



Sound of Silver 2016

SHAW HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to another Exciting year.

- ▶ I am ecstatic to welcome you to another year with the Sound of Silver Band Program.
- ▶ Our goal of the overall band program is to provide students at Shaw High School the opportunity to study and perform different genres of music, provide entertainment for audiences in the school and community, provide support for our athletic teams, and to serve as ambassadors for Shaw High School.

About Mr. Gillen

- ▶ Native of Opelika, Alabama
- ▶ Member of GMEA, AMEA, and NAFME.
- ▶ Member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society
- ▶ Brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, Pi Chapter.
- ▶ Graduate of Auburn University, BM.Ed
 - ▶ Outstanding Senior in Music Education.
 - ▶ Magna Cum Laude
 - ▶ Member of Auburn University Marching Band, Auburn University Symphonic Winds, Tiger Saxophone Quartet, various chamber ensembles, Lakeview Baptist Church Orchestra, AU Theatre Dept. Orchestra. Lead Alto for the Auburn University Jazz Band.

About Mr. Gillen Continued

- ▶ 2015-2016 School Year, Music Teacher at Dorothy Height Elementary School.
- ▶ 2010-2016, Composer and Arranger for various schools including Opelika High School, Auburn High School, Eufaula High School, and Reeltown High School.
- ▶ 2010-2015 Staff Member at Various High Schools
- ▶ Current Member of the Auburn Knights Swing Orchestra.
- ▶ Current Member of the Bob Barr Community Band.
- ▶ Avid Football Fan.

2016 Band Fees

- ▶ Why do we have band fees?
 - ▶ In an ideal world, we wouldn't have to charge anyone to be involved in the band. However, there are many costs that are associated with running a band program.
 - ▶ Band Fees Cover the Cost of:
 - ▶ Music for the Band to play/Auxiliary to dance to
 - ▶ Transportation (truck maintenance, Gas, School busses for non-district trips)
 - ▶ Field Paint
 - ▶ Shirts
 - ▶ Flag silks, Weights, and Velcro,
 - ▶ Banner Replacement Fund
 - ▶ Instrument Repair Fund
 - ▶ Uniform Reserve
 - ▶ Registration for Events, Parades, competitions, battles, etc.

All students **MUST** pay their band fees.

- ▶ If students do not pay their band fees, it becomes impossible for us to run the band program.
- ▶ It is my goal to make the band affordable for everyone. Therefore I am making adjustments to the Band fees and required items to lessen the load on parents.
- ▶ The following are the band fees for the 2016-2017 Season and what these fees cover.

Band Fee for students in Marching and Concert Band

- ▶ \$130
 - ▶ This includes your 2016-2017 Uniform shirt.
 - ▶ This includes your end of season Dry Cleaning.
- ▶ What other items are required?
 - ▶ Bibbers for new members \$47
 - ▶ Marching Shoes for new members: \$30
 - ▶ Spats \$6.50
 - ▶ Gloves \$3.00

Band Fees for Auxiliary

- ▶ \$130
 - ▶ Includes 3 shirts used for Troy “Sound of the South” Summer Camp
- ▶ Other Required Items
 - ▶ Uniform- \$175.00
 - ▶ Windsuit- \$120
 - ▶ Character Shoes (Dance)
 - ▶ Boots (Flags)
 - ▶ Tights

Band Fees for Students in Concert Band Only

- ▶ \$100
 - ▶ Does not include any additional shirts or items.

Band Fees Schedule:

- ▶ \$30 due by Aug 3.
 - ▶ \$30 due by Aug 17
 - ▶ \$30 due by September 2
 - ▶ \$30 due by September 16
 - ▶ \$10 due by October 5
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- ▶ Parents are encouraged to pay all band fees in a lump sum at the beginning of the season, however all fees should be paid by October 5th.

Managers:

- ▶ Fees: \$20 for shirt.
- ▶ Windsuit: \$120
- ▶ Assist during rehearsals with making sure everyone has plenty of water or Gatorade.
- ▶ Assist with loading and unloading the band truck
- ▶ Assist in giving out water at all performances
- ▶ Cleaning up performance areas when the band is done
- ▶ Assist during performances as need with direction from Mr. Gillen

Optional Items

- ▶ Students in the Band may wish to purchase other items for the season. These items are not required but may add value to your students marching experience.
 - ▶ Wind Suit - \$120
 - ▶ Hats
 - ▶ Headbands
 - ▶ Additional Dry-Fit Shirts (Red, Gray, or White)

An Order Form for these items (with prices) will be sent out in Early September. Parents and Family Members are welcome to purchase items.

Game Day: *Stands?*

“Can you please provide clarification on the new Principal’s policy in regards to Dancing in the stands, Dance Band, Pregame, and Halftime shows?”

- ▶ Please excuse any miscommunication.
- ▶ There is NO policy on dancing in the stands. In fact, it’s the perfect place to do it.
- ▶ We’ve been asked to move Dance Band to the stands at the end of the halftime performance. This will be effective improving congestion on the field before the 2nd half of football begins.

Events for the School Year.

- ▶ We will not participate in any competitions in the 2016-2017 School year. I want to give the band some time to adjust to differences in marching fundamentals before being judged at competition.
- ▶ We will perform in AT LEAST three parades. These include Veterans day, Fort Valley State vs Albany State, and Tuskegge vs Morehouse. At this time, we are unaware what parades the school district will pay transportation for. There will be a band directors meeting in the coming weeks where that information will become available.
- ▶ The Marching Season will have a definitive end in February to focus on the Concert season. This will only change if we are asked to preform by officials from the school district or the administration of Shaw High School.

Fundraising: Looking Ahead

- ▶ We are confirmed for the Fruit sale in October.
- ▶ We will tentatively hold another Fish Fry in the Spring Semester of 2017.
- ▶ We are actively for a 3rd and 4th fundraiser. These will be announced as information becomes available.
- ▶ The fundraisers are not required. But are **STRONGLY** suggested. If your diploma or transcripts are held at graduation because of delinquent fees and you have done no fundraising, There is very little I can do to help you.

Participation Policy

- ▶ All Rehearsals are Mandatory.
- ▶ The calendar for the Summer has been posted as of May 20, 2016. No absences will be excused unless:
 - ▶ The Student or Parent informed Mr. Gillen of the absence prior to May 20, 2016 when the schedule was sent.
 - ▶ The student email's ahead that they will miss a rehearsal for sickness AND brings a doctors note upon returning.
 - ▶ The student is otherwise unable to attend due to tragedy, injury, etc.
- ▶ Students in other School related activities.
 - ▶ Students that participate in other schools activities (cheeleading, JROTC, sports, etc.) should meet with Mr. Gillen. The teachers, coaches, sponsors, and I will work closely to make sure you are able participate in practices, performances, games, and other events.

Students With Non Passing grades.

- ▶ Student Progress will be monitored over the course of the year. Every 4 ½ weeks, I will be checking to ensure that students are passing their coursework.
- ▶ Students found not passing will be placed in probationary membership. These students will participate in a limited capacity while studying and doing homework. Students will not march during games while on probationary membership.

Behavior Policy

- ▶ Behavior inconsistent with the principles of Shaw High School set forth by the Administration and listed in the school handbook are not tolerated in the band program.
 - ▶ Students will be held to a high standard there will be consequences for negative actions taken.
- ▶ Drug/Alcohol Policy.
 - ▶ Students found using any type of drug or alcohol on campus or at a school sponsored event will immediately be released from the band program. Students may be subject to suspension or expulsion as deemed appropriate by the school administration.

Band Style.

- ▶ Many students have asked if the band will be corps style this year.
- ▶ My goals as a director are not loyal to any one style. I want to have flash in the show. I want it to be interesting. I want students to experience a variety of music and hopefully learn something too. We will high march. We will have fun.
- ▶ Musicality is also important to me. If we play soft, we will do so with a good sound. If we play loud, we will do so with a good sound.
- ▶ So we will be a traditional style band.

Forms of Communication

- ▶ Email: gillen.joshua.m@muscogee.k12.ga.us
- ▶ Website: Contact info available
- ▶ Remind 101: We will be using remind 101 for the band. Remind 101 is a safe way to communicate with students and parents.
 - ▶ Remind 101 for Parents text @sosparents to 81010
 - ▶ Remind 101 for Leadership (for leadership only)
 - ▶ Remind 101 for Band text @shawhig to 81010

How to access this information?

- ▶ All of the current dates, important information pertaining to the band, contact information and more can be found at www.shawhighschoolband.com
- ▶ For inquiries on your personal balance, please email Ms. Dana. She will give you your updated account information.
- ▶ Please pay any fees directly to Mr. Gillen AND note what specifically the payment is for. Cash or Money orders only! (unless you are an MCSD employee)

Questions?

