

WELCOME TO ELEMENTARY BAND 2023|24!

INSTRUMENT SELECTION: Most students have completed the instrument selection and testing process by now. Band will begin Tuesday, September 12, 2023 without instruments. Beginners will need their instrument and materials for the Beginning Band Workshop on Saturday, September 16, 9-11am at Langley Fundamental School and then at school starting Tuesday, September 19. Materials you need to rent or purchase for each instrument are lists to the right. Please contact us with us at mfollett@sd35.bc.ca or jsteeves@sd35.bc.ca if you have any further questions around instrument selection so we can help your child find the most success.

ONLINE RENTALS: Tapestry Music offers online rentals which will be delivered in time to start rehearsals. Please find more at www.tapestrymusic.com and click on "School Rentals". If you place your order by Tuesday, September 12, your instrument will be delivered to your child at school in time for the Beginning Band Workshop.

IN-PERSON RENTALS: You can rent or purchase instruments and other required materials through Tapestry Music (604-538-0908), King's Music (604.853.5996), Tom Lee Music or Long & McQuade.

THREE WARNINGS ABOUT INSTRUMENTS:

1. Do not buy an instrument from a non-music store (especially Amazon)! These are poorly constructed, break very easily and cannot be repaired!
2. Please do not purchase the colourful plastic instruments as they are only toys. They don't work the same, break easily and quickly frustrate kids.
3. Used instruments can be great but buying on Marketplace or Craigslist can be risky as they can be beyond repair. If you choose to go used independently, please, please, please! take it to one of the music stores above for a tune up during the summer. Any instrument in disrepair will frustrate even the most enthusiastic beginner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us and thank you so much for supporting your child's interest in music.

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PS – We want to ensure that anyone who wants to play can. If finances are a concern, just email us privately and we can source one of the district instruments at no cost for the year.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

All of the below items (other than the wire music stand) need to be brought to all rehearsals:

ALL STUDENTS:

1. **FOLDING WIRE MUSIC STAND (\$15-20) FOR HOME PRACTICE**
2. **SOUND INNOVATIONS BOOK 1 (BLUE AND WHITE COVER, THE VERSION FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT – SAME BOOK AS LAST YEAR FOR GRADE 7'S)**
3. **PENCIL**

FLUTE:

1. **CLEANING SWAB, POLISHING CLOTH & CLEANING ROD**

CLARINET & SAXOPHONE:

1. **1 BLUE (NOT ORANGE!) BOX OF 10 RICO ROYAL #2.5 STRENGTH REEDS**
2. **CORK GREASE & CLEANING SWAB**
3. **SAXOPHONES ALSO NEED A NECK STRAP**

TRUMPET, TROMBONE, BARITONE

1. **MOUTHPIECE BRUSH**
2. **CLEANING SNAKE**
3. **SLIDE CREAM**
4. **TRUMPETS AND BARITONES NEED VALVE OIL**
5. **TROMBONES NEED SLIDE OIL**

PLACE ONLINE ORDERS AT
WWW.TAPESTRYMUSIC.COM
BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

BEGINNING BAND WORKSHOP DETAILS
WILL BE SENT OUT IN EMAIL AND
POSTED TO
WWW.DWPOPPYMUSIC.COM DURING
THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL