



COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM PARENT INFO & WELCOME LETTER

We wanted to take this time to officially welcome you to the CHS Music family for the 2019-2020 school year. We have many exciting things ahead this year, and we can't wait to share our time together.

First of all, please note our **PARENT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**. This is a very important evening for all parents of band/choir students from Grade 9-12. We will go over all the ins and outs of the program, our field trips coming up, uniforms, our website & Charms system, calendar, CHSBPA registration and fees, fundraisers, our Spring Music Tour, and have our very important CHSBPA (Cochrane High School Band Parents Association) AGM. Please have at least one parent attend if at all possible. This is the evening to ask any questions you have to Mr. Talen and myself and to the CHSBPA parent board. It's a great time to get informed, involved, fill out any necessary paperwork, get fundraising forms, and field trip forms. We look forward to meeting you, or reconnecting with you!

For all other information of dates and/or events please see our online Google Calendar on the CHS school website (Cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca) or our music website (cochranehighmusic.com)

J-Block Courses (outside the time table & shows up as Period 6):

We run a bunch of J-Block courses in the music program. The programs include our choir program, three jazz bands, pit orchestra, and our symphonic band (which is the mandatory co-requisite course to Grade 10 - 12 instrumental music/band class). Grade 9 students do not take Symphonic Band, as it is not part of the junior high curriculum, and is only a required Alberta Ed course/ensemble for grade 10 - 12 students in all high schools. Courses outside the timetable run once per week, plus rotating instrument sectionals per week. Students are responsible for knowing when their sectionals are and to attend these as per the calendar.

Regular weekly J-block schedules are as follows:

Jazz 3 on Mondays @ 7:15 - 8:45 am

Jazz 1 on Tuesdays @ 7:15 - 8:45 am

Symphonic Band (Gr. 10-12) on Wednesdays @ 7:15 - 8:45 am

Choir on Wednesdays @ 3:45 - 5:15 pm

Jazz 2 on Thursdays @ 7:15 - 8:45 am

Pit Orchestra Sept-Dec on Thursdays @ 3:45 and Fridays @ 1:45, plus extra workshops, rehearsals and dress rehearsals (follow schedule provided)

*Sectionals will typically occur on Monday/Friday mornings from 7:15-8:45am, during concert, or on Fridays after school (December - May). Students are responsible for attending all sectionals they are called for.

Trips/Camps

Grade 9 Band Camp – October 20-22

Vic Lewis Music Festival (Canmore, AB) Grade 10/11/12 Band & Jazz 1 – November 1-3
Music Tour/ Cantando Festival – Edmonton – April 5-7



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CHS Music Calendar:

Please follow the CHS Music calendar (through Google). You can link this calendar to your devices so that you receive all updates/changes automatically. This calendar will provide you with the entire year of events, concerts, workshops, clinics, field trips, rehearsals, etc. We update this with any changes immediately when/if they happen.

You can find this calendar on the [Rockyview CHS Website](#) or on the [CHS Music Website](#)
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/rvschools.ab.ca_2sb40fr69h6gbamn5ues02g508%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

CHS Band/English Calendar:

This calendar will keep you and your child informed when students have Band/English classes during the year. Since Band/English share a block in the school day, all year long, it is important that they know when they have which class, so that they can bring their instrument and have their English materials with them on the appropriate days. This calendar can also be found on our school and music websites.

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=rvschools.ab.ca_5av24e4a984rpogfl2sqk1vc84%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FEdmonton

Instrument Rentals:

All students are required to have their own instrument for the school year. Instruments are available for rent through the district when available. Rentals agreement forms and payment (through school fees) are required for the student to use the instrument.

Students are responsible for providing their own reeds, valve oil, cleaning and maintenance supplies, neck straps, drum sticks and mallets. The school will not be able to provide these consumable music items.

Percussion students and string bass students will be charged a school “class use” rental fee for the use of the classroom instruments. This fee will appear on your school fees.

Uniforms:

Students are required to purchase a school music uniform through the CHSBPA. This uniform comes with a Black long sleeve shirt, Black vest, and red tie. Students must provide their own black dress pants/black dress skirt (of appropriate school length), black dress socks/black tights, and black dress shoes. No jeans/athletic pants, or sneakers are allowed to be part of the uniform. Thank you for helping our band look like wonderful and uniformed as a team!

Fundraisers:

There are many fundraisers available to help students save money for our many activities and trips. Please continue to check the CHSBPA shared parent folder for updates and information.