

SMFHS BAND UPDATE: WEEK 2!

Always Better!:

Reading through some articles this summer I came across a line which said "we are never trying to compete against anyone but ourselves. Our goal is simple, to always be better." It seems simplistic, however as we continue to work on 14 minutes of music, its easy to get complacent. "Always better" reminds us to continue to work to improve all aspects of our performance. Here's my check list from this week:

Marching Goal	BETTER?	Musical Goal	BETTER?
Uniform Appearance	Y	Matching Musical Styles	Y
Marching Style	Y	Hearing all the lines	Y
Forms defined	Y	Tone, Intonation	Y
Forms hitting at the correct time	Y	Everyone playing 100% of time	NO YET

I also challenged the leadership to make us even more **AWSOME** this year. We've made **AWESOME** progress over the past three weeks! Better is good, and we will be working to make those even better but our #1 goal is ensure that everyone is playing 100% of the time!

OFF TO A WIN!

We've had some great wins already this year. Starting with a great band camp we continued with a fantastic performances at Kent and the first game vs Lake Catholic, I'm really proud of how our show is shaping up. To top it all off our Bulldogs Football team also won! The Kent Roosevelt game at Kent Roosevelt is up this week, let keep working together and supporting each other. .

THURSDAY REHEARSAL THIS WEEK:

The first half of the season is an extremely busy time for us. It's always good to check our rehearsal schedule on the webpage. <http://stowband.org/wksched.html> There is also a link to an updated testing schedule <http://stowband.org/mbtest.html> **Due this week is Time Out #14 and Sing a Song.** They will be performed at Kent on Friday night. Final Countdown, Sweet Caroline and Hang on Sloopy (all with music) will be next played on the next home game for Alumni Night (on 9/8) and Gold Bless the USA for the Stow Band Show on 9/16. God Bless the USA may be tested with music. As we move through the weeks you will notice some pieces of music can no longer be tested for an "A". They still may be attempted (50%) or can be tested off for current grades. Highest possible grades will continue to drop each week by one grade until they reach the level of a "F" (55%) They will remain at that level until the end of the quarter.

TESTING:

Now we are past our first football game performance the highest possible grade for several songs is now a "C". This will remain until next Monday when those selections drop to a "D" If you child has not passed off those tunes, encourage them to continue to test or at least **ATTEMPT** each piece. Attempts are worth 50% and can be converted at any time to Passes at the current highest grade. Again if there are in discrepancies with what is listed on progress book, just show your **YELLOW** card to Mrs Sandman. She will correct it The current music due is found on the Schedule page <http://stowband.org/wksched.html> while the current achievable grade is on the Testing website. <http://stowband.org/mbtest.html> Please note that some of the testing dates have been pushed back. Dates on the website are **CORRECT**. For **ATTENDANCE or PARTICIPATION GRADES**, speak to Mr. Newman! Remember, please always send in a note or email concerning any absence.

SUMMER SUNSET BLAST:

The band has been asked to perform for the opening of the Summer Sunset Blast this Saturday, Sept 2 at 5pm. Students will be wearing their Summer uniforms (Stow Band T-Shirts, Khaki Shorts) and should arrive by 4:30pm. Percussion and Tuba Students should arrive at SMFHS by 4pm as they will be transported via bus. The performance will be less than an hour. Tuba and percussion students will be transported back to the HS to put their instruments away.

ALUMNI NIGHT

About 150 graduates will be joining the HS band for our Alumni Night performance on Friday Night, September 8th. Also joining us will be retired band directors Richard Willis and Richard Oliver! We are happy to have them join us. The combined bands will be performing for Halftime that evening!

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL BAND SHOW: September 9th

Our second band show performance of the year will be next weekend at Solon High School. We will be passing out info as soon as we receive it. Students have been asked to bring Bag Chairs to sit in during the show. All students will need to bring them!

STOW BAND SHOW: September 16th 7pm.

We are very excited to have 7 great bands joining us for the band show. Bands from Stow, Kent Roosevelt, Glen Oak, Norwayne, Garfield Heights, Woodridge and James A Garfield High Schools will be taking the field Saturday night, September 16th at 7pm. General admission is \$7 with the Reserved Seating (seatback seats) \$10. Seniors and School Aged Children are \$5, and children 4 and under are FREE. For more information or to order presale tickets, please see the website: <http://stowband.org/show.html> All seven bands, almost 1000 kids, will be taking the field for a grand finale. With that many kids, tickets will be going fast! Think about ordering them online or be sure to get there early to purchase them in person.

We are still in need of parent volunteers for the Stow Band Show on September 16th. We need help with concessions, parking, ushers, and snacks. You can volunteer by:

1. Through sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094facaf2fa3f49-20151>
2. Email Jennifer Biggs: jbiggs99@gmail.com
3. Text/Call Jennifer Biggs: 559-772-9079

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Aug 31	Evening Band Practice	6-9pm
Sept 1	Football Game @ Kent Meet @ HS 5:30pm	7pm
Sept 2	Summer Sunset Blast Performance: Heritage Barn Perc & Tubas: Meet @ HS 4pm All others: Meet @ Heritage Barn 4:30Pm.	5-5:30PM
Sept 6 (Wed)	Evening Practice ***Special Night ****	6-9pm
Sept 7	HS OPEN HOUSE	
Sept 8	Football Game: Solon ALUMNI NIGHT Meet @ HS 5:15	Game 7pm.

Sept 9	Solon Band Show Meet @ HS 5:15, Show	7pm.
Sept 14	Evening Practice	6-9pm
Sept 15	Football Game: North Royalton Meet @ HS 6pm,	Game 7pm
Sept 16	SMFHS BAND SHOW Meet @ HS 6pm,	Show 7pm.
Sept 21	Evening Practice	6-9pm
Sept 22	Football Game @ Wadsworth Meet @ HS 5:00 pm,	Game 7pm
Sept 28	Evening Practice Kimpton Kids join the HS	6-9pm 6-7pm
Sept 29	Football Game @ Nordonia Meet @ HS 5:15pm Uniform Return after Game.	Game 7pm
Oct 5	Evening Practice Uniform return after practice. Kimpton Kids join the HS	6-9pm 6-7pm
Oct 6	HOMECOMING: Meet @ HS 4:30pm Parade 5pm Game 7pm.	
Oct 10 (Tues)	Evening Practice (special night)	6-9pm
Oct 12 (Thursday)	Football Game vs Hudson Meet @ HS 5:45 pm Sr. Parent's Night	7pm
Oct 19	Evening Practice	6-9pm
Oct 20	Football Game @ Falls Meet @ HS 5:30 pm	7pm
Oct 23-25	Concert Band Auditions: During Band & Study Halls	
Oct 25	End of Season Concert: Stadium or Gym Meet @ HS 6:15 pm	7pm
Oct 27	Football Game @ Brecksville/Broadview Hts Meet @ HS 5:00 pm	7pm
Play off Games:	Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24,	TBA
Dec. 12	Winter Band Concert	7pm

REMINDERS/HELPFUL HINTS:

New Band Off Phone Number: 330-689-5300 , If you can't get through, please feel free to call or text the Emergency number: (234) 380-6278.

BAND PARENTS LINK ON THE WEBPAGE: <http://www.stowband.org/Boosters.html>

OFFICER EMAILS

FUNDRAISERS & Fundraiser Chairpersons.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

To get information updates:

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/SMFband>

Text Messages via Remind: text @smfband to (330) 470-0660

The band website is a great source of information for all. <http://stowband.org>

For Tablets and mobile phones <http://stowband.org/m.html> You can even save this page to the home screen of your device.

MANY FORMS AND INFO ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD @

<http://stowband.org/downloads.html>

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FORMS: <http://www.stowband.org/DL/TransRelease.pdf>

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.

[Student Transportation Release Permission Form](#)

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: <http://stowband.org/SA.pdf>. Treasurer email: treasurer@stowband.org

UPDATED TESTING INFO IS NOW ONLINE @ <http://stowband.org/downloads.html>