



Pitt Meadows Secondary School Music Department

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ARE YOU COMING TO PITT MEADOWS SECONDARY FOR GRADE 8? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT JOINING BAND OR CHOIR?

You will not regret joining band or choir – you make tons of friends, go on trips, and learn a skill that will change your life.

There are over 250 students involved in music at PMSS. Music students are consistently high academic achievers and leaders at PMSS!

A year in the PMSS Music Program will include:

- Four Concerts
- In-school workshops with professional musicians (virtual or in person)
- Many after school events such as recording sessions, clinics, and social activities too!
- *(in a typical, non-COVID year, there are **many** field trips around Vancouver and one out of town trip – past destinations include Disneyland, Whistler, and West Edmonton Mall!)*

The following is a list of options for music at the Grade 8 Level at PMSS:

1) **Beginner Concert Band 8**

This course is for students who have NEVER played in band before. In elementary school, you had to miss out on regular class in order to attend band class. In high school, band is a regular course just like math or science - you don't miss anything and it's just part of the regular school day. Instruments you can choose to play in Beginner Band 8 are flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or baritone. Students will learn how to read music, make lots of friends, and be part of a musical team.

2) **Junior Concert Band 8**

This course is for students with at least **one year of playing experience** on a band instrument. In elementary school, you had to miss out on regular class in order to attend band class. **In high school, band is a regular course during the school day, just like math or science** - you don't miss anything. This band will build on all the skills you learned in elementary band and you will get to play many different musical styles.

3) **Jazz Band**

This is a course that meets outside the regular school day, but it is still considered a course – attendance is taken and a grade will be on your report card. Jazz Band meets on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 am, and Wednesdays from 2:40 to 4:05 pm. It is open mainly to students who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, piano, bass and drums. Other instruments will also be accepted, with permission from the teacher. Students must be enrolled in Junior Concert Band to be in Jazz Band.

4) **Concert Choir**

Everyone likes to sing – whether it is in the shower, in the car, or just singing along with your headphones in! This course provides an opportunity to sing with others who love what you love, and learn how to better use your voice. Students will improve their vocal technique, learn basic music reading and sight singing, and take part in singing of all styles of music. Like jazz band, this course happens outside of the regular school day (Tuesday 2:40-4:05 pm, Thursday 7:30-8:30 am) so you won't miss any other class by being in choir!

5) **Vocal Jazz**

This course meets during the school day at Y-Block (a study period – students won't miss out any lessons from other classes). In Vocal Jazz students get the opportunity to sing on individual microphones – every singer gets their own mic! Students learn microphone technique as well as how to sing like many of the great pop, R&B and jazz musicians of the last few decades. **Students must be enrolled in Concert Choir to be in Vocal Jazz.**

Here's what current PMSS music students have to say (3 min video):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qqiq03cx4Dz8vbkt5yf5XYQK7S7cC1/view?usp=sharing>

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