



What you need for Grade 8 Band!

Joining the Band Program is signing up for a team. As with most teams, you will need some equipment to participate! Here is what you need and need to know for the start of the year!

Instruments

There are a few options for obtaining an instrument for the school year. We will start the school year by looking at and demonstrating what instruments are available to play in this course. Some students may have previous experience on an instrument and wish to continue that learning, which is fine, but we encourage students to keep an open mind and take it as a chance to consider a new challenge if they wish. We will take the first few classes to look in-depth at:

Woodwinds: *Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone*

Brass: *Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn, Tuba*

Strings: *Bass Guitar*

Other options that students may want to consider in January when we open the door to these options are:

Percussion (requires an audition or previous experience in the form of lessons), Baritone Saxophone.

***Please note that Piano and Guitar are not concert band options as they typically do not play as ensemble instruments. In Grade 9, students have the option of performing on those instruments in Jazz Band or in Grade 10-12 with Jazz or R&B Band (both options require students to be taking lessons as they are extremely challenging to learn on your own).**

There are a few restrictions on how many instruments we can have in each grade such as:

-Bass Guitar (due to how many amps and outlets we can provide)

-Percussion (requires lessons or a passed audition in January)

If you own an instrument and intend on using it this year please bring it to the Music Directors for inspection so we can determine if it is in working condition. No one wants to be frustrated by an instrument that is being fussy and won't play properly.

If you don't have an instrument already, there are two options:

Option #1

We will be hosting an instrument rental night with Long & McQuade music coming to our school. Long & McQuade is a store in Nanaimo (Canada wide chain of stores) and can come up on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH from 3-6PM.** This is the only time they will do a giant event for us, otherwise if you wish to rent an instrument from them **(and we highly recommend you do if you can)** you will have to head to Nanaimo. All the information can be found on their website (long-mcquade.com). It is worth renting from the store if possible as the quality of instruments are quite good and can cover repair and upkeep costs. Rental information can also be completed online, and the store will bring the instrument

to the rental event to pick up with no paperwork needing to be completed (this is a highly recommended option if you can).

Option #2

If the cost for renting an instrument from the store is too much, ADSS has instruments available for those families who need them. We ask for a one-time fee of \$50 to help cover repair costs at the end of the year. We can supply as much as we have in our inventory. If the \$50 is too much please give The Music Directors a call at the school (250-723-6251) or email (jkynoch@sd70.bc.ca/KLancaster@sd70.bc.ca) and we will do what we can to help. **It is important to note that costs will NEVER be a barrier for any student, as we want to ensure anyone can participate in music.** To request a school instrument please visit our website (www.adssmusic.weebly.com) and visit the page "Starting the year". Scroll down until you see the Google form for instrument rentals and complete. Once the form has been completed and the student brings in the \$50 fee, an instrument will be assigned.

We also recommend the following brands and supporting materials needed for each instrument:

Flute Players

Good Brands: Yamaha, Gemeinhardt,
Accessories needed: cork grease, cleaning kit

Clarinet Players

Good Brands: Yamaha
Accessories needed: Juno Size 2 - 2.5 Reeds (at least 10 for the year), cork grease, cleaning kit

Saxophone Players

Good Brands: Yamaha, Selmer
Accessories needed: Juno Size 2 - 2.5 Reeds (at least 10 for the year) great starting mouthpiece is the Otto Link Hard Rubber mouthpiece #5 Star (alto) #7 Star (Tenor), cork grease, cleaning kit

Trumpet

Good Brands: Yamaha, Conn
Accessories needed: best mouthpiece to add on "Bobby Shew" Jazz Model "Lead" Mouthpiece (recommended for after first year players), valve oil

Baritone/Trombone/Tuba-

Good Brands: Yamaha, Conn
Accessories needed: valve oil (for Baritone/Tuba)/slide oil (for trombone)

Percussion

Equipment needed: Stick Bag, 2 pairs of 5A or 5B Sticks (preferred brand is Vic Firth), practice pad (Remo brand), Bell Kit for Home practice.

Bass Guitar

Need: Patch chord, practice amp for home use (amps provided at the school), Fender is the recommended brand, Electronic Tuner.

Please do not purchase an instrument from places such as Walmart, Amazon, Costco, Etc.

These instruments are typically made of cheap plastics and once broken, cannot be repaired. Only shop from music stores or use ADSS Instruments.

Music and Books:

Students will need to bring the following for each class:

Black Binder- 2-inch ring minimum

Pencil

Red Standard of Excellence Book 1

(to be handed out in class. Students do not need to purchase this book but can if they wish)

Uniform

As a team, we have a uniform for concerts and performances. We believe it is important to look as professional as possible when performing, as that adds to the overall concert experience, we want our audiences to experience. Students are required to have the uniform for performances, and performances are a required part of this program. If there is financial difficulty at home please contact The Music Directors and we can figure out the best way to help.

Our Uniform involves the following:

Black Shoes

Black Socks

Black Pants (please no sweatpants or tights)

A White collared shirt (does not have to be a full button up, so long as it has the collar and is white. It can be short or long sleeved)

A Red Tie

ADSS Band Sweater (on our website under "Starting the year" is our order form. Please complete that and bring in an envelope with your name on it either \$50 cash or cheque made out to ADSS Band) to complete the order. Sweaters are ordered from Toronto and will arrive in November) **This needs to be completed before the end of September.** If you need a paper copy to complete please the music directors know.

We look forward to our collective musical journey together. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask. We can't help if we don't know, so please let us know.

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