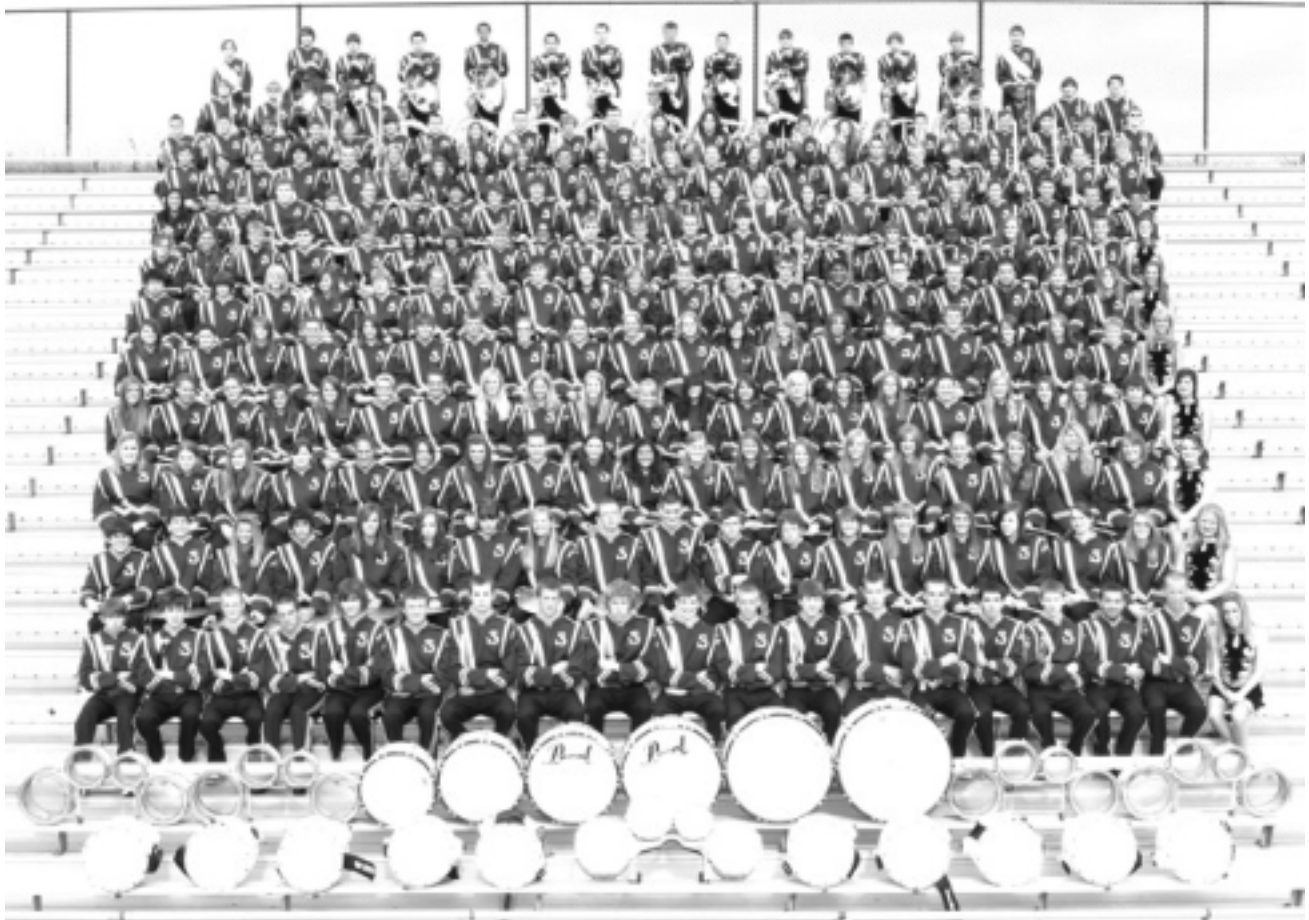


# *Stow-Munroe Falls High School Band Department*



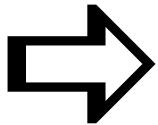
*New Student Information  
for the 2010-11 school year.*

**Special info for students who have just registered**

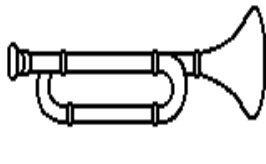
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for important information

**The High School Band Program:** is the largest organization at SMFHS. Next year over 240 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 ceremonies and graduation. Stow-Munroe Falls High School 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 will receive one full credit for the class. Because of this, students must participate in **both** marching band and concert band.



Marching band begins on June 4th 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 6:00 PM in the HS Auditorium

The High School Band also participates in the *4th of July Parade* but as an incoming Freshman participation is not required. If you would like to perform in the parade, you will need to register for the Summer Band Program: held during the week of June 21st-July 2nd. The Parade will be on July 5th this year.

**August** brings the return of the marching band. Our Pre-Camp will be August 2-6 This will involve evening rehearsals from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. To assist new marchers, we will also hold two freshmen / new marcher rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday (August 2 & 4) from 10:00A.M. 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 cooroptively with the athletic department and coaches to ensure students may participate in both.



Band Camp is held the August 8--13 at Edinboro College, Edinboro PA. The fee for band camp is approx. \$240. This includes housing, meals and the student's Uniform User Fee. Families for multiple band students pay \$230 for the first and a lower amount for siblings. (Veteran band parents may notice that for ease of payment, the Uniform Fee has been included in the band camp cost.) 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 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 30th.

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

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 OMEA Large Group Contest. Students are also encouraged to participate in Solo & Ensemble Contest.

All incoming upperclassmen will audition for placement in one of the upper classmen 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 jazz ensembles allowing students to experience America's own music. Jazz Band begins after the marching band season and 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 is designed to allow other interested students the opportunity to participate in Jazz.



# FRESHMEN / NEW MEMBER BAND ORIENTATION

Please note that there will be a Freshmen / New Member Orientation at 7:00PM on April 5th 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](mailto:st_monroe@smfcsd.org)

## 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 attending several leading Colleges and Universities including:**

Kent State University, University of Akron, Case, U. of Toledo, U. of Cincinnati, John Carroll, Miami U., William & Mary, Denison U., Kettering College, Hiram College, Boston U., Columbia Law School, OSU & OSU Medical School, Delaware U., Embry Riddle, NEOUCOM, MIT, Norwich Military College, West Point Military Academy, US Air Force Academy, US Coast Guard Academy

**& 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](mailto:st_monroe@smfcsd.org). Also please check out our web site at the address below.

<http://stowband.org>