

# Welcome to Band! 2024/2025 School Year

Dear band families, welcome to the 2024 - 2025 school year!

## How does band work?

Band is the only full year option! Band class runs twice a week during regular options time (Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday). There are no before or after school rehearsals.

## Why is band awesome?

- It teaches you everything you need to be **successful** in life: perseverance, dedication, commitment, discipline, teamwork, and striving for excellence
- It's good for your **brain**! Playing an instrument engages every major part of the central nervous system
- It's **fun**! We are so excited for you to join our band family!

## What else do I need to know?

- Your child must have an instrument by October 1, 2024
- You may rent an instrument through the school (\$100/year) or rent an instrument through St. John's Music or Long & McQuade. DMCS has a limited selection of smaller instruments as these are more affordable to rent. If you have any questions about acquiring an instrument, please email Ms. Manning
- Percussion students must pay a \$100 rental fee through the school for use and upkeep of all percussion equipment
- Band is a **performance** course, meaning there are two concerts per year. While attendance is not mandatory, performances are a celebration of learning and require the participation of all musicians.

## How do I succeed in band?

- **Practice!** In order to succeed in band, you will need to practice outside of class time. There are many opportunities to practice at school; during Chimera Time, lunch, or after school, as well as practicing at home
- **Ask for help!** Ms. Manning and the senior band students are here to support you!
- **Commit!** Attend the concerts, and be patient with your progress

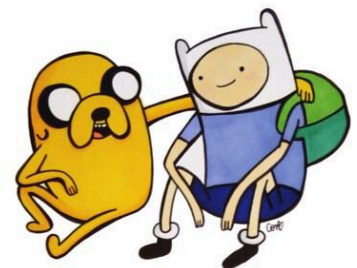
## Please make note of the following dates:

Winter Concert: Thursday December 12, 2024 @6:00pm

Spring Concert: Thursday May 29, 2025 @6:00pm

## Questions? Concerns?

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [irmanning@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:irmanning@cbe.ab.ca)



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# *Band: Google Classroom & Assignments*

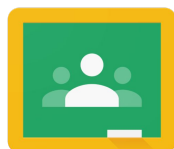
Grade 7 Band Class Code:

**mo2e2dz**

Grade 8/9 Band Class Code:




**ja6dsqn**

- All assignments are viewable in Google Classroom and Powerschool
- Evaluations will be completed online and submitted via Google Classroom
  - ◆ Exceptions: large instruments and percussion may complete evaluations in-person
  - ◆ Final semester evaluations are conducted in-person



## *What's in the Band Google Classroom?*





### Resources for All

-  Fingering Charts
-  Grand Master Scales
-  Theory Links



Digital copies of all your scales and fingering charts are here. Want to practice note naming or theory? Check out the links!

Watch videos about your instrument! Whether you want to learn how to put your instrument together, play the first 5 notes, or learn an advanced technique, you'll find it here.

### Technique

-  Winds
-  Brass
-  Strings
-  Percussion

### Grade 8

-  Grade 8 Band Recordings Semester 1
-  Grade 8 Band Recordings Semester 2

Want to hear what your concert pieces sound like? Want to play along for practice? Check it out here.