



*SECONDARY*  
**MUSIC**  
**PROGRAM**  
FUTURE MEMBER GUIDE

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**school year 2025-2026**



## WHO?

All current grade 7 students (going into grade 8 in 2025-26).

## WHEN? WHERE?...

Each SD42 Secondary School offers a variety of music courses. Read on to see what's offered at your high school next year!

## TO SIGN UP...

Students were visited by an SD42 Music Teacher and filled out a Music Registration form for next year. Students indicated if they wanted to take music next year (band or choir). They took home a copy of the sheet they filled out with their choices. You can also sign up online using the QR code below.

**Contact your high school music teacher if you have any questions or need to make any changes.**

## WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE IN OUR BAND?

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Flute         | Trumpet     |
| Clarinet      | French Horn |
| Oboe          | Trombone    |
| Bass Clarinet | Baritone    |
| Saxophone     | Tuba        |
| Bassoon       | Percussion  |
|               | Bass        |

*Options vary by school.*



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q:** *I already have a Band instrument. How do I know if it's ok to play?*

**A:** If you know of or already have an instrument that you would like your son/daughter to play, please contact the music teacher to confirm quality and workability of the instrument prior to committing to that particular instrument.

**Q:** *I already play a Band instrument. Do I have to go into Beginning Band again?*

**A:** Students who already have instrumental experience should let their teacher know ASAP. Then we can evaluate your ability level and determine whether you will be successful in a higher level class.

**Q:** *What if I don't know how to read music or play an instrument?*

**A:** Most students who are new to Band are total beginners to reading music or playing an instrument. We start from the beginning and learn the skills needed. Some students who do have a bit of musical knowledge ahead of time simply have an easier time learning the concepts at the beginning.



## HOW MUCH MONEY WILL MUSIC CLASSES COST?



For band, students will need to get an instrument. These can be rented affordably through music stores and a limited number of instruments are available through the school. Parents who are interested in a school instrument and/or who require financial assistance, should contact the Music Teacher. *No one will be turned away based on finances.*



"I take Band at school because I know the kids that are there feel the same about Music and learning as I do; they choose to learn lots and to have fun while they do."

# WHY TAKE MUSIC?



**MUSIC IS SCIENCE** - It is exact, specific, and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once with the most exact control of time.

**MUSIC IS MATHEMATICAL** - It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

**MUSIC IS A SECOND LANGUAGE** - Most of the terms are in Italian, German or French; and the notation is a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

**MUSIC IS HISTORY** - Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation, often even the country and/or ethnic feelings.

**MUSIC IS PHYSICAL EDUCATION** - It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips, cheek and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

**MUSIC IS ALL THESE THINGS, BUT MOST OF ALL MUSIC IS ART** - It provides an outlet for creativity. Musicians take all of their technical skills and use them to create feeling and emotion.

*Here is a link to an article published in the Globe and Mail about a study recently conducted by UBC on the positive impact of music instruction on BC students in grades 7-12!*

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-bc-students-who-took-music-classes-scored-higher-than-peers-in-math/>



Shania Twain,  
Grammy Award-  
winning Singer:  
Trumpet & Saxophone

Stephen Spielberg,  
Director & Producer:  
Clarinet

Neil Armstrong,  
Astronaut:  
Baritone

Aretha Franklin,  
The Queen of  
Soul: Tuba

Bill Clinton, 42nd President of  
the United States: Saxophone

Bill Gates,  
Business Icon:  
Trombone

Jim Pattison, B.C. Billionaire:  
Trumpet & piano

Tony Stewart,  
NASCAR driver:  
Trombone

Samuel L. Jackson, Actor:  
French Horn



*Music makes you smarter and we have a lot of fun!*

## Secondary School Music Program Offerings



Garibaldi Secondary: [Rebekah\\_Bell@sd42.ca](mailto:Rebekah_Bell@sd42.ca) & [Duane\\_Kirkpatrick@sd42.ca](mailto:Duane_Kirkpatrick@sd42.ca)  
[www.qssmusic.com](http://www.qssmusic.com)

**Vocal Music**

Choir 9-12  
Vocal Jazz 8-12

**Concert Band**

Band 8  
Jr. Band 9  
Int. Band 10  
Sr. Band 11/12

**Jazz Band**

Jr. Jazz Band 8/9  
Sr. Jazz Band 10-12

**Guitar**

Guitar 9  
Guitar 10  
Guitar 11-12

**Other**

Music 8 (rotation)  
Music Comp. &  
Production 10-12  
Contemporary Music 10-12  
IB Music 11-12

Maple Ridge Secondary: [timothy\\_burns@sd42.ca](mailto:timothy_burns@sd42.ca) & [Claire\\_Oliverio@sd42.ca](mailto:Claire_Oliverio@sd42.ca)

**Vocal Music**

Concert Choir 8/9  
Men's Choir 9-12  
Women's Choir 9-12  
Concert Choir 10-12  
Chamber Choir 10-12

**Concert Band**

Beginner Band 8  
Concert Band 8/9  
Wind Ensemble 10-12

**Jazz Band**

Jazz Band 8-12

**Guitar**

Music 8 (rotation)  
Guitar 9-12  
Contemporary Music 10-12 (Rock Band)

Pitt Meadows Secondary: [Ellery\\_Ferguson@sd42.ca](mailto:Ellery_Ferguson@sd42.ca) & [Christine\\_Gilmour@sd42.ca](mailto:Christine_Gilmour@sd42.ca)  
[www.pmssmusic.com](http://www.pmssmusic.com)

**Vocal Music**

Concert Choir 8-12  
Vocal Jazz 8-12

**Concert Band**

Concert Band 8-12

**Jazz Band**

Jazz Band 8-12

**Guitar**

Music 8 (rotation)  
Guitar 9-12  
Contemporary Music 10-12 (School of Rock)

Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary: [Steven\\_Halfnights@sd42.ca](mailto:Steven_Halfnights@sd42.ca)

**Guitar**

Guitar 8  
Contemporary Music 10-12 (School of Rock)



Thomas Haney Secondary: [natasha\\_gosling@sd42.ca](mailto:natasha_gosling@sd42.ca)

**Vocal Music**

Concert Choir 9-12  
Vocal Jazz 9-12

**Concert Band**

Beginner Band 8  
Concert Band 9  
Orchestra 10-12

**Jazz Band**

Jazz Band 10-12

**Guitar**

Guitar 8  
Guitar 9-10  
Guitar 11/12

Westview Secondary: [Linda\\_Jensen@sd42.ca](mailto:Linda_Jensen@sd42.ca)

**Vocal Music**

Concert Choir 9-12

**Concert Band**

Concert Band 8-12

**Jazz Band**

Jazz Band 8-12

