



SHELBURNE BAND

Band Handbook 2023-2024

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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 a place where students feel comfortable being themselves and learn how to work well with different people.

2023-2024 Schedule (bolded concerts are mandatory!)

Date	Time	Who?	Event	Location
Monday, Sept. 18 th	9:00 am	8 th Grade Band	Conference Program Photoshoot	Staunton HS
Friday, Sept. 29 th	6:00 pm	8 th Grade Band	8 th Grade Band Night	Gypsy Hill Park Football Stadium
Sunday, Oct. 29th	6:30 pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Fall Concert	Staunton HS
Wed, Nov. 1 st	5:00 pm	Interested 7 th /8 th Graders	Valley Honor Band Auditions	Wilson MS
Tuesday, Nov. 7th	12:00pm	8th Grade Band	Conference Preview Concert	Staunton HS
Thurs., Nov. 16th	1:30 pm	8th Grade Band	VMEA Conference Performance	Richmond, VA
Saturday, Dec. 2 nd	8:00 am	Interested 7 th /8 th Graders	District Band Auditions	Waynesboro HS
TBD	Field Trip	Woodwind Ensemble	Woodwind Ensemble Trip	SCS Elem Schools
Sunday, Dec. 10th	5:00 pm	6th Grade Band	Winter Concert	Staunton HS
Sunday, Dec. 10th	6:30 pm	7th Grade Band WW Ens.	Winter Concert	Staunton HS
Wed, Dec. 13 th	5:30 pm	6 th /7 th Grade Bands	Winter Concert Snow Date	Staunton HS
Jan. 5 th /6 th	All Day	Selected 7 th /8 th Graders	Valley Honor Band Event	Stuarts Draft HS
Feb. 2 nd /3 rd	All Day	Selected 7 th /8 th Graders	All-District Band Event	Staunton HS
Feb. TBD	Field Trip	7 th Grade Band	JMU Field Trip	JMU
March 6th/7th	TBA	7th/8th Grade Bands	State Assessment	Spotswood HS
March TBD	Field Trip	6 th Grade Band	5 th Grade Performance (during the school day)	Shelburne MS
Mon, March 18 th	All Day	Selected 7 th /8 th Graders	All District Jazz Band	Bridgewater College
April TBD	Field Trip	Jazz Band	Jazz Band Field Trip	Bridgewater College
Sunday, April 14th	5:00 pm	6th Grade Band	Spring Concert	Staunton HS
Sunday, April 14th	6:30 pm	7th/8th Grade Bands	Spring Concert	Staunton HS
Saturday, Apr. 20 th	All Day	8 th Grade Band	Kings Dominion Field Trip	Kings Dominion
Sunday, May 5 th	TBD Afternoon	All SCS Bands & Choirs	Party in the Park!	Gypsy Hill Park Rain: Staunton HS

Concert Attendance Policy

Performing for people is the reason the band exists! **Attendance at required concerts is mandatory** and a large portion of the class grade (see syllabus for grade breakdown.) 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; if the absence is unexcused, no makeup assignment will be provided.

Concert Dress

- Black button-up shirt (short or long-sleeved)
- Black dress pants (NOT black jeans, jeggings, spandex, or capris)
- Black Shoes and Socks
- Black skirts/dresses can be worn, but must go past the knees when seated

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 7th/8th Grade Band Assessment trips. 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 after school one day a week from October 13th through December 6th. The group will then take a performance field trip to all the elementary schools and City Hall on December 9th.
- **Jazz Band** – The Jazz Band is available to all 7th and 8th grade instruments, and rehearses very challenging music in various jazz styles. We will rehearse in the spring this year. We will take a field trip to Bridgewater College, perform at the Spring Concert, and possibly travel to the elementary schools as well.
- **After School Private Lessons** – By appointment with one of the band directors

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.

144 N Liberty St, Harrisonburg, VA 22802
(540) 434-8546 | www.shenvalleyband.com | svband@verizon.net

- **Music & Arts (through Heifetz Institute)** – Music and Arts is based in Charlottesville and deals locally through the Heifetz storefront on Beverly Street.

107 E Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401
<https://www.musicarts.com/> | Gregory.Brown@musicarts.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 Bass Clarinet students will need to rent their instruments 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 rented from the school. These are given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

Instrument repair

If you own your instrument, we recommend sending it to Shen-Valley for repair. You can either take it to their Harrisonburg store for repair or they can leave it in the repair box in the Shelburne band room and Shen-Valley will pick it up on Tuesdays.

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If you rent your instrument through Music and Arts, they can pick up by request at Shelburne or you can take it to the Heifetz storefront on Beverly street.

Note: 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.

Parent's Role

There are many things that parents can do to further their child's success in the 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.

Approved Volunteers

We will need parent help at times throughout the school year (setting up for concerts, chaperoning field trips, transporting equipment...). If you think you will be willing to assist, please consider becoming a Staunton City Schools Approved Volunteer. This process only takes two forms a few minutes; search for the *Volunteer Agreement Application* and *Student Privacy Statement* on the Staunton City Schools Website. Mr. Wilson can provide copies of these forms on request if you wish.

Staunton City Schools "Approved Volunteer" status lasts for one school year, and applies to *all* SCPS activities (athletics, fine arts, PTA events...).

Chaperoning Trips

We welcome parents on our band trips (Approved Volunteer status not required). 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.