



CHS MUSIC

newsletter



BAND START-UP: SEPTEMBER 2023

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

- Students will not need their instruments until their second class (Sept. 8th or 9th)
- J-block courses (such as Symphonic, Jazz, and pit) will begin Sept 8 - 15.
- Please ensure your instrument is in good working condition and that you have all of your reeds, valve oil, stick bags, etc. for our first classes.

MUSICAL THEATRE

- Call back auditions occur on Sept. 6-8. Please check our Google Class for details

MUSIC PARENT MEETING

- We ask that one parent attend the meeting on September 20th @ 6:30 pm
- Students are welcome too
- Location: CHS Theatre



COMMUNICATION

- We use the Remind App to communicate a lot. Codes & info will be sent out shortly
- Google Classroom codes will also be sent out right away
- Our CHS Music Calendar is up to sync on our website:
www.cochranehighmusic.com

COMING UP

SEPT 1: Band Orientation

- Drop in between 10 - 1pm
- Receive info packet, sign - out instruments & folders, uniform measuring, etc.
- We encourage all students to attend.

SEPT 15: Band Clinics (Gr 9-12)

- ALL students to attend
- 2 - 3:30 pm at CHS

SEPT 20: Parent Meeting

OCT 1 - 3: Gr. 9 Band Camp

NOTES

During Band classes, we ask that students please keep cell phones in their lockers or bags. We will however use them day 1 to sign-up for Remind and Google Class. Parents can contact the office in case of an emergency or an important note is needed. Alternatively, please message your child and they will check it after our class is over. Music is highly participatory and active. We appreciate you ensuring your child can be focused and involved in our music classes.







2023



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	COCHRANE HIGH PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ARTS OUR VOICE THROUGH ART				1 Music Orientation Drop - in 10 am - 12 pm	2 
3	4 No School <i>Labour Day</i>	5 Grade 9's First Day of School	6 P1 - Band 10/Eng 20 P5 - PE 9 Choir (10-12's only) 3:50 - 5:30 pm Call Backs 4-6:30	7 P2 - Band 20/30 P3 & 4 - Band 9 Call Backs 4-6:30	8 Welcome Back Assembly P1 - Band 10 P4 - Band 9 Football Game 3pm	9
10	11 Pit Orch 7:15 - 8:50 am P1 - Band 10/Eng 20 P5 - PE 9	12 Sr Jazz 7:15 - 8:50 am P2 & 3 - Band 20/30 P4 - Band 9 CHSBPA @ Noon Full Cast Read 4 - 6:30	13 Symphonic 7:15 am P1 - Band 10/ Eng 20 P5 - PE 9	14 Jr Jazz 7:15 - 8:50 am P2 - Band 20/30 P3 & 4 - Band 9 MT 4-6:30 pm	15 Pit Orch 7:15 - 8:50 am P1 - Band 10/Eng 20 P4 - Band 9 Band Clinics (Gr. 9-12) 2 - 3:30 pm	16
17	18 Pit Orch 7:15 - 8:50 am P1 - Band 10 P5 - PE 9 MT 4-6:30 pm Tech 4 - 6 pm	19 Sr. Jazz 7 :15 - 8:50 am P2 & 3 - Band 20/30 P4 - Band 9 MT 4-6:30 pm	20 Symphonic 7:15 am P1 - Band 10/ Eng 20 P5. - PE 9 Choir 3:50 - 5:30 pm For all Gr. 9 - 12s Music Parent Meeting & AGM @ 6:30 pm	21 Jr Jazz 7 :15 - 8:50 am P2 - Band 20/30 P3 & 4 - Band 9 MT 4-6:30 pm	22 P1 - Band 10/Eng 20 P4 - Band 9 Pit Orch 1:30 - 4:30 pm MT 1:30 - 4 pm	23
24 	25 Pit Orch 7:15 - 8:50 am P1 - Band 10 P5 - PE 9 Tech 4 - 6 pm	26 Sr. Jazz 7 :15 - 8:50 am P2 & 3 - Band 20/30 P4 - Band 9 MT 4-6:30 pm	27 Symphonic 7:15 am P1 - Band 10/ Eng 20 P5 - PE 9 Choir 3:50 - 5:30 pm	28 Jr Jazz 7 :15 - 8:50 am P2 - Band 20/30 P3 & 4 - Band 9 Pit Orch 3:45 - 5:30pm MT 4-6:30 pm	29 No School <i>Truth & Reconciliation</i>	30 

Future Important Dates:

- Grade 9 Band Camp: October 1 - 3rd
- Musical Theatre Camp: October 25 - 26th
- Sr. Jazz, Symphonic & Jr. Jazz Clinics: Oct 11, 17 & 19 @ 7:15am
- Musical Theatre Choreo & pit day: October 14

- Grade 10 Band Clinics: October 30 @ 7:15 am
- Vic Lewis Musical Festival (Symphonic & Sr Jazz): Nov. 3 - 5
- Senior Band Clinics: Nov. 17 @ 7:15 am
- Jazz Concert: November 15
- Winter Concert: November 30



COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM TENTATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

One year with the CHS music program holds a lot of amazing experiences and learning opportunities... and is a lot of fun too! The following is a tentative calendar list of what could be involved. Rehearsals, clinics, workshops, festivals, and performances are required activities to meet the course outcomes for our music classes. All students are expected to attend these. Although trips are not mandatory, they are highly encouraged and are incredible educational and performing opportunities for our students. ***We would love everyone to participate!!***

Fundraising begins in September; all students are encouraged to fundraise to help with costs associated with some events – some fundraisers (like Grocery Cards) are super simple and high yield. In our music department, we strongly believe that *lack of money should not limit your child's involvement*. Please let us know if we can help in any way in order to have your child participate in these formative events/experiences. ***We do expect fundraising to be the main source of student financial aid. We ask all students to ensure they are putting in the time and effort to fundraise in order to help offset their own costs, before any other subsidy is given from the school/CHSBPA.***

SEMESTER 1

September 1: Music Orientation (info packet, uniform sizing, instrument rental, etc) 10am-1pm

September 6 & 7: Musical Theatre Call-Back Auditions (schedule posted end of August)

September 11 -15: J-Block courses/rehearsals begin. Please check our CHS Music calendar

September 15: ** All Band Students Start-up Clinics (Gr 9 – 12) 2:00 – 3:30 pm **

September 20: Music Parent Information Night & CHSBPA AGM @ 6:30 pm in Theatre

October 1 - 3: Grade 9 Band Camp (Camp Evergreen)

October 11/ 17/ 19: Jazz and Symphonic Band clinics during J-block classes

October 25 - 26: Musical Theatre Camp

October 30: Grade 10 Band clinics @ 7:15 am

November 3 - 5: Vic Lewis Music Fest in Canmore (Gr 10 -12 Symphonic Band & Sr. Jazz)

November: Need Trumpeters for the Last Post ceremonies. Dates and locations TBD

November 15: Jazz Concert @ 6:30 pm in the Theatre (dress rehearsal all day)

November 17: Senior Band Clinics @ 7:15 am

November 18: Musical Theatre Sitzprobe (full day: 9-5pm)

November 30: Winter Music Concert @ 6:30 pm in the Gymnasium (dress rehearsals all day)

December 1, 4-8, & 11: Musical Dress rehearsals & various tech rehearsals

December 13 – 16: Beauty and the Beast Musical Show Run

January 12: Symphonic Band (Gr10-12) Clinics 2 - 4 pm

January 15: Grade 9 Band Clinics @ 7:15 am



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TENTATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

SEMESTER 2:

February 2: Mount Royal (all day) Workshop @ MRU for Grade 9 – 12 Band Students

February 26: Symphonic Band & Grade 9 Band workshop for festival

February 27: AIBF Festival @ U of C (times for bands TBD) – Gr 9 & Symphonic Band

March 1: MRU Jazz (all day) Workshop @ MRU for Jr & Sr Jazz Bands

March 5 – 8: AIBF Jazz Festival. Date & time to be determined for our jazz bands.

March: Typical month for Choral Fest. Date, location and time TBD

March 22: Jazz Gala Fundraiser

April 12: Grade 9 Band Clinics 2 – 3:30 pm

April 15: Grade 10 Band Clinics 7:15 am

April 17 & 18: SOAP (Student One Acts for Advanced Acting class)

April 19: Jazz Workshop Day (Junior & Senior Jazz Bands) 2 – 5 pm

April 22: Senior Band Clinics 7:15 am

April 25 - 27: One Act Zone Festival (Advanced Acting)

May 3: Symphonic Band Workshop/ Clinics @ 2 – 3:30 pm

May 8: Spring Jazz Concert (Theatre) 6:30 pm – Jr & Sr. Jazz, Small ensembles & choir

May 9 – 11: One Act Provincials (Advanced Acting)

May 21: Spring Music Concert @ 6:30 pm in CHS Gymnasium. Date Change

May 23 – 28: Tentative Vancouver Tour for Symphonic Band, Sr. Jazz Band & Choir

May 31: PVA Banquet/“The Cobies” for all Band, Choir, Theatre, Art & Digital Arts programs

Other Dates that may occur & will be announced as soon as possible:

- Monthly sectionals determined by music teachers and senior section leaders for all J-blocks.
- Bearspaw & Manachaban workshops at CHS
- Manachaban & Bearspaw clinics ran by CHS band students.
 - Student led Manachaban Clinics from 1:45 – 3 pm on the following Friday dates:
 - Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Jan. 19, Feb. 9, March 15, April 26, May 10
- Elizabeth Barrett, Manachaban, Bearspaw & Community performances
- Clinics, workshops, Guest conductors, Extra/modified rehearsals – pending fundraising money.
- Fundraising events
- Other Field trips/off campus workshops
- Honour Band Opportunities (AIBF, RVS, ABA, etc.)



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COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM REMIND & GOOGLE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONS

* The Remind app for smart phones is wonderful for keeping track of our music program reminders. Majority of students say this is the BEST and easiest way to get messages. I invite all parents to join us too.

To Download the App, go to www.rmd.me/a and follow the instructions on the app, using the codes listed below. This is the most recommended!!

Option #2 - Add Remind to your Phone (Receive messages by Text):

1. Start a Text Message
2. Enter the Phone number (902) 707 – 0176 (*Mrs. Waterbury's Remind*)
(587) 409 - 1225 (*Mr. Talen's Remind*)
3. In the message section, Type:
@_____ (with the code of the ensemble/class your child is in)

For example, in the message section you will send a text saying:

@chsband10

* And this will register you to receive messages for just the grade 10 band class

Option #3 - Add Remind to your Email (to receive messages by email):

1. Compose an email
2. In the address section of the email type:
_____@mail.remind.com
(with the class/ensemble code)
- 3 Type your first and last name only in the body of the message

For example, in the address section you would type:

chsband10@mail.remind.com

*And this will register you to receive email messages for just the grade 10 band

Ensemble/Class Codes:

Grade 9 Band: **chsmusic9**

Grade 10 Band: **chsband10**

Grade 11/12 Band: **chssrband**

Symphonic Band: **chs-sband**

Senior Jazz / Jazz 1: **chs-jazz1**

Junior Jazz / Jazz 2: **chs-jazz2**

Pit Orchestra: **chspit**

Choir: **CHSQuire**

Roams10 Music: **musicroams** (sign-up for students in Gr10 Band & Roams)

Parents: **chsbmomdad**

Beauty & the Beast Musical class: **2023beauty**



COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM REMIND & GOOGLE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONS

Google Classroom Codes:

* We will use Google Classroom for resources, information, documents, and submitting class work, including performance videos.

Please ensure you have registered for ALL Google Classrooms, including J-Block courses. Thank you so much!

** Parents are always welcome to join their child as a guardian. Please do not sign yourself up for the class as a parent – only connect through your child as a guardian. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Ensemble/Class Codes:

Grade 9 Band: **4yrg7fk**

Grade 10 Band: **mgmx5la**

Grade 11/12 Band: **gvsd5nm**

Symphonic Band: **xurvz53**

Senior Jazz / Jazz 1: **wp5uk4r**

Junior Jazz / Jazz 2: **pyiuwm3**

Pit Orchestra: **rlj7tmc**

Beauty & the Beast Musical class: **2pp4mv6**

Cochrane High School Band Parent Association

529 – 4th Ave North

Cochrane, AB T4C 1Y6

general@chsbpa.ca

September 1st, 2023

Dear potential donors,

The Cochrane High School Band Parent Association is a society that has been in existence for over forty years. We raise funds that benefit the incredible students in the Cochrane High School Band and Choral program, as well as certain aspects of the Cochrane High School Performing & Visual Arts programs.

- a) The CHSBPA works throughout the year to raise money for the purpose of enriching the educational experience for the more than 150 students in these programs. Funds raised by the CHSBPA support the programs in numerous ways, including: Purchasing new instruments, sheet music, music software, digital learning platforms, and equipment for the Cochrane High School Music and musical theatre programs.
- b) Subsidizing these ensembles to attend festivals, camps, tours and educational events which help to develop community, leadership, collaboration, and confidence among many things.
- c) Assisting financially to offer professional clinicians/workshops for our students, through authentic learning experiences which enrich their curriculum and their connections
- d) Funding many of the annual awards and scholarships for our students
- e) Subsidizing costs for students who could not otherwise afford to be in these programs

For these wonderful opportunities to continue to happen for our students, we greatly depend on the generosity of the fantastic community of Cochrane. Your support is deeply appreciated and can be given in many forms, such as sponsoring a specific event, scholarship/award, or a general donation for the group to support the program as needed each year.

Donation possibilities:

- \$100 to support a Scholarships (x7 available to sponsor)
- \$75 per Student plaques (x24 plaques in total)
- \$175 to support a scholarship & plaque (x7 total needed)
- \$1,800 to help sponsor all plaque creation
- Own choice of \$ amount for various music related items above: Instruments, music, etc. (\$1,200 - \$8,500)

As a token of thanks, we can provide donors with sponsorship recognition and a message of thanks in one of our theatre or music concert programs, show advertising, newsletters, or as part of our awards ceremony. Donors who wish to sponsor specific awards and scholarships directly, are welcome to attend our awards ceremony and formally present these awards to the recipients if desired. We are looking for donations by May 31, 2024.

We truly appreciate your consideration and support.

Warmest regards and thanks,

Cheryl Ward and Dawn Kingshott
Co-Chairs, CHSBPA

Cochrane High School Band Program

Helpful Information from the CHSBPA

Welcome to all the wonderful new and returning music families!

What is the CHSBPA?

The Cochrane High School Band Parent Association (CHSBPA) is a charitable society made up of ALL parents/guardians of the music students at Cochrane High with a governing board comprised of a smaller group of parent volunteers who meet once monthly. The goal of the organization is to support and enrich the music program at CHS, making it an amazing, accessible experience for all students! Our fundraising efforts allow for unique opportunities for all students to participate in camps, festivals, clinics and trips, the purchase of special instruments, music, and equipment, the hiring of exceptional clinicians and accompanists to work with students, subsidizing students with financial need, and so much more. Also, the CHSBPA provides support to the incredible staff in the music department by taking on tasks such as uniform ordering, travel co-ordination, etc, so that they can focus more of their time on working with our children!

****Please consider joining the CHSBPA Board as we are currently in strong need of volunteers to fill many positions in order for the CHSBPA to continue****

Chair: Cheryl Ward (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Vice-Chair: Dawn Kingshott (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Secretary : NEEDED ASAP - Records minutes of monthly meeting and distributes them prior to following meeting.

Treasurer: Andrea Legere

Fundraising Director: NEEDED ASAP – Oversees various fundraisers as approved by the board and CHS administration and coordinates donations. Much of this is all in place and ready to go and just needs someone to make it happen!

Communications Director: Brian Russell (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Casino and 50/50 Director: Karen Henry (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Tour Director: Cheryl Ward

Student Accounts Director: Brian Russell (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Uniform Co-ordinator: Dawn Kingshott (replacement needed, consider shadowing this year)

Grocery Card Co-ordinator: Dawn Kingshott

As you can see, our numbers are low as we are saying goodbye to wonderful parents whose students have moved beyond high school. We have several volunteers filling multiple roles and occasionally don't have enough members in attendance to even vote on important business. Please consider stepping up for one of the above positions or simply attending meetings on a regular basis as a member at large. ***Meetings will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm for the 2023-24 school year and can be attended via ZOOM where necessary.*** New board members will be voted in at the AGM later in September. Please contact general@chsbpa.ca to volunteer, nominate someone, or simply for more information on the roles.

Fees

There is a \$40 administrative fee charged each year to each band/music student to cover operating costs of the CHSBPA. This fee is paid by e-transfer directly to the CHSBPA at treasurer@chsbpa.ca. It can also be paid using your student's fundraising account (see below). ****Please note this fee will not appear on School Cash Online.**** Unpaid fees will be withdrawn from student fundraising accounts if funds allow and alternate payment has not been made by the end of the school year.

Student Accounts

As a member of the music program, students have the opportunity to participate in various fundraisers to help earn their own money to pay for trips, uniforms, fees, etc. The Student Accounts director and the Treasurer keep track of exactly how much your student has earned in their individual account. Please contact studentaccounts@chsbpa.ca at any time to inquire about the amount in your child's account or to request the use of those funds. ***Please note that unused funds remaining in an individual account at the end of the student's participation in the music program cannot be withdrawn.*** They can be transferred to another music student (i.e. a younger sibling) or donated back to the music program. Make sure to take full advantage of this awesome opportunity to keep costs low for your family!

Grocery Card Ongoing Fundraiser

An excellent way to get FREE money (that's right, FREE money!) in your student's account is to participate in the Grocery Card Fundraiser. Grocery Cards can be requested at anytime during the school year by email to: grocerycards@chsbpa.ca. When ordering, please include card type and value required, along with student's full name and grade for record keeping.

We carry: COOP	Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$200	Discount of 6%
Safeway/Sobeys	Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250	Discount of 5%
PC/No Frills	Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250	Discount of 5%
Save-On	Denominations of \$50, \$100	Discount of 6% (8% limited availability)

Cards are purchased by you at face value and the discount percentage goes directly to your student's fundraising account. For example, every time you purchase \$100 in Safeway cards, we pass on the discount we received when purchasing (in this case 5%), and \$5 goes into your student's account. Free money!! You are buying groceries anyway! Forms of payment are cash or e-transfer to grocerycards@chsbpa.ca. *E-transfer is preferred.* Again, please note student name and grade in e-transfer message for record keeping.

Once payment is confirmed, we will contact you to meet and deliver cards in person. Cards and payment may be exchanged through your student if you feel you have one of those extremely rare, responsible teenagers. That is left to each parent's discretion.

Uniforms

Each student in the band and/or choir requires a uniform which is worn at all music festival and concert performances. Vests, shirts and ties are purchased from the CHSBPA. (Black dress pants or skirts, black socks or tights, and black dress shoes are also required as part of the uniform and must be obtained individually.) Students will be measured for their uniform during the first few days of band/choir. (If you would prefer to measure your child at home, please email uniforms@chsbpa.ca for exact measurements required.) Once uniforms arrive at the school, **they will be handed out to students only after the uniform fee has been paid in full.** Uniform fees are as follows:

Vest \$42

Shirt \$38

Tie \$20

Total for all 3 = \$100

E-transfers can be sent to uniforms@chsbpa.ca or you can use student account funds if available. These fees will not appear on School Cash Online.

**Please note, we do have several used, and consignment uniforms available at a reduced cost for interested parents.*

Email the uniform coordinator or check them out in person at the orientation evening in September. These are usually in quite good condition and are available on a first come, first served basis for about half the cost!

Email addresses:

If you would like more information, here is the contact info for the CHSBPA:

General Inquiries: general@chsbpa.ca

Chair: chair@chsbpa.ca

Treasurer: treasurer@chsbpa.ca

Student Accounts: studentaccounts@chsbpa.ca

Grocery Cards: grocerycards@chsbpa.ca

Uniforms: uniforms@chsbpa.ca

- ** The schedule listed below for GRADE 9 band students runs as indicated for the full school year
- ** The schedule listed below for Grade 10 - 12s is for Quarter 1 & 3. We swap the grade 10 vs 20/30 days for Q2 & 4.

7:15 - 8:45 am		Pit Orchestra	Senior Jazz	Symphonic Band	Junior Jazz	Friday am: rotation of ensemble/workshop	
	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Time	Friday
Period 1	8:55 am to 10:14 am	Inst. Music 10 Block 1 English 20	Block 2	Inst. Music 10 Block 1 English 20	Block 2	8:55 am to 9:55 am	Inst. Music 10 Block 1 English 20
Period 2	10:17 am to 11:36 am	Block 2	Inst. Music 20/30 Block 1 English 10	Block 2	Inst. Music 20/30 Block 1 English 10	9:58 am to 10:58 am	Block 2
Period 3	11:39 am to 12:19 pm	Block 2	Inst. Music 20/30 Block 1 English 10	Block 3	Band 9 Block 4	10:58 am to 11:17 am	Nutrition
Lunch	12:19 pm to 12:59 pm	Lunch				11:17 am to 12:17 pm	Block 3
Period 4	12:59 pm to 2:18 pm	Block 3	Band 9 Block 4	Block 3	Band 9 Block 4	12:17 pm to 1:20 pm	Band 9 Block 4
Period 5	2:21 pm to 3:40 pm	PE 9 Block 4	Block 3	PE 9 Block 4	Block 3	1:30 - 4:30 pm	Pit Orchestra / alternating workshop
3:45 - 5:30/6:00 pm		**Alternating ensembles when necessary Mon & Tues		Choir	*Alternating ensembles when necessary Thurs		

- ** ROAMS students attend all Block 1 classes for all of Semester 1 (Instrumental Music 10 & Instrumental Music 20/30**
 They will participate in the regular Instrumental Music 10 class alongside their grade 10 classmates.
 During Instrumental Music 20/30 class, they will do a combination of music projects, music performance/rehearsals,
 and some independent study skills/homework. We will discuss this week by week with those ROAMS students
 * In Semester 2, ROAMS students will continue in the Grade 10 band class when possible around ROAMS field trips
 and other class activities. Typically, they will be in the music room twice per week, as part of the Inst. Music 10 course.