



## BERT CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

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### BAND 9 & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 10/20/30

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The Instrumental Music Program at Bert Church High School is delivered as a multi-grade concert band class, with the exception of The Grade 9 Band class, which is exclusively for Grade 9 Band students. In each of these courses we aim to develop comprehensive musicianship. This means students will develop technical skills on their instrument, but will also learn universal musical concepts such as performance skills, ear training, theory, history, and creative expression. These are skills that will serve you in any musical situation throughout your life, even after you have left your school's band program. Additionally, we will aim to cultivate many non-music specific skills such as communication, teamwork, self-discipline, and goal-setting.

#### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

The following materials are required for every band class:

- Each student must have an instrument. Some instruments are available to rent from the Rocky View School Division. Grade 9-12 students pay \$210.00 (\$50.00 refundable). Please contact Mr. Dorner if you wish to rent.
- Percussionists are levied a \$30.00 fee through the school fees for the use of the school equipment. All percussionists are responsible for having the following – stick bag, snare sticks, two pairs of timpani mallets (hard and soft), and one pair of yarn mallets (medium). **If this is not possible, please talk to Mr. Dorner to make arrangements.**
- Each student will receive a paper music folder provided by the Music Department as well as a pencil and subsequent music...**students must ALWAYS have a pencil in their folder.**
- Students are responsible for reeds, valve oil, and cleaning equipment. 2 Reeds will be provided each semester free of charge (Clarinet and Saxophones only)
- Valve oil/slide grease (brass players only)

#### **FEES:**

Course Fee: \$40.00

School Instrument Rental Fee: \$210.00 (\$50 deposit refunded when instrument is returned)

Percussion Fee: \$30.00      Blazer Rental: \$35.00

If you have financial concerns that prevent payment of the course fees, please visit the Rocky View website or call the school office for information on the fee waiving process.

### **EXPECTATIONS and POLICIES:**

Note that all expectations and policies strive to provide all students with:

- 1. A safe classroom environment;**
- 2. An optimal learning experience;**
- 3. The freedom to take ownership for their learning in a socially responsible manner.**

### **PRACTICE:**

Daily practice is required in order to maintain and improve skills. Students must be prepared for rehearsals.

### **PERFORMANCES:**

Instrumental Music is a performance-oriented course, so students will participate in several concerts and performance opportunities throughout the school year. **Participation in these performances is expected, but absences are understood due to other obligations (work, family, illness, clubs, etc.) Please speak with Mr. Dorner if you are ever unable to attend.** Students are marked on their attendance and participation in these events.

Please keep the following dates free for concerts (held at Bert Church Theatre):

**October 23, 2019 – Fall Concert**  
**December 11, 2019 – Christmas Concert**  
**April 1, 2020 – Spring Concert (?)**  
**June 3, 2020 – Final Concert**

Information for other events (such as festivals, trips, or community performances) will be communicated throughout the year as it becomes available.

**Uniforms:** Concert Band Dress for all performances is as follows:

- Black pants or skirt with leggings (no jeans)
- Top may vary, but is not limited to:
  - White, long-sleeved, dress shirt or blouse (no prints or graphics) **Tie provided**
  - Band Polo, paid for with your Uniform Fee.
  - **Black Dress Shoes (and black socks)** (not runners please)

**A group that looks good always sounds better.**

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Regular attendance is necessary for the development of the student and the progress of the band.

### **ABSENCES:**

An excused absence occurs when a parent or guardian phones the school at 403-948-3800 (24 hours a day) to report an absence. Telephone calls from students are not acceptable, unless the student has “adult status” confirmed by the administration of BCHS. Parents are requested to phone in advance of the absence if possible. If that is not possible, parents must call the day of the absence, or no later than the day after the absence (i.e. within 24 hours) if it is to be excused. Notes received from parents within this time frame are also acceptable.

An unexcused absence includes those absences for which no phone call or note has been received within 24 hours following the absence. If the student misses a class where there is an assignment due or a quiz or exam written, the work will be awarded a designation of “NHI” (Not Handed In), which constitutes a zero for the purpose of calculating grades.

(Chapter S-3, Part 1.14, School Act, 2000)

### **LATES:**

Don't be late. Being late reflects poorly upon your priorities and character. Students may be subjected to further consequences specific to the presiding teacher. BCHS policy also applies.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

#### **MISSED ASSIGNMENTS:**

- When a student has an excused absence it is their responsibility to contact the teacher about missed work and to determine a mutually agreeable time for missed assignments to be handed in for marking. Such issues must be discussed with the teacher on the day of the student's return to classes, or earlier if possible (i.e. by phone or email).
- If no attempt is made to contact the teacher or the work is not completed within the agreed time an “NHI” (Not Handed In; 0 equivalent) will be awarded for the assignment. Further policies will apply (see below).
- Hard copies of assignments will be readily available, and electronic copies will be available at the discretion of the presiding teacher. It is the student's responsibility to keep current.

### **EXTENSION POLICY:**

- Extensions will only be granted for excused absences, and then only if the student or the student's parent(s) / guardian(s) have contacted the teacher no later than 24 hours before the due date (in the case of a known absence) or no later than 24 hours after the due date (in the case of an unforeseen absence).
- Other extensions – whether due to conflicts with extra-curricular activities or course load – will be awarded at the discretion of the presiding teacher.

### **MISSED QUIZZES AND PLAYING TESTS:**

A missed quiz or playing test will be written/played on the immediate day back if the absence is excused. If not, an ‘NHI’ will be awarded. It is the student's responsibility to arrange the time that this quiz or test will be completed with the teacher.

**APPEALS:** See the *BCHS Student Handbook*.

### **REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE:**

1. Be on time and prepared with instrument, music and pencil.
2. Be respectful of others and the rehearsal hall.
3. Be attentive and do not disturb the rehearsal process.

## **EVALUATION:**

In class, students will be assessed on the criteria listed below. **Regular attendance, classroom participation and an attitude conducive to learning** are necessary for optimum performance and success in this class.

Report card marks will be based on the following:

- **Repertoire, Technique/skills and theory/history – 30%**
- **Effort, Attitude, Participation and Performance – 30%**
- **Self-Assessment – 20%**
- **Festival Adjudication based on section and ensemble marks (final semester) – 20%**

You will be informed at least one week in advance of major assignments and playing tests. Any issues of missed exams or late assignments will be solved based on current school policy.

## **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Instrumental Music 10/20/30 takes place on Day 2's in the period before lunch throughout the entire year. Band 9 takes place on Day 2's in the period after lunch throughout the entire year.

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**Best of luck this school year! Please do not hesitate to come to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to ensure that your time in my class and at BCHS is educational, empowering, and enjoyable. I have full confidence in your ability to succeed. "May the odds be ever in your favour!"**