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September 10, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 year of BAND! I am so excited that your child is interested in joining the **Parkland Concert Band**. This year, Concert Band is offered as an **after-school option for Junior High students across Parkland School Division who are in Grades 7-9**. This opportunity is supported by School Principals and we are thrilled this opportunity is available for students.

Parkland Concert Band will take place at **High Park School each Wednesday from 3:20-4:40 PM**. There is no busing for this option so parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from High Park. The first after-school class will be **Wednesday, September 18th, 2024**. Instruments will not be required for this first class. The first day instruments will be used is Wednesday, September 25th.

### **Who Can Join Band?**

We welcome Grade 7-9 students of all experience levels - **no previous experience is required**. Students will learn how to play a [woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument](#) in a group setting. This fall, we will be running a **Band Startup Clinic on September 25th (12:45-2:15pm)** to ensure that all students have a strong foundation to begin the year. On this day, guest teachers for each instrument will visit High Park School in the afternoon to instruct band students in specialized clinics. All students registered in the Parkland Concert Band are invited to attend this clinic but it is not mandatory. Please note, there will be an additional cost to attend the optional Startup Clinic and transportation will need to be parent provided. More information will be shared at the first practice and by Ms. Schultz.

### **What is the Time Commitment for Band?**

Concert Band is a full-year commitment and will run from September - June. Students will perform at the High Park school Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, as well as other events throughout the year. Students are expected to attend all classes and performances, as the success of the group depends on the presence of all members (much like a sports team!). In case of an illness or unavoidable conflict, please inform Ms. Schultz of the absence prior to class.





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### **How Much Does Band Cost?**

**The base course fee for Parkland Concert Band is \$25.00 per student.\*** This fee covers music and supplies. Additional costs will apply for students who wish to opt in on field trips and clinics that happen outside of our class time. The base fee of \$25.00 will be applied to your PowerSchool account after this permission form is returned.

*\*Every student may participate in the Stony Plain Band program – no student will be denied access based on financial need. Please contact Ms. Schultz if you need to make alternate arrangements.*

### **How Can I Obtain an Instrument?**

Stony Plain band students may choose to bring a woodwind or brass instrument from home, rent, or buy their own instrument. I have attached some [information about rental options](#) with this form.

For students interested in buying a new or used instrument, I recommend **Yamaha, Selmer, Armstrong, Jupiter, Avro, Buffet, Leblanc, Conn, Holten, Getzen, King, Bach, Vito, or Accent brands**. Please ensure that you have the instrument inspected. If the instrument does not function properly daily, it will dramatically impact the progress of the student.

All interested students, [please complete the Google Form](#) with your name and instrument choice by **Monday, September 16th**. Signed permission forms can be handed in at the first class meeting on Wednesday, September 18th.

Similar to all other in school or extracurricular activities, the Parkland School Division Code of Conduct also applies to this after school band option. Please feel welcome to reach out to me with any questions about the Band program. Thank you for your support. I am looking forward to a great year of Band!

Yours musically,

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child has permission to participate in Band this year.
- I understand Band is an after-school option and families are required to provide transportation

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Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email

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Parent/Guardian Phone

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We understand that the Superintendent of Parkland School Division 70 may cancel or interrupt any approved off-site activity at any time up to the point of return from that activity, where the Superintendent considers the safety and well-being of students and supervisors to be at unusual risk, real or potential, due to emergent circumstances. Such a decision will consider any emergent change in social, political, health, legal or physical environment that may contribute to risk greater than that which existed when the offsite activity was originally given approval. Further, I/we understand that only those costs will be reimbursed that are made available or returned to Parkland School Division as a product of the cancellation of the offsite activity.

