of the band lock in in December.

Parents, please make your child pay this fine. Students should also check their garment bags before leaving as we will no longer be taking "extras" to the performances. If a student realizes they are missing part of their uniform, he/she may borrow or purchase replacements.

8. RAINCOATS: All raincoats are assigned to a students and are kept at school.

9. APPROPRIATE DRESS: Students should plan on going outside for band. Shoes are required.

10. EXTRA HANDOUTS are posted online in the ["Forms & Download"](#) Section of the Web Page.

11. **CONCERT BAND AUDITIONS:**

Everyone must audition for a position in one of our concert bands. Due to Wind Ensemble's selection to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Conference in February, and deadlines for rosters and info, All Concert Band Auditions will take place October 3-7 this year. Students will audition during their lunch periods, band period or after school/evenings. Student will receive their music 10 days in advance.

12. **PHONE NUMBERS:** (330) 689-5220 (band office) (234) 380- 6278 (Band Emerg. #)

13. **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FORM:** <http://stowband.org/DL/TransRelease.pdf>

Please send in whenever as student will not be riding the bus to or from any band event.

14. **OTHER INFO & CALENDAR:**

Please refer to the **Monthly Newsletter** for specific information from the high school and activities that take place through the school year. A brief calendar can also be seen on the main band webpage.

<http://stowband.org/newsletter.html> Updates such as these are found at

<http://stowband.org/update.pdf>

15. **UPCOMING EVENTS & PERFORMANCES:** <http://www.stowband.org/HScal.html>

8/23 Band Performs @ Pep Rally for incoming Freshman. 2:00PM.

8/25 Thursday Band Practice 6-9

8/26 First Football Game: @ Hoover HS: meet @ HS at 4:45. Game starts 7pm

8/29 BAND PARENTS MEETING: 7:30PM. *Florida Trip Overview!*

8/31 Band Practice 6-9 (Special Wednesday Night Practice due to Open House on Thurs)

9/1 HS Open House: 7:00PM

9/2 FB Performance: Show Show pt. 2 @ Kent 7:00PM kickoff meet SMFHS 5:45 PM

9/3 Summer Sunset Blast Performance: 2:00 PM Dress Summer Band Uniform.

Perc & Tubas: Meet @ HS by 1:00PM

All Others: Meet @ Heritage Barn by 1:30PM.

9/8 Band Practice 6-9

9/9 FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME meet SMFHS 6 PM

9/10 PERFORM @ LAKE BAND SHOW: 6:30PM start, Arrive @ HS 4pm. *We are right before intermission.*

9/15 Band Practice 6-9

9/16 FOOTBALL GAME meet SMFHS 6 PM

16. **FLORIDA TRIP INFO** <http://www.stowband.org/Disney/info.html>

Tonight the Board of Education will be voting to approve the Florida Trip. Once approved I am prepared to start presenting information concerning the upcoming trip. This will be done at the Aug. 29th Band Parents Meeting. The meeting will be at 7:30 in the HS bandroom. All parents are encourage to attend. The cost of the trip is roughly \$700. Once we have an exact figure on the number of student going, we will be able to give everyone an accurate price. I have set up the webpage listed above to give more information concerning the trip. Please note, not all links are active yet, it's a good place to start. I will continue to add more as we get more info.

We are also accepting applications for chaperones for the Florida trip. We will be taking 13 chaperones. As always we try to use experienced chaperones since this is a busy week. We will also need a nurse. You can apply for to be a [chaperone here](#). The directors will be making all decisions on chaperones