



Welcome Band Students!

I am excited that you have chosen to take Band this year at RMS. Some of you may already have some ideas about what instrument you would like to play. In order to help me help you choose the best instrument; can you please tell me a little bit about yourself by answering the questions below?

Do you have any musical background? Have you ever taken any lessons on any instrument/voice before? If so, where and for how long?

Do you own any musical instruments? (Please List)

Please choose your first, second and third instrument choices from the list on the back. You may not pick both percussion and bass as your top 2 choices.

Please note: Students who wish to play percussion will be focused primarily on Xylophone for the first half of the year with Snare Drum skills in the second half.

Which instrument would be your first choice?

Why would you like to play this instrument?

Which instrument would be your second choice?

Which instrument would be your third choice?

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me via email carmen.mcdowell@sd23.bc.ca.

Student's Name _____ (please print clearly)

Guardian Name: _____ Phone # _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Email: _____

(Optional) 2nd Guardian Name: _____ Email _____

PLEASE RETURN BY Friday SEPTEMBER 15th
(Instrument assignments will be assigned on Tuesday Sept 19th)

Instrument Selection Options:

(Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone (small), Tenor Saxophone (medium), Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium/Baritone, Tuba, Bass Guitar & Percussion)

<p>FLUTE</p> 	<p>CLARINET</p> 	<p>TRUMPET</p> 		
<p>FRENCH HORN</p> 	<p>SAXOPHONE</p> <table border="1"><tr><td data-bbox="792 772 967 1146"><p>Alto</p></td><td data-bbox="967 772 1240 1146"><p>Tenor</p></td></tr></table>		<p>Alto</p> 	<p>Tenor</p> 
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<p>TROMBONE</p> 	<p>EUPHONIUM</p> 	<p>TUBA</p> 		
<p>PERCUSSION BELL KIT & SNARE PAD</p> 	<p>Electric BASS / Double BASS</p> 			

Choosing an Instrument Considerations:

Things to consider when picking an instrument:

- Do you LOVE the sound? Because you will be listening to this instrument a LOT!
- Don't pick it just because your friend did, pick what speaks to you.
- Costs/Accessories/Do you already own it?
- Transportation – How do you get to school? *(For larger instruments we do have options for students to have a home instrument and a school instrument when available. The only item needing transport would be the mouthpiece.)*
- Balance of the ensemble – Unfortunately, we can't all play trombone...
- Every instrument is equally Hard/Easy, but it will take time and you must be willing to commit to working at it until it "clicks."

Instrument Accessories (additional costs):

Rentals should come with everything needed to start the year.

Additional accessories provided in class will show up on School Cash Online.

Items like Music Stands, Metronome/Tuners, Silk Swabs and Cleaning Kits, while not required, can make for great presents throughout the year!

Woodwinds

- Reeds (Vandoren, Rico Royal, Juno) size 2.5 typically
- Silk condensation swab (available for purchase through RMS)

Brass Instruments

- Valve/slide oil

Percussion

- Instrument Rentals for Percussion will be a "Percussion Kit". This should come with Xylophone, Practice Pad/Snare drum, instrument stand, 5A wooden tipped drumsticks & hard rubber mallets.
- RMS also asks for a \$50 Percussion fee to use school equipment for the year. The only items needing transporting are sticks. Students will not need to transport their instrument to school but must have an instrument at home to practice on.
- Stick bag (recommended) for transporting mallets back and forth to school
- Eventually, students may need other types of mallets/sticks

Bass

- Pass players will need an instrument, patch chord, strap & amp
- Double Bass – rosin for bow
- \$50 Bass fee to use school equipment for the year. Students will not need to transport their instrument to school but must have an instrument at home to practice on.

ALL

- Music Stand for home practice (highly recommended) – Home made cardboard stand instructions can be found on the music website for you crafty folk!
- Tuner/Metronome combo (recommended) -Korg TM-60 or App – Tonal Energy Tuner is great. Make sure your tuner is a chromatic tuner!

Method Book (\$16.00):

For Method books this year, I will be placing a group order and having all books delivered to the school to hand out to students. A charge for *Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician* will show up on your child's School Cash Online account.

Please wait until instrument assignments have been posted before obtaining an instrument.

There are 3 rental options this year:

Both of our wonderful rental companies have online Rental forms. These companies will deliver your child's instrument, labeled, to RMS directly if the rental form is completed by September 23rd and save you a trip to the store! Both companies also offer rent-to-own and buyback programs.

Wentworth Music:

<https://www.wentworthmusic.ca/school-bandorchestral/>

Tapestry Music:

<https://www.tapestrymusic.com/t-rentalprogram.aspx>

****** PARENTS/GUARDIANS****:** If purchasing, please beware of ISO's (Instrument Shaped Objects). While you may find a screaming good deal online or in department stores, these instruments are not made to standard and will often have tuning issues and break easily. Most music stores will also not work on these instruments because of the poor quality. If you are looking to buy, many music stores will have used student model instruments for a decent price.

RMS Instrument Rentals:

RMS has a limited supply of instruments; rentals will be on a first come, first served basis. We charge a Maintenance and Cleaning fee of \$150 for the year. While this fee can be paid in monthly installments, it is NOT prorated, and will not apply to any rent to own program. Financial assistance is available for those in need.

Smaller instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Alto Saxophone, Electric Bass and Percussion kits) we recommend renting from one of our trusted music rental companies, if financially feasible.

Larger instruments (Tenor Sax, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Electric/Double Bass) please speak to me about school rentals with a possible option for a home instrument for transportation ease.

As per The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause Within School District Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the Regulations provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay. Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

No child will be denied the opportunity to participate in Band due to not having an instrument. Please speak to either myself or Mr. Baruta if you find yourself in this situation.