

Hazelton Area Band Program
c/o Hazelton Secondary School
250-842-5214

September 6, 2018

Dear Parents and Band Students:

The after-school band program is continuing at Hazelton Secondary. Band classes will begin in September. Students will meet at the Hazelton Secondary music room after school every **Monday and Wednesday**. Classes will run from **3:25 to 4:10** and parents will be expected to pick up their child or find transportation for them after each session.

Who can join?

Every student from Majagaleehl Gali Aks, New Hazelton Elementary, and North Coast Distance Education in grade 6 or 7 is welcome. This is primarily a beginner program, but students with more experience and high school students are also welcome. No musical experience is necessary, but of course, students with a musical background will probably find it easier to pick up new instrument skills.

Instruments

This is a *concert band* program so conventional concert band instruments will be used for this program: clarinet, flute, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, tuba, and percussion. This is not a complete list of all concert band instruments, but these are relatively easy instruments to start with. Search YouTube to discover and listen to various instruments.

Instruments are expensive to buy but can be rented from Sight and Sound in Terrace on approved credit at reasonable rates (usually with the option to buy). The school owns a number of instruments that can be loaned to students free of charge. Ask friends and relatives if they are harbouring any instruments in their closets from their school days. Chances are many instruments are around and in good shape.

Program Overview

Students will learn how to play a few notes on their instruments within the first few lessons and at the same time they will learn how to read those notes on a page of music. By mid-year, they will know enough notes on their instruments and on the page that they will be able to play songs together with the group. Some students may find it a little frustrating at first, but when they hear their instrument fitting in with the band, they will find it very rewarding and a lot of fun. Don't give up! It's worth the effort.

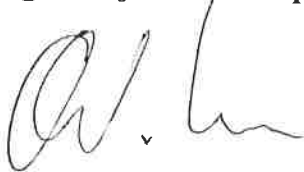
The study of music benefits the children in so many ways beyond making the band sound great. Students engage their minds in critical thinking, problem solving, memorizing, acute listening, and co-operation. Students develop skills that are transferable to so many other areas of their education and their daily lives.

Commitment

Students are expected to come to every session and try their best. If a student is not able to make a session, please call and leave a message for Mr. Wiebe at 250-842-5214 local 3122 or 3105. Students are expected to take responsibility for their instruments making sure they are properly cleaned and put away after each session and kept in a safe place indoors. Students are expected to make a commitment to practice and learn note names. Students are expected to behave as they would in a classroom, giving respect to their teacher and band mates.

Registration

Please fill in the registration form as accurately as possible and hand to the secretary at your school or to Mr. Wiebe or scan and email to owiebe@cmsd.bc.ca. Please hand in registrations as soon as possible. If your child is not sure which instrument they would like to choose, please feel free to talk to me about it. **Returning students need not register, just show up.**



Mr. Orlando Wiebe
Band teacher

There will be an informal meeting for parents and potential band students on **Tuesday, September 11, 7 pm**, at Hazelton Secondary band room. If you are interested in the program or just curious, please plan to attend.

If you have any questions at all, contact me at:
250-842-5214 extension 3122 or 3105
or by email: orlando.wiebe@cmsd.bc.ca

The first beginner band session will be on Wednesday, September 12

Hazelton Secondary School

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Elementary Band Program Registration 2018-2019

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| First Name | Last Name |
| Parents' names | School |
| Address | |
| phone | email |
| alternate phone | emergency contact |
| Choice of Instrument (choose from flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor sax, trumpet, baritone horn, tuba, percussion): | |
| First choice: | |
| Second choice: | |
| Third choice: | |
| Describe your musical experiences such as choir singing, solo singing, music lessons, and so on. | |
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| I have my own instrument. <i>Yes/No</i> | I have transportation home. <i>Yes/No</i> |
| I have read and understand the overview letter. <i>Yes/No</i> | I am available for Monday and Wednesday sessions. <i>Yes/No</i> |
| List your other commitments that may conflict with band (sports teams, etc..) | |
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Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Please return form to school secretary or scan and email to orlando.wiebe@cmsd.bc.ca

