

Beginning Band in Burnaby - First Lesson Event

Where: Online

When: Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, 7:00 PM

Links for the lessons will be posted @ <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/vpa/district-programs/sd41s-elementary-band-program/>

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in the District's Beginning Band Program. Every year across Burnaby over 1000 students participate in this wonderful program. All beginning band students will need their own quality instrument to participate in band and so that they can practice at home. Once your child's band teacher has determined what instrument they will be playing, you may either rent or purchase an instrument from a reputable music store. We strongly recommend that you only rent or purchase an instrument from a store that also does instrument repairs. Please be aware that generic low-cost instruments are often more difficult to play and either have significant repair costs over time or are not able to be repaired at all. Should you obtain an instrument via other means, please have it checked over by the music store's repair department *prior* to student use. All students will also need their own folding music stand.

In order to assist you in obtaining a quality instrument, the District has vetted and recommended the following music stores for this purpose: Long and McQuade Music, Massullo Music, Matterhorn Music, Tapestry Music, and Tom Lee Music. All stores offer in-person and online services. Please visit the websites of these music stores through the links/websites below to read about the various rental, guaranteed buy-back, and purchase programs each has available:

www.long-mcquade.com/rentals/band

<http://massullomusic.com/>

<http://matterhornmusic.ca/instrument-rentals/>

<http://tapestrymusic.com>

<http://tomleemusic.ca/rentals>

Reminder to parents that Instrument Care Kits should be included at no additional charge as part of your rental contract. Please be sure to check that a Care Kit is included with your child's instrument.

To help ensure a great start, all beginning band students should attend the First Lesson online. In order to avoid costly repairs, students should not attempt to put instruments together or try to play instruments until their First Lesson on September 28th.

Should you have any further questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your child's school band teacher. We look forward to becoming actively involved in your child's music education!

Sincerely,

Janice Nakatsu, SD41 Director of Instruction, and the Band teachers of Burnaby

