

Shelburne Middle School Band Handbook 2015-2016



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This handbook belongs to _____

Program Goals

- Provide quality music instruction
- Give quality concerts to the community
- Teach responsibility through routines
- Practice good rehearsal techniques
- Display good concert etiquette
- Be a beacon of character in our school
- Have FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Schedule (bolded concerts are mandatory!)

Date/Time	Time	Who?	Event	Location
Sunday Oct. 25th	6pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Halloween Concert	SMS
Monday, Nov. 30th	Night	6th Grade Band	Winter Parade	Downtown
Saturday Dec. 5th	Flexible	7th/8th Grade Bands	District Band Auditions	Turner Ashby HS
Thursday Dec. 10th	Field Trip	7th/8th Grade Bands	WW ensemble Trip	Elm. Schools, Hospital
Sunday Dec. 13th	5pm	6th Grade Band	Winter Concert	Lee HS
Sunday Dec. 13th	7pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Winter Concert	Lee HS
Feb. 5th/6th	Field Trip	Those that make it	All District Event	SMS/Lee HS
Monday March 4th	Field Trip	8th Grade Band	District Assessment	Skyline MS
March TBA	Field Trip	6th Grade Band	5th Grade Recruitment Concert	Elm. Schools
Sunday April 10th	5pm	All Bands!	Band Banquet	SMS
April TBA	Field Trip	7th Grade Bands	7th Grade Trip/Clinic	JMU
Sunday May 1st	5pm	6th/7th/8th Grade Bands	Spring Band Concert	Lee HS
Saturday May 14th (tentative)	Field Trip	8th Grade Band	Kings Dominion Competition	Kings Dominion

Concert Attendance Policy

Performing for people is the reason band exists! Attendance at concerts is required and a portion of the grade. 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!

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)

Skirts/dresses must be floor length

Band Apparel

Students will be able to purchase a band hoodie 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. These will be full concert dress.

After School Opportunities

Woodwind Ensemble – This group is available to 7th and 8th grade woodwinds. It will practice on Wednesdays from Sept. 30th through Dec 10th. The group will then take a performance field trip to all of the elementary schools and Augusta Health Hospital.

Jazz Band – The Jazz Band will rehearse every Monday and Thursday starting on **November 2nd** and is open to all 7th and 8th graders. The group performs at the Winter Concert, Band Banquet, the Spring Concert, and Jazz in the Park (date TBD). Members will also have the opportunity to audition to participate in the All-District Jazz Band (dates TBD).

After School Private Lesson Program

Starting on September 14th, we will offer free after school private lessons to any SMS students who are interested in an extra challenge or extra help! More information will be given out in September.

Instrument Rentals

Most students “rent to own” their instruments. If you wish to go this route, there are two places that you can rent instruments from.

Shen-Valley Music (540) 434-8546 is based out of Harrisonburg and the 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. You can also rent instruments from Staunton Music (540) 213-0564 if you wish.

Instrument Purchase

Quality instruments give your child a much better chance to succeed. Some of the off-brand names are so bad that we will not allow students to begin on them. They are made of cheap metal and poor materials that are not durable and play out of tune. Worse, no repairman can find any parts for these “economy” instruments when they need repair.

On the next page is a list of the preferred instruments for SMS. We recommend these instruments because of their history of quality craftsmanship, high-grade materials, and the recommendations of the finest teachers. You may purchase these instruments with confidence.

Instruments can be purchased from Shen-Valley Band, WWBW.com, musiciansfriend.com, and amazon.com. As far as Craigslist and Ebay, you can sometimes get a good deal if you're buying a name brand. Make sure you take the instrument to a repair shop as soon as it comes in so they can assess the condition. For brass, take them to Shen-Valley Band (540) 434-8546 and for woodwinds, take them to Michael Elswick in Charlottesville 434-973-4299.

Instrument	Brand	Model	Mouthpiece	Quality
Flute	Yamaha	YFL-221	N/A	Student
	Jupiter	661	N/A	Advanced Student
	Yamaha	481H	N/A	Professional
	Yamaha	581H	N/A	Professional
Oboe	Fox	333	Med-Soft Jones Reeds	Student
	Yamaha	221	Med-Soft Jones Reeds	Student
	Fox	400	Hand Made (ask)	Professional
Bassoon	Fox	41	FoxCVXBocal	Student
	Fox	222	FoxCVXBocal	Professional
Clarinet	Buffett	B12	Yamaha 4c	Student
	Yamaha	YCL-225	Yamaha 4c	Student
	Yamaha	YCL-450	Vandoren 5RV Lyre Profile 88	Advanced Student
	Buffett	R-13	Vandoren 5RV Lyre Profile 88	Professional
Alto Sax	Yamaha	YAS-26	Yamaha 4c	Student
	Yamaha	YAS62II	Selmer C*	Professional
Tenor Sax	Yamaha	YTS23	Yamaha 4c	Student
	Yamaha	YTS62II	Selmer C*	Professional
Trumpet	King	601	Bach 5C	Student
	Yamaha	YTR2335	Bach 5C	Student
	Bach	Strad37/180	Bach 3C	Professional
French Horn	Yamaha	YHR-567	Yamaha 32C4	Student
	Holton	Models 175-181	Holton Farkas MDC	Professional
Trombone	Jupiter	332L	YAC SL47	Student
	Yamaha	YSL-354	YAC SL47	Student
	Eastman	ETB432/430	Bach 6 1/2 AL	Student F-Attachment
	Yamaha	YSL448G	Bach 6 1/2 AL	Student F-Attachment
	Bach	42BO	Schilke 51	Student F-Attachment
Euphonium	Yamaha	YEP201	YAC SL47	Student

Instrument	Brand	Model	Mouthpiece	Quality
		YEP321	Bach 6 1/2 AL	Professional
Tuba	Yamaha	YBB-105WC	Yamaha Standard	Student
	St. Petersburg	N202	Bach 18	Professional
Percussion Kit	Yamaha	Bell Kit		Bells, Practice pad
	Pearl	PK900C		Bells, Practice pad and the case has Wheels!
Xylophone	Stagg	Xylo-Set	Vic Firth PolyBall Mallets	Student
Marimba	Majestic	4.3 Octave	IP-240 Mallets	Professional
Snare Drum	Pearl	MX Custom	Vic Firth Sticks	Student
	Pearl	Symponic Snare	Vic Firth Sticks	Professional

Lucille Newman Scholarship Fund

A generous donor has started a scholarship fund at SMS to help families in financial need rent and buy their own instrument. Instruments covered in the scholarship include flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Please see a band director for an application.

Instrument repair

Students/Parents should not attempt to repair their instruments! We can do minor repair in the band room. However anything we can't handle will need to go to the shop. We recommend the following shops for repair.

Shen-Valley Band	Harrisonburg	(540) 434-8546	Preferred brass repair shop. Delivers/picks up from SMS Tuesdays.
Michael Elswick	Charlottesville	(434) 981-1542	Preferred Woodwind repair shop.

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.

Lastly, **Parents can volunteer!** Check out the attached form for more info!

SMS Band Parent Signature Sheet

Volunteer opportunities

Chaperoning Trips

We welcome parents on our 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 typically need a lot of parent help to make this event happen. Please check any areas that you may be able to help.

<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaperoning Band Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Connecting with local business for donations of food and/or money	Other:
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Comprehension Signatures

Please *initial* each of the following and return it no later than **Tuesday August 25th**

	Student Initials	Parent Initials
I have read the handbook and understand the policies.		
I HAVE WRITTEN THE CONCERT DATES IN MY CALENDAR. I understand that they are mandatory and count for 1/3 of my grade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Oct. 25th 5pm @SMS – 7th/8th grade Halloween Concert • Sunday Dec. 13th 5pm @Lee HS – 6th Grade Band Concert • Sunday Dec. 13th 7pm @Lee HS 7th/8th Grade Winter Band Concert • Sunday May 1st 5pm @Lee HS – 6th/7th/8th Grade SMS Spring Band Concert 		
I understand what proper concert dress is for SMS concerts		

Student name (print) _____ Date: _____

Parent name (print) _____ Date: _____