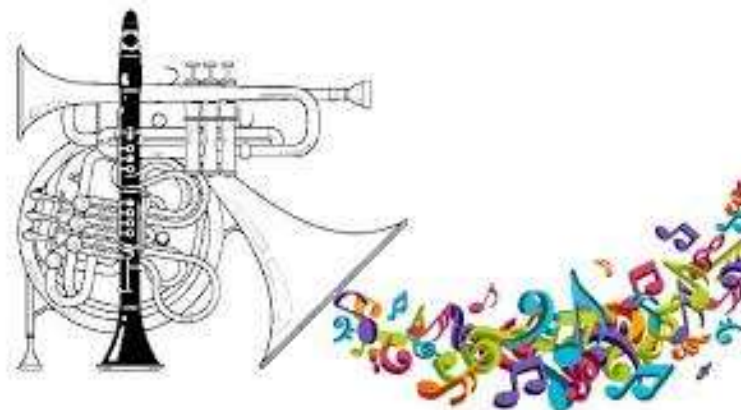




YORKTON ELEMENTARY



Gr. 6-8 Band Handbook **2024-2025**

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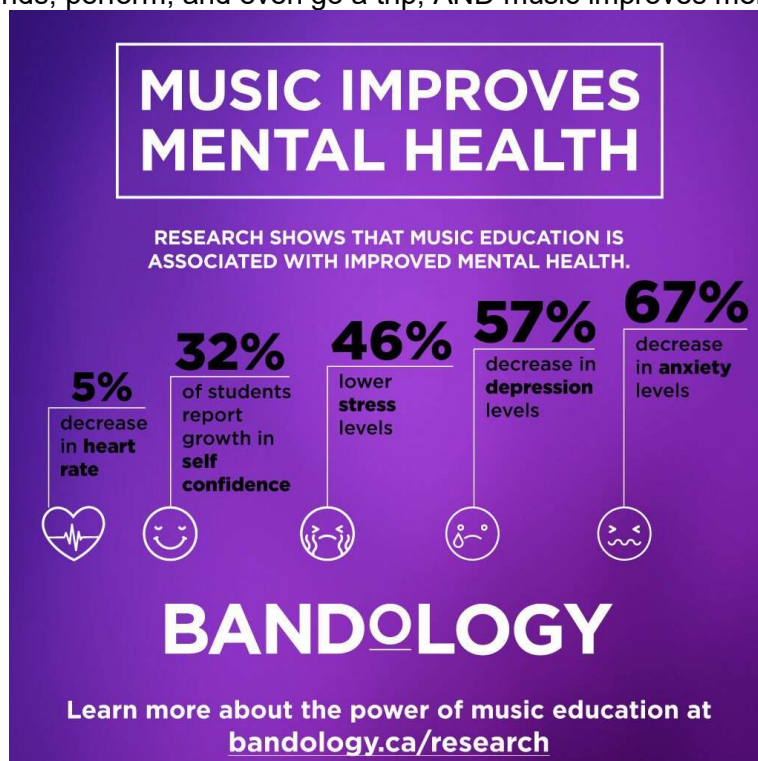
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Or leave a message at your school for me

1. Why be part of the Band?

You get to play, make friends, perform, and even go a trip, AND music improves mental health!



2. The Band Schedule

In the Yorkton Catholic Band program, we have 2 sets of classes:

1. My schedule is the same as last year (but you may not have Band every time):

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
AM	Paul's	Al's	Paul's	Al's	Paul's	Mary's
PM	Mike's	Theodore	Mike's	Mary's	Mike's	Theodore

2. **And Full Band @ Sacred Heart High School!**

The 4 city schools practice together @ 8 AM (Theodore, please come whenever you can):

- Tuesdays: Grade 6, beginning Sept. 24
- Thursdays: Grade 7/8, beginning Sept. 19
- Arrive @ 7:50 to set up and warm up your instrument.
- Reminder: Full Band is a CLASS, NOT extra-curricular, so, if your child is unable to attend (ex. illness/doesn't have a ride), **let me know**.
- Students are bussed to their own schools for 9 AM
- Early-morning Band runs until Thurs. June 12

3. Fees

- Band Fees are due in Sept.
- \$20 of your fee goes to Band Boosters membership, i.e., \$2/month
 - Gr 6 = \$95 (\$20 to BB, \$60 to our band program, *\$15 black shirt)
 - Gr. 7 = \$120 (\$20 to BB, \$60 to our band program, *\$40 red shirt)
 - Gr. 8 = \$80 (\$20 to BB, \$60 to our band program)
 - **No refunds after Nov.**
- If you cannot pay at this time just let me know. (You could borrow a shirt from someone, pay for the shirt next month, pay your fee pay later, pay less, or whatever you need.) No problem!
- Please pay your school office. ***If you already have a band shirt**, let the office know and **do NOT pay for one**. It's a big process to issue refunds. (ex. Gr. 8's you should have a shirt already unless you are new.)
- St. Mike's prefers credit card or debit (can be done over the phone)
- Other schools: cash or cheque to "Christ the Teacher R.C.S.S.D. No. 212"

4. Other Expenses (again, let me know if you need assistance)

- Instrument (and supplies, see below)
- BLACK dress pants/skirt, shoes & socks for Dec. concert etc.
- Trip: Gr. 5 \$55 ?? Gr. 6 \$85 ?? Gr. 7/8: \$150???

5. Evaluation on a scale from 1 – 4:

- Instrumental Proficiency (i.e., how well you play):
 - end-of-month playing exams (video may be submitted through Google classroom, Google Drive, email, text, iCloud, or in-class)
- Musical Literacy (i.e., how well you read music) End-of-month written exam (notes, rhythms, terms, symbols)
- First written and playing exam is **end of Sept.**

6. Expectations of students

Stay on task which means:

- Be prepared (bring your instrument, music & pencil to class. Play at home as required).
- Be respectful.
 - Don't touch other instruments, *especially* percussion equipment.
 - If the teacher is working with part of the class, practice *silently*, not distracting others.
 - Stay in your spot.

Rewards: It's fun to work and play in Band!

Consequences:

Since Band is an *optional* class, we shouldn't *have* to spend time with discipline; it's not fair to those who *want* to be here. If you are disrespectful or unprepared, it appears that you no longer wish to be in Band. If this is the case, have your parents let me know.

7. Expectations of Parents:

- Keep this Handbook so you can refer to the schedule, etc.

Google Classroom at home:

- Go to Google
- In the upper right-hand corner are 9 dots (“waffle”). Click whatever is to the right of that (*mine* is a green circle with a “C” for “*Colette*”)
- Click on your school account. If it’s not there, click “add another account” and type or paste your school email address (which ends in cttcsed.ca)
- It may ask for your school password.
- Then go back to the waffle and click on it
- Click on “Classroom”
- Click “Gr. ___ Band”
- Class code: Gr. 6: **7kowrqj** Gr. 7/8: **frirpfz**
- *Then* parents can also join the class.
- Google Classroom will be used to post recordings of the music we are studying.
- It can also be used for technique videos, communication, music literacy, history, individualized music, handouts, and exams.
- Note: If we type something in the “Stream,” it will be **seen by Band students from 5 schools, all their parents and me**. You may prefer to send me a private message.

Send the following to band class (labelled with your child’s 1st name, school, & division)

- **A pencil!**
- **instrument** in good-working condition, reeds/oil/cleaning supplies
- **music** in a slim 3-ring binder (with pencil slot) or folder (provided)
 - If you think your child may lose music, make extra copies.
- Students who are not at Level 3 or 4 will **need to play** their instrument (*at least* 10 minutes/day). If your child cannot play at home, please ask your teacher if they can miss 1 recess/day to play.
- Since Band is a performance art, your child is expected to attend Full Band, concerts, Festivals, trips, etc. **If your child cannot attend their trip, please let me know ASAP** as it affects the price per student.
- Communication is mainly through emails & monthly calendars (or text, send a note, or ask your school to email me.)
- As a Band parent, you belong to “Yorkton & District Band Boosters.” Since a Band program is so expensive to run, we are fortunate to have one of the most supportive parent groups in the province! They contribute towards clinics, trips & band camps! We have **only 2 meetings** a year (Sept., June) so please attend!

Insert Sept. calendar

Sept.

- Sept. 19: Gr. **7/8 Full Band** begins on Thursdays
- Sat. Sept. 21: 9 AM Band Boosters AGM (**for ALL Band parents**) @ Yorkdale
 - 1-3 PM Gr. 6-8 can sign up for a free lesson @ Yorkdale
- Sept. 24: Gr **6 Full Band** begins on Tuesdays
- End of each month: 1st playing & written exam.

Oct.

- Sell chocolates (Band Boosters)

Nov.

- Gr. 6-8 usually play for your Remembrance Day service (Thurs. Nov. 7th, 10:45 @ Paul's)
- Fri. 15: Student Progress Reports
- Week of the 18th: Student-Led Conferences

Dec.

- Tues. Dec. 10 Band Christmas concert @ Sacred Heart Theatre
- Bayanihan Youth Band (Filipino students) play at Christmas
- Gr. 8 Band joins SHHS Band for a day of concert tours at our schools

Jan.

- Jan.9: Full Band classes continue
- Wed. Jan. 29: entry deadline for Yorkton Music Festival
 - Optional solos, duets, trios, etc. (many scholarships available!)
 - Also consider Speech Arts (ex. poetry, Bible reading)

Mar.

- all Bands will perform in the Yorkton Music Festival
- Fri. 21 Student Progress Reports
- Week of 24th: Student-led Conferences
- Sun. 23: Yorkton Music Festival Hi-Lites and Awards concert

Apr.

- Wed. Apr. 30- Fri. May 2 Gr. 7/8 Band trip to Winnipeg! (Camp Assiniboia is booked!)

May

- (May 12-16): Gr. 6 2-day band trip to Moose Jaw (read "Tunnels of Time" books in your library!)
- May/June: Final parent meeting (Band Boosters)

June

- Thurs. June 10 final Band concert & awards (SHHS gym)
- Filipino students play at Pinoy Fiesta
- Thurs. June Days: Gr. 7/8's play anthems
- no (8 AM) Full Band after concert, but Band classes continue
- We usually preform "O Canada" at school year-end awards program

Summer

- Aug. 17-22 (tentative) Yorkton Band camp!



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Gr. 6-8 Band Registration Form

Please **return this form next class**
This information is for the Band teacher:

Student's 1st & Last Name: _____

School: _____

Gr. 6 Band shirt: youth or adult _____ small/medium/large _____ or do you have one? _____

Gr. 7/8 Adult shirt size: XS-4XL _____ or do you have one (ex. Gr. 8's)? _____

General adult sizing: https://www.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/CH_S4007.pdf

Are you able to **bring your child to Full Band** classes? _____

If not, I will see if I can find someone able to provide a ride, so where do you live?

Have you been receiving my group emails (check your junk file?)

If not, please list all parents' names and emails that I should add to my email list:

Is there anything I should know about your child? Ex. music background, interests/activities, allergies, a diagnosis, struggles with reading, writing, math, cognitive gross or fine motor skills, etc.:

Over **(required)**

**Acknowledgement
(required):**

_____ I am giving permission for my child to participate in the Yorkton Catholic Schools Band Program in the 2024-25 school year.

_____ I have read this Band Handbook.

_____ I paid the Band fee, **or** I contacted the Band teacher.

_____ I understand the expectations, and I will make sure my child has a working instrument, music, and a pencil for Band classes.

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Volunteer and/or Chaperone:

I/We can **volunteer** in the following ways:

_____ I can provide a student with a ride to Full Band.

If so, what area of town do you live in? _____

May I give your email and/or phone # to parents to contact you directly?

_____ Dec. Christmas concert: 7/8 fundraisers, supervise, etc.

_____ volunteer: Yorkton Music Festival

_____ volunteer Band Boosters (committee, executive)

_____ June Final concert: Gr. 6/7 fundraisers, supervise, etc.

Parent chaperones are needed for each trip. Please consider me as a **chaperone** for:

_____ Mar. 11-13: ½ day @ Yorkton Music Festival.

_____ Gr. 6: 2-day trip to Moose Jaw (You will need to have a criminal record check; it may cost you an additional \$85)

Is this mom or dad? _____

_____ Gr. 7/8: 3-day trip to Winnipeg (You will need to have a criminal record check; it may cost you an additional \$150)

Is this mom or dad? _____