



High Park School is Proud to Host the

Parkland Band



*For Parkland School Division
Students in Grades 7 and up*

First Practice:

Wed. Sept. 17, 2025 at 3:30pm

High Park School

Are you interested in developing your skills on an instrument and joining an after school band? High Park's Band Director Emily Schultz is thrilled to welcome students from across Parkland.

Please see the attached letter for more information.





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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are looking forward to the 2025-2026 year of **PARKLAND BAND!** I am excited to welcome back our returning members and extend an invitation to any new members who are interested in joining. Parkland Band is an **after school group for Parkland School Division students in Grades 7 and up.**

Parkland Band will take place at **High Park School on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45 PM.** There is no busing for this option so parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from High Park. The first after-school rehearsal will be **Wednesday, September 17th, 2025.** Please bring your instrument and supplies for the first class.

The base class fee for Parkland Band is \$25.00 per student.* This fee covers music and basic supplies for the year. Additional costs will apply for students who wish to opt in on special events such as attending band camp, music festivals, or other trips. The base fee of \$25.00 will be applied to your PowerSchool account in September after the permission form is returned.

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

All interested students, [please complete the Google Form](#) with your name and instrument. We are accepting new and returning member registration until Monday, September 15th. Signed permission forms can be handed in at the first class meeting on Wednesday, September 17th.

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

Yours musically,

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Who Can Join Band?

Parkland Band welcomes all Parkland School Division students in Grades 7 and up.

It is recommended that students already have some experience on their woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument and be able to demonstrate the following skills:

- Assemble and disassemble the instrument independently
- Demonstrate proper playing posture
- Produce a clear and supported sound on their instrument
- Perform short melodies using at least 4-5 different notes.

Please note that the Parkland Band is intended as an enhancement to established school band programs rather than a replacement. As such, enrollment in students' school band programs is a co-requisite to participating in the Parkland Band. This requirement is waived for students who do not have a band program available at their school.

Can I still join if I have never been in Band before?

Yes! All students are welcome to join the Parkland Band. However, to have the best experience I recommend that beginner students take a few private lessons at the start of the school year to ensure that they are able to demonstrate the skills listed above. Please feel free to reach out to me for private instructor recommendations if you would like to pursue this option.

What is the Time Commitment for Parkland Band?

Parkland Band runs from September - June. Students will participate in concerts and events such as:

- High Park School Christmas Concert (Week of December 1-5; exact date TBA)
- Optional overnight Band Camp at Camp Nakamun (March 10-11)
- High Park School Spring Concert (June 4)
- Other events may be added throughout the year.





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Students are expected to attend all classes and concerts, 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 rehearsal.

How Can I Obtain an Instrument?

Parkland 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 convenience, we are running a **rental night in the High Park band room on Wednesday, September 10th (6:30-7:30)** where parents can rent directly from a music store representative.

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.



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Student Name: _____ Student School: _____ Student Grade: _____

- ☐ My child has permission to participate in the Parkland Band for the 2025-2026 school year.
- ☐ I understand Parkland Band is held after school and families are required to provide transportation to and from rehearsals.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Email

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.

