



# **SHELBURNE BAND**

## **Band Handbook 2019-2020**

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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
Friday Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night	Gypsy Hill Park Football Stadium
<b>Sunday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>Halloween Concert</b>	<b>SMS</b>
Monday Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Interested 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Valley Honor Band Auditions	Stuarts Draft MS
Monday Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	Winter Parade	Meet at SMS
Saturday Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Flexible	Interested 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	District Band Auditions	East Rock HS
<b>Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>SMS</b>
<b>Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>SMS</b>
<i>Wed Dec. 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>All Bands</i>	<i>Winter Concert Snow Date</i>	<i>SMS</i>
Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	Field Trip	Selected 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Valley Honor Band Performance	Wilson Memorial HS
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Field Trip	Selected 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	All District Band Performance	Harrisonburg HS
Feb. TBA	Field Trip	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	JMU Field Trip	JMU
<b>March 21 or 22</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>State Assessment</b>	<b>Broadway HS</b>
March TBA	Field Trip	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	Elementary Schools
<b>Sunday Apr. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>Staunton High School</b>
<b>Sunday Apr. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>Staunton High School</b>
Saturday Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	Kings Dominion Field Trip	Kings Dominion
Thursday Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bands	Party in the Park!	Gypsy Hill Park
Sunday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bands	Band Banquet	SMS

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade woodwinds and french horns. It will practice after school one day a week from October 18<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>. The group will then take a performance field trip to all the elementary schools and to City Hall on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jazz Band** – The Jazz Band is available to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade instruments, and rehearses very challenging music in various jazz styles. We will rehearse in the fall this year, which is a change from years past! We will take a field trip to Bridgewater College, perform on the winter concert, and possibly travel to the elementary schools as well.
- **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 for repairs and order deliveries. They are very quick at making repairs when needed, and service instruments from all vendors.

Shen-Valley Band  
144 N Liberty St, Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
(540) 434-8546  
[www.shenvalleyband.com](http://www.shenvalleyband.com)  
svband@verizon.net

- **Staunton Music** – based out of Staunton and makes weekly visits to Shelburne. They are a supplier of Music & Arts brand instruments.

Staunton Music  
623 Greenville Ave  
(540) 213-0564  
[www.stauntonmusic.net](http://www.stauntonmusic.net)  
stauntonmusicllc@gmail.com

- **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.