



Maple Ridge Secondary Music Department

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Dear Elementary Students & Parents,

Today I visited your students to talk about our Elementary Band Program here in SD42. Students in grades 6 and 7 from Alouette, Eric Langton, and Glenwood who join Band come to MRSS twice per week for band classes after school. All band students are expected to attend 2 rehearsals (which are classes) per week, Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:45pm-4pm. **It is expected that students will make a commitment to join the ensemble for the full school year, participate in all concerts, and clearly communicate any conflicts with rehearsal times well in advance.** Once students get over the initial difficulties of creating sound on their instrument, many find progress increases rapidly towards the latter part of the school year. Additionally, we are a team, and everyone plays a part to the success as a whole! We are not just developing individual skills but learning to play as a full ensemble.

If you are unsure of what instruments to play, please visit this link with great videos about all the instruments available to Band students. Whatever instrument you choose, you'll have fun being A Part of the Band! <https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/bpotb/> List your top 3 choices on the back of this form, and we will make final instrument assignment decisions on your first day to band.

If you intend to join our MRSS Elementary Band, please fill out the Beginning Band Registration Form on the back of this letter and return it to Mr. Weingartner with a cheque with the appropriate fees addressed to MRSS Music, **sealed in an envelope with your name on it!** Bring it along to the first day of Band class on October 4th. If you have any other questions before then please feel free to send me an email!

Instruments rentals through a local provider are recommended. We have a close working relationship with Tapestry Music, but anyone of your choosing is fine. G&G Music is here in Maple Ridge, Long & McQuade and Tom Lee are other store options. Additionally we do have some school instruments available. School instrument rental is \$150 per year (may be split with post dated cheques if desired).

A separate rental form will be provided if you wish to rent through the school. Once the form is returned with you parent/guardian signature and the cheque for the rental fee, you will get your instrument! If your family is experiencing any financial hardship hindering your ability to rent an instrument, please discuss with me or our admin so we can help solve the issue. It is a district policy that no student will be turned away from Band due to financial issues.

I look forward to getting to know you and making music together this year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Weingartner
Band Director, Maple Ridge Secondary School



Maple Ridge Secondary School Beginner Band Registration 2021

To be completed by parent and student; please print clearly!

Please contact Brian Weingartner at 604 463-4175 or brian_weingartner@sd42.ca with any questions.

Student Name _____	School 2021/2022 _____
Parent/ Guardian #1 _____	Parent/ Guardian #2 _____
Address _____	Address _____
Postal Code _____	Postal Code _____
Home Phone _____	Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____	Work Phone _____
*EMAIL ADDRESS _____	*EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I request that my child participate in all MRSS Music Department activities and classes held in the 2021/22school year. I understand that the completion of this form only applies to day trips and band classes. I understand that all band students will be evaluated three times a year and **are expected to stay in the band program for one year**. I also understand that the total amount paid is **non-refundable**.



Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

What are you top 3 choices of instruments you're interested in learning?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REQUIRED ITEMS:

Music Program Fee	\$30.00	_____
Essential Elements Book 1	\$ 15.00	_____
MRSS Black Uniform T-Shirt (Circle Size: S, M, L. XL. 2XL)	\$ 15.00	_____

TOTAL **\$**_____

(please bring a cheque addressed to "MRSS Music" in a sealed envelope with your name)