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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Holiday Music

The High School Orchestra led by Mrs. Frances Hamilton provides community service by performing for the "Holiday Tree Festival" which was held on November 21 and benefitted Akron Children's Hospital.

Orchestra members, Kyla Baughman, Megan Jennings, Tyler Lattie, Keith Martin, Jeremy Quay, Rachel Teleis and Rachel Shumway will also provide music for Stow City Hall's annual Holiday Event on December 6 and for the Stow Rotary Club's annual Holiday Breakfast on December 21.

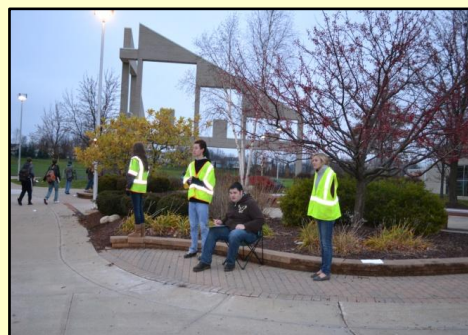
Holiday Shopping

Student Council will be hosting a Drop-N-Shop Event from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Drop off your kids, and the Student Council members will babysit while you shop for the holidays! This is all for donations so we can adopt a family.

Choir Performance

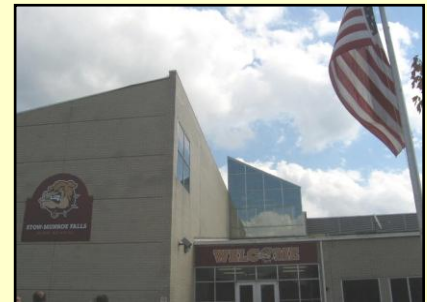
Please join us for a Winter Celebration! Kimpton Middle School and Stow-Munroe Falls High School Choirs combined on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. auditorium.

Traffic Study



Students from Cleveland State University are currently conducting a traffic study to help improve our traffic on Graham Road.

Principal Susan Schur, Principal Anthony Horton, Assistant Principal Chris DiMauro, Assistant Principal Kathleen Thomas, Assistant Principal Cyle Feldman, Athletic Administrator



CPR Certification

CPR training will be held on Saturday, December 10th at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. The cost is \$15.00 for students and staff.

See Mr. Delaney in room 213 to register or call 330-689-5300 ext. 6225 for more details.

Extended Homeroom

Monday, December 12th at 7:30 a.m.

Tech Talk for Senior Citizens

Student Council has put together a day of "teaching" technology to local Senior Citizens on December 6th.

Haven of Rest Drive

Student Council is holding a canned food drive until December 9th. Please turn in any items to your first period teacher.



Joshua's hours of operation:
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10:45 - 1:00
(subject to changes for functions etc.)



*Congratulations to
Dr. Scott Lacy
Distinguished Alumni Award
2011-2012*



*Congratulations to
Mr. Harley Lappin
Distinguished Alumni Award
2011-12*

STUDENTS RAISING MONEY TO BUILD A “STOW SCHOOL” IN MALI, AFRICA

DECA, (An Association of Marketing Students) the International Business and Marketing Institute and the Interact Club have combined forces to help build a much needed school in Mali, Africa.

Dr. Scott Lacy, who was named SMFHS Class of 1989 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient, came to the International Business & Marketing Institute on Friday, October 7, and spoke to the class for two periods. He spoke of his non-profit organization “[African Sky](#)” and how much is needed in Mali, Africa (where he has spent much time over the years). He spoke to the group of international students with such passion and enthusiasm that the students decided to chose Mali, Africa, as their international cause. One of the main needs in Mali is schools for the children and DECA & IBMI are asking for other clubs and activities to also help in raising money for a “Stow School” in Mali.

“We can really make this happen,” said Chloe Moore, President of the IBMI and Chris Choler, President of DECA. “If everyone pitches in, we can hopefully reach our goal which costs \$12,000-\$14,000 to build a school in Mali, said Choler. “This is also a way for us to give to others when we have so much here in the states,” commented Moore.

The clubs have an aggressive goal of two years to raise enough money and make this school in Africa a reality. Already for the months of November and December the two groups (DECA/International Business & Marketing) have many fundraisers planned. These activities include: Hoops 4 a Cause (which is a staff vs. students in a basketball game on Tuesday, November 22), selling premium chocolate candy bars, selling Mali T-shirts for only \$10 each, selling “Mali Mission” colorful wristbands, and have a two-week 1st period contest to see which class can raise the most money and get treated with a bagel party. The group also has a Mali-ball tournament planned in December where teams will compete in a volleyball elimination tournament bracket using an exercise ball to make it wacky and fun. All proceeds raised from these will go towards the building of a Stow School in Mali.



*Stow International Business Students
with Dr. Scott Lacy (center)*

ATTENTION PTSA MEMBERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

Outstanding Educator Award

It's time again to solicit nominations for the Outstanding Educator and Helping Hands Awards that are given out every year in our district. PTSA sponsors these awards to honor teachers who go above and beyond! The high school has been represented well these last few years in our nominations and we hope to continue that trend while recognizing those who so deserve! We have many excellent educators here at SMFHS. Let's show them how much we appreciate what they do every day simply by nominating them for Outstanding Educator! Complete the Outstanding Educator Award Nomination Form.

Helping Hands Award

The PTSA is also looking for nominations for the Helping Hands Award. Nominees for Helping Hands may include anyone working on behalf of children excluding certified educators. These would include, but are not limited to, aides, nurses, bus drivers, coaches, secretaries, etc. Please consider nominating someone who has stood out in your student's academic life. Complete the Helping Hands Award Nomination Form. Nominations may come from parents and/or students!

Nomination deadline is December 16, 2011.

Mali Tournament

Fundraising tournament to be held Wednesday, December 21, 2011 (the day before break). All proceeds go to building the “Stow School” in Mali, Africa. It will be held during periods 3-9 for all students who sign up.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Junior Achievement inducted Ms. Christa Batton and Ms. Katie Ridenour from Americhem Corporation, located in Cuyahoga Falls, into their Volunteers-of-the-Year Hall of Fame for the 2010-2011 school year. They were nominated by Business Management students for volunteering their time teaching the Junior Achievement Success Skills program to Mrs. Lark Forbes' Business Management Level 1 program.



Ms. Christa Batton & Katie Ridenour (front, right) with Business Management Students

SENIOR NEWS



Caps and Gowns

Jostens won't be back at the high school to take orders for Senior Caps & Gowns, but seniors can still order by sending an order to our Jostens representative (forms available in the Attendance Office) or ordering online at www.jostens.com.

Graduation announcements can also be ordered online.

Senior Pictures

Senior Pictures are due by Friday, January 13, 2012. Pictures should be headshots - waist up, no hands or props in the picture – taken by a photographer of your choice and on a disk in a jpeg file. Be sure the student's name is on the disk/envelope and give it to Mrs. Frazee in Room 119.

Upcoming Events

12/5	BAND PARENTS MEETING @ 7:00 PM
12/6	SENIOR ADULTS TECH TALK DAY
12/5-9	HOLIDAY SHOPPE
12/6	JUNIOR CLASS PLAY AUDITIONS
12/7	FRIENDS OF THEATRE MEETING @ 7:00 PM
12/8	CHOIR CONCERT @ 7:00 PM
12/10	STUDENT COUNCIL DROP & SHOP @ 8:00 AM
12/10	CPR TRAINING CLASS
12/10	ACT Test at H.S. 8:00 AM
12/12	Extended homeroom 7:30 AM
12/14	WINTER BAND CONCERT @ 7:00 PM
12/14	ATHLETIC BOOSTERS @ 7:00 PM
12/19-21	DRAMA CLUB ONE-ACT AUDITIONS @ 2:30 PM
12/21	ORCHESTRA PARENTS @ 7:00 PM
12/22 to 1/2	HIGH SCHOOL WINTER BREAK BEGINS 12/22 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON 1/3

Student Opportunities

- **Tutoring Available** - National Honor Society is offering tutoring in the library during your study hall. Get a pass from a classroom teacher or your study hall monitor. Tutoring is available every period.
- **"Take Action" Video Contest** - Produce a 60-second video promoting Internet safety. Go to www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or see your school counselor. Deadline is December 15, 2011.
- **Contest** - The Dr. Martin Luther King Art, Writing, and Multi-Media Contest - Use one of these mediums to reflect on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the impact of his work in the Civil Rights movement. Go to <http://www.crc.ohio.gov> to apply or see your school counselor. Deadline is December 15, 2011.
- **Interested in Business?** – Are you a 10th, 11th, or 12th grader interested in starting your own business some day? Then you should attend [Ohio Business Week](#) next summer! See your school counselor to apply. Deadline is April 30, 2012.
- **Are you a talented, motivated writer in grades 10-12?** Attend the Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison University this June 17-24, 2012. See your school counselor for details. The deadline is March 9, 2012.
- **Writing Contest – Win a Kindle!** See Mrs. Lancy in the Library for details.