



SHELBURNE BAND

Band Handbook 2018-2019

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What is the SMS Band?

- The Shelburne Band is a place where students have fun learning how to perform music for the community.
- It's a place where students learn teamwork, responsibility, work ethic, and discipline that will help them for the rest of their life.
- Most importantly, the Shelburne Band is place where students feel comfortable being themselves and learn how to work well with different people.

Schedule (bolded concerts are mandatory!)

Date	Time	Who?	Event	Location
TBA	6pm	8th Grade Band	8th Grade Marching Band Night	Memorial Football Stadium
Sunday Oct. 28th	6:30pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Halloween Concert	SMS
Monday Nov. 5th	5:30	7 th /8 th Grade Band	Valley Honor Band Auditions	Stewart's Draft MS
Monday Nov. 26th	6pm	6 th Grade Band	Winter Parade	Downtown
Saturday Dec. 8th	Flexible	7th/8th Grade Bands	District Band Auditions	East Rock HS
Thursday Dec. 13th	Field Trip	7th/8th Grade Bands	WW Ensemble Trip	Elm. Schools, City Hall
Thurs. Dec. 6th	6pm	6th Grade Band	Winter Concert	SMS
Sunday Dec. 16th	6:30pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Winter Concert	Lee HS
Jan. 11th/12th	Field Trip	Those who make it	Valley Honor Band	Wilson HS
Feb. 1st/2nd	Field Trip	Those who make it	All District Event	Harrisonburg High
Thursday Mar. 7th	Field Trip	8th Band	District Assessment	Broadway HS
Mar. TBA	Field Trip	6th Grade Band	5th Grade Recruitment Concert	Elementary Schools
March TBA	Field Trip	7th Grade Band	7th Grade Trip/Clinic	JMU
Sunday April 7th	5pm	6th Grade Band	Spring Band Concert	Lee HS
Sunday April 7th	6:30pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Spring Band Concert	Lee HS
Saturday May 4th	2pm	6th Grade Band	Band Banquet	SMS
Saturday May 4th	3:30pm	7th/8th Grade Band	Band Banquet	SMS
Thurs. May 16th	TBA	All Grades	Party in the Park	Gypsy Hill Park
Saturday April 27th	Field Trip	8th Grade Band	Kings Dominion Comp.	Kings Dominion

Concert Attendance Policy

Performing for people is the reason band exists! Attendance at concerts is required and a large portion of the class grade. Please note that during the 7th/8th grade band concerts, students must stay for the entire concert.

Absence will only be excused for the same reasons that SCS excuses absences from school. If you think that you will be absent, please contact the directors as soon as possible! If the absence is excused, a makeup assignment will be given.

Concert Dress

- White button up shirt (short or long-sleeved)
- Black dress pants (NOT black jeans, jeggings, spandex, or capris)
- Black Shoes and Socks (socks are optional for ladies)
- Black skirts/dresses can be worn, but must be ankle length

Band Apparel

Students will be able to purchase a band hoodie and t-shirt in the fall. These can be worn at school, parades, and field trips! However, these can NOT be worn at the Winter/Spring Concerts or the 8th Grade Band Assessment trip. Those events will be full concert dress.

After School Opportunities

- **Woodwind Ensemble** – This group is available to 7th and 8th grade woodwinds and french horns. It will practice on Wednesdays from October 18th through December 6th. The group will then take a performance field trip to all the elementary schools and to City Hall on December 7th.
- **Jazz Band** – The Jazz Band will rehearse in the 2nd semester. More details will be given out closer to that time.
- **After School Private Lessons** – By appointment with one of the band directors

Parent's Role

There are many things that parents can do to further their child's success in band. The biggest one is to keep encouraging the student. Playing an instrument can be very frustrating at times, but with hard work and persistence, success can be achieved and the rewards are plentiful! Just remember that every great player on the planet sounded like a beginning band student at one time.

Parents can also help by encouraging students to practice and perform outside of school. Have them give a short recital for grandparents or other relatives or encourage them to play for their religious services.

Chaperoning Trips

We welcome parents on our band trips. We also need help chaperoning students at concerts from time to time. We will include a place to sign up for these on our permission forms.

Band Banquet

The Band Banquet is our main fundraiser. It is a fun filled evening with a tasty buffet of food and musical performances by the SMS band students! Our students work hard on solos, small ensembles, and group performances to share while parents and guests eat! We will need help with various aspects of the banquet. More information will be available regarding volunteer opportunities in the second semester.

Instrument Rentals and Supplies

- **Shen-Valley Band** - is based out of Harrisonburg and this store makes weekly visits to Shelburne. They deliver instruments and other supplies directly to the school for free so you don't have to drive to Harrisonburg! They are also very quick at making repairs when needed.

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(540) 434-8546
<https://www.shenvalleyband.com>
svband@verizon.net

- **Amazon.com, WWBW.com, Musiciansfriend.com** – These are great outlets as well, but often they offer many confusing variations on instruments and equipment. If you're not sure if you're buying the right thing, email a link or screenshot to a band director

SMS Instrument Rental

Tuba, Bari Sax, and some Bass Clarinet students will need to rent their instrument through SMS. The cost for renting a school instrument is 10 dollars per month. We prefer that this is paid in full (\$100 for the year) or by semester (\$50 a semester). This helps us cover the cost of repair for the wear and tear on the instrument. These instruments will remain the property of Staunton City Schools and the parent and student are responsible for any damage or loss of the instrument. We have a small selection of other instruments that can be renting from the school. These are given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

Instrument repair

Mr. N. and Mr. W. can adjust screws and put on "emergency pads". Everything else must be repaired by a professional. You have 2 options here. You can either take the instrument to a repair shop yourself, or you can have Shen-Valley Band of Harrisonburg pick up the instrument from SMS on Tuesdays.

Shen-Valley is very fast (most repairs take a week) however it should be noted that due to the volume of repairs that they do, they can't call every single person that sends in an instrument before they repair it. Their policy is that if you send them an instrument and the repair is less than 50 dollars, they will go ahead and do it, then bill you for it. If the repair is more than 50 dollars, they will call you before doing anything.

If you rent your instrument from Staunton Music, sometimes they will do a repair for free, but typically the instrument will be gone for many weeks.