

Beginning Band in Burnaby First Lesson/Instrument Rental Event

Where: Byrne Creek Secondary School (gym) – 7777 18th Street, Burnaby

When: Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in the District's Beginning Band Program. Last year over 1100 students participated in this wonderful program. **All beginning band students will need their own quality instrument** so that they can practice at home and participate in class. If you do not already have an instrument for your child, you may either rent or purchase an instrument from a reputable music store. **We strongly suggest 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.

This rental event is held as a convenience to families. **The process may take a minimum of 1 hour plus an additional 45 minutes allocated for your child's First Lesson.** Please check the scheduled lesson times on page 2 of this letter and schedule your arrival accordingly. **If you are planning to rent at this event, a parent or legal guardian must attend the Instrument Rental portion of the evening as music store documents must be signed by the parent or legal guardian - rentals require a credit card.**

In advance of September 24th, please visit the websites of the vendors below to read about the various rental, guaranteed buy-back, and purchase plans available.

<http://long-mcquade.com/rentals/band>
<http://massullomusic.com/>
<https://matterhornmusic.ca/pages/rentals>
<http://tomleemusic.ca/rentals>
<https://www.tapestrymusic.com/>

Once I have determined what instrument your child will be playing, **I strongly suggest you visit one of the recommended music stores, in person or online, to rent or purchase an instrument PRIOR to the event.** All beginning **band students should attend the First Lesson** portion of the event. To avoid costly repairs, **students should not attempt to put instruments together or try to play instruments until they are at their First Lesson** at Byrne Creek on September 24th.

Should you have any further questions regarding your child's participation in the Grade 7 Band program, please contact Ms. Lee as soon as possible at Carrie.Lee@burnabyschools.ca

Sincerely,

Burnaby School District Elementary Band Teachers

FIRST LESSON NIGHT SCHEDULE Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2024
BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL, 7777 18th Street, Burnaby

All students are expected to attend 1 of the sessions below:

Session 1 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute
Clarinet
Oboe
Bass Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Baritone / Tuba
Electric Bass

Session 3 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute
Oboe
Clarinet
Bass Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Baritone / Tuba
Electric Bass

Session 2 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
French Horn
Percussion

Session 4 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
French Horn
Percussion

Session 5 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute
Clarinet
Bass Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Baritone/Tuba