

Sept 2020



BAND NOTES!

Dear Band Families and Musicians

Well, this is a year we will never forget! And one of uncertainty. Here are just some updates and information to help keep us all on the same page;

1. We are trying to ease into the year slowly. Getting students back into the school and feeling safe is our prime concern. Because of that, band instruments will not be needed until October. I will be sending practice homework, but use this time to get instruments maintained if it hasn't already.
2. Seats in the band room are spaced 2 meters apart (yay!) which is why we can play.
3. Because of the spacing, masks will be able to be removed while seated.
4. If students need to move from their seat, masks will need to be put on.
5. Water bottles are highly recommended for band class.
6. There will be a protocol put in place for instrument storage when students have band twice a week. I'm not sure yet how it will look. *More info to follow.*
7. Band instruments will need to be taken home each week for practice; we are only allowed to play for 30 minutes at a time! No one can progress well with that limited amount. PLEASE, speak with your musician about where and when they will practice and stick with it!
8. Because we cannot share (caring is *not* sharing for the time being) it is *necessary* that everyone has their own **Standard of Excellence** Book. Grade 7: Red Book 1, Grade 8/9 Blue Book 2. I just took a look and they are \$11.50+tx from Long and McQuade. This won't be needed until **October**.
9. For class, students will need a pencil and a binder. (if they have 1 for many subjects this is ok too)
10. Students will be assigned a seat and stand. They will ONLY use this seat and stand.
11. For now, concerts are not happening, but I will keep everyone informed of changes. We are looking at some creative ideas for performances!
12. Band shirts won't be distributed until the need arises for them (concert etc)
13. Google classroom will be used this year in class, to help in case the need arises to go virtual. Students will be signed up during class.
14. Please check out the OPA Website for more information, I will try to keep it updated!
<https://anniecroft.weebly.com/>
15. Email me anytime with questions or concerns! acroft@hrce.ca

Take care! We are all in this together!

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