

Welcome to Band! 2026/2027 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?

- Course fee is \$45 for grade 7 (includes method book)
- Course fee is \$25 for grade 8/9
- **Your child must have an instrument by October 1, 2026**
- **DO NOT buy an instrument from Amazon, Temu, etc.!** These are not real instruments - they are difficult to play, are cannot be repaired by Ms. Manning or technicians at a music store
- See the back for rental information
- 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

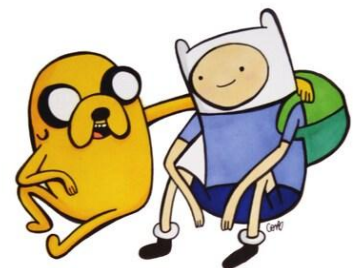
Please make note of the following dates:

Winter Concert: Thursday December 10, 2026 @6:00pm

Spring Concert: Thursday May 27, 2027 @6:00pm

Questions? Concerns?

Please do not hesitate to contact me at irmanning@cbe.ab.ca



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THE FIRST STEP TO BEING SORTA
GOOD AT SOMETHING.



Renting an Instrument

What instruments can I play?

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Double Bass
- Tuba
- Percussion



How do I acquire an instrument?

- **DO NOT buy an instrument from Amazon, Temu, etc.!** These are not real instruments - they are difficult to play, are cannot be repaired by Ms. Manning or technicians at a music store
- You may rent an instrument through the school (\$100/year)
 - *DMCS has a limited selection of smaller instruments as these are more affordable to rent*
- St. John's Music: stjohnsmusic.com/content/rentals
- Long & McQuade: long-mcquade.com/rentals
- Percussion students must purchase their own mallet kit including drum sticks, yarn mallets, and hard mallets
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Notes
