

Band 9 Course Outline & Handbook

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Dear Music Students and Parents:

Welcome to the Spectrum Music Department – my name is Parker Jolliffe, I am the Director of Bands and Choir at Spectrum Community School. I look forward to working with your son and/or daughter this fall!

Band classes will continue to develop your students' musical abilities through performance, team building, rehearsal techniques and FUN. We are a performance based program, so please make sure to review our Performance Dates and Rehearsal schedule carefully. Should you have any questions concerning the Music Department or your child's progress, please feel free to contact me by using the contact information listed above. The following is our Music Department Handbook and course outline for Band 10 classes at Spectrum.

Parker Jolliffe, Director of Bands & Choir

Scheduling

Band 9 is a linear (all year) course offered in Block A (Tue, Thu.) and when Fridays land on EVEN days. This course is backed with PE 9/10.

Morning Band (Senior Concert Band)

Band 9/10 on ODD Friday mornings form the Spectrum Junior Concert Band. All students registered for Band 9/10 are automatically registered for this course. This ensemble performs throughout the year at School concerts, community tours and festivals. This is a graded class with credit. All told, Band 11/12 students receive 4 credits and a grade for enrolling in our music program.

Evaluation

Evaluation for this course is based on: Individual/Group Performance (Recordings, Concerts, Community initiatives) 40%, Participation and Musicianship Standards (Rehearsal, Ensemble skills) 40% and Content Knowledge (Assignments, theory 20%). Keys to a good grade include (but are not limited too): Being present (in mind), punctual, work handed in on time.. Preparedness (in and out) of the classroom and arrive with all your materials to contribute to your own personal success. Stay positive, show a willingness to learn, and most importantly: Have fun, make mistakes!

Participation in band concerts is mandatory for all members, unless arrangements have been made to miss a performance AHEAD OF TIME, with the director. EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT!

Communication

Spectrum Music News:

The Spectrum Community School Music Department sends out a Monthly newsletter to keep you in the loop of our vibrant, performance-based music program. This system allows band/jazz/choir families to stay connected with our standard programming, along with keeping you apprised of any additions to our schedule as well as fundraising opportunities.

Please review the current band calendar available at www.spectrumband.ca. On the home page, hover your mouse over "Spectrum Music Info" and scroll to "2021-2022 Calendar". Once the page is loaded, you have the option of viewing our calendar in Week, Monthly or Agenda mode. The latter will give you our scheduled events, district Pro-D's and Holidays. This information will be updated regularly so be sure to bookmark this page.

Google Classroom:

Google Classrooms will be used primarily for assignment distribution/collection and in the event of schedules changing etc.

Website:

Please visit our Spectrum Music Department webpage. This contains important information and documents that students and families can download. Please check these web pages at the beginning of each academic year to make sure your calendar is linked to the updated music schedule. www.spectrumband.ca

Social Media:

The Spectrum Music Department has two pages: Facebook & Instagram. Facebook: Spectrum Community Band Program. Instagram: Spectrum Band. *Please note that directors are permitted to remove anyone from these pages that participates in cyber bullying or harassment or disparaging comments.

Spectrum Music Parents Group:

Getting involved in the Music program will give you the opportunity to share with your child the last four years of their education. These years fly by! Your child might say they would rather not have you around, but most parents actually learn that their kids appreciate their involvement. The Music parents are needed to support the director and help with the details of fundraising, transporting, tailoring, and running an organization of this size. The Music Department needs parents to be able to function; it is for this reason that we urge you to get involved.

Join one of the many committees. We need your help! Grandparents, siblings, or any member of your family can get involved and make a difference. The Spectrum Music Parents group is a fun, energetic group and a great way to meet the parents and the kids your student will be spending much of their time with.

Participation & Attendance

It is imperative that all students attend all rehearsals and performances. When students are missing, they are not learning. Additionally, they are missing out on valuable information and performance experience. Worst of all, when parts are not being played and positions are not being filled, everyone from the students to the players to the community notices and it makes the program look and sound less than its best. These performances and rehearsals are not an “extra”; they are an integral part of a complete musical experience and education.

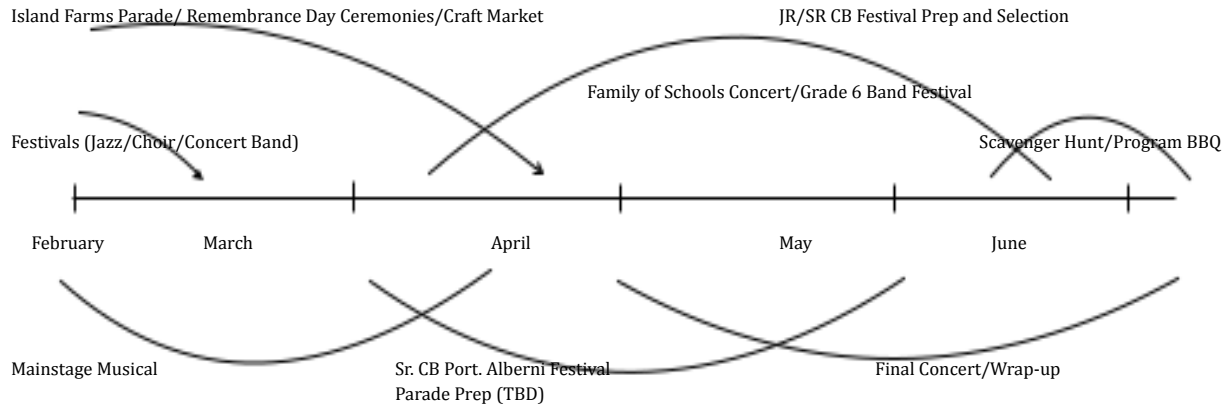
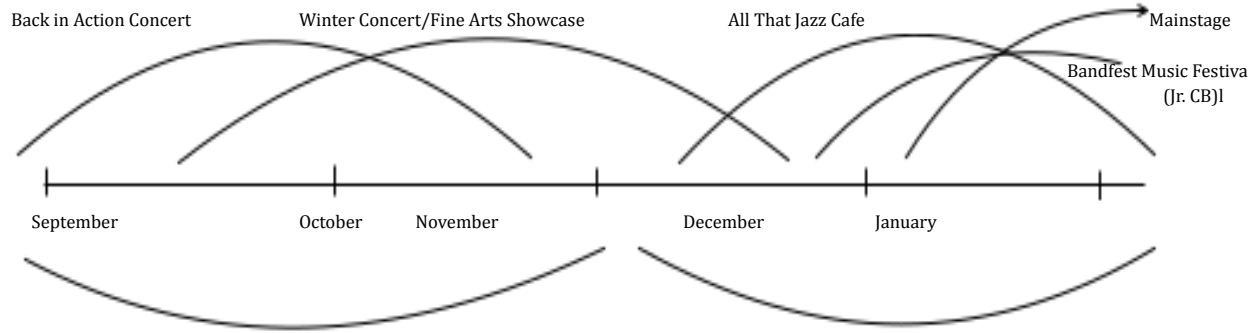
When students cannot make a rehearsal or performance, they must contact the director well in advance. If no prior notice is given, the instructor will have to assume that the student is skipping the event and that absence will be considered unexcused. Even if you are sick, please have your parent/guardian call or email your band director.

What Can Parents Do To Help?

- Continued encouragement towards home practice and prompt regular attendance at all band classes and concerts.
- Listening occasionally for proper home practice techniques; for example, each practice session should start out with long tones and scale work; class exercises and “Requirements” should be practiced slowly and carefully, at first, striving for accuracy; and band music should be practiced as well.
- Visit www.spectrumband.ca to become familiar with our page. It includes helpful information regarding: important dates, weekly news, fundraising opportunities and more.
- Celebrate hard work!
- Play music with your child!
- Try playing your child's instrument for comic relief!
- Listen to a variety of music at home or in the car!
- Try something new musically!
- Get involved! If you play an instrument, try playing with the group or offer sectionals, lessons. We'd love to have you!

Spectrum Music Department Overview

Spectrum Music Department Ensembles



* This does not include all activities. This is just a general overview of what students work toward.

SPECTRUM MUSIC TIMETABLE 2021-2022

Daily Bell Times	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:35 TO 8:35	SENIOR JAZZ BAND	JUNIOR JAZZ BAND	SENIOR JAZZ BAND	JUNIOR JAZZ BAND	JR CB ODD SR CB EVEN
8:35 to 9:55	BAND 10 (A Block) <i>PE 9</i>	BAND 11/12 (B Block) 8:35-9:45	BAND 10 (A Block) <i>PE 9</i>	BAND 11/12 (B Block)	BAND 9/10 EVEN Fridays (A Block) 8:35 TO 9:45
9:50 to 10:05	BREAK	PASSING TIME 9:45-9:50	BREAK	BREAK	PASSING TIME 9:45-9:50
10:10 to 11:30	OPEN MUSIC SPACE (B Block)	BAND 9 (A Block) 9:50-11:00 <i>PE 10</i>	OPEN MUSIC SPACE (B Block)	BAND 9 (A Block) <i>PE 10</i>	BAND 11/12 ODD Fridays (B Block) 9:50 TO 11:00
LUNCH 11:30 to 12:10	LOW/HIGH VOICES	Sectionals/ Combos/ Extra Help 11:00-11:35	CHOIR	Sectionals/ Combos/ Extra Help	CHOIR (11:00 to 11:35)
12:15PM TO 1:35PM	C BLOCK	D BLOCK 11:35-12:45	C BLOCK	D BLOCK	C BLOCK
1:35PM TO 1:40PM	PASSING TIME	PASSING TIME	PASSING TIME	PASSING TIME	PASSING TIME
1:40PM TO 3:00PM	D BLOCK	C BLOCK 12:50-2:00	D BLOCK	C BLOCK	D BLOCK
AFTER SCHOOL 3:00PM to 4:00PM	PIT ORCHESTRA	SECTIONALS/ EXTRA HELP	PIT ORCHESTRA	PIT ORCHESTRA	SECTIONALS/ EXTRA HELP

EARLY FRIDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

JR CB: SEPT. 17 | OCT. 1, 15, 27 | NOV. 5, 19 | DEC. 3 | JAN. 7, 21 | FEB. 11 | MAR. 1* | APR. 29 | MAY 13, 27

SR CB: SEPT. 24 | OCT. 8 | NOV. 26 | DEC. 10 | JAN 14, 28 | FEB. 4 | MAR. 4 |

APR. 8, 22 | MAY 6 | JUNE 5* **NOT A FRIDAY

*2021-2022 Performance Dates**

Please make sure to highlight dates relevant to your ensemble. Every member is an important part of the group. We have an exciting year ahead, full of brand new experiences! *Dates are subject to change at Directors discretion.

September

Thursday, Sept. 28th: Spectrum Band Parents 1st Meeting and Elections. Everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage you to drop by. Many hands (minds) make quick work!

November

Thursday, Nov. 4th: Fall Back in Action Concert - Concert Bands & Choir - Spectrum Theatre
Thursday, Nov. 10th: Remembrance Day Performance - Sr. Concert Band, all 4 Blocks
Saturday, Nov. 27th: 39th Annual Island Farms Santa Parade - Full Music Program

December

Thursday, Dec. 9th: Winter Concert - Concert Bands & Choir - Spectrum Theatre
Wednesday, Dec. 15th: Spectrum Fine Arts Showcase - Junior Jazz Band - Spectrum Theatre
Thursday, Dec. 16th: Spectrum Fine Arts Showcase - Senior Jazz Band - Spectrum Theatre
Friday, Dec. 17th: Spectrum Fine Arts Showcase - Senior Concert Band - Spectrum Theatre

February

Thursday, Feb. 24th: "All That Jazz" Cafe - Spectrum Jazz Bands - Spectrum Theatre

March

Thursday, Mar. 3rd: Bandfest Music Festival - Junior Concert Band - Uvic

April

Tuesday, Apr. 12th-14th: Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival - Senior Concert Band - Port Alberni

Tuesday, Apr. 26th: West Coast Jazz Festival - Spectrum Jazz Bands - Nanaimo

May

Thursday, May 19th: Family of Schools Concert - Spectrum Junior Groups - Spectrum Gym

June

Friday, June 10th: Year end Concert - Spectrum Ensembles - Spectrum Theatre

Performance and Uniform Information

Concert Venues

Spectrum Theatre - Spectrum Community School - *Unless otherwise scheduled*
(Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Choir, Pit Orchestra)

Oak Bay Theatre - Oak Bay High School
(Jazz /Choir)

Music Department Dress Code

Senior Band – the uniform consists of black blazer and pants, white dress shirt, orange necktie and black band shoes.

Junior Band – the uniform consists of a green sweater, white dress shirt, yellow tie, black pants and black band shoes.

Sr. Jazz Band – the uniform consists of a blue vest, Windsor tie, white dress shirt, black pants, and black band shoes.

Jr. Jazz Band – the uniform consists of a red vest, Windsor tie, white dress shirt, black pants, and black band shoes.

Marching Band – this uniform is the same as the Senior Concert Band and is issued to all band members.

Concert Choir - this uniform is all black.

Other Ensembles - as dictated by the band director.

*All band students must provide their own white dress shirt & LONG black socks to be worn with ALL uniforms.

*All uniforms will be collected and cleaned by the Band Parents Association at the end of the school year.

Each band member retains the same uniform during the school year, unless it is necessary to change to a different size. The blazers/jacket, pants, vests, and ties ARE NOT TO BE WASHED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY. Wash and press the dress shirt only please.

Spectrum Music Uniform Information Cont...

The Spectrum Music Department is proud to offer a formal uniform for every instrumental ensemble. These are professionally cleaned, mended in the summer and tailored in the fall during uniform sizing night.

Before the first concert, please make sure you have found the following items to be worn with ALL band uniforms:

1.) A pair of plain LONG black socks (NO athletic or socks with logos)

2.) A white button down long sleeved dress shirt. (Must be able to hold a tie, NO golf or knit shirts)

As mentioned above, The Spectrum Music Department provides the following items on a yearly rental basis (**see rental info page 11**):

Sr. Concert Band/Marching Band – Tuxedo jacket and pants, orange tie, black band shoes.

Jr. Concert Band – Green sweater, tuxedo pants, yellow tie, black band shoes.

Sr. Jazz Band – blue vest, blue tie, tuxedo pants, black band shoes.

Jr. Jazz Band – red vest, red tie, tuxedo pants, black band shoes.

Each band member retains the same uniform during the school year, unless it is necessary to change size. Uniforms are stored at the school for convenience.

*Off-Site events like Festivals, Community Concerts etc. will require students to take everything home the night before. **When able, please arrange to pick up your student the day before to help maintain the integrity of the uniform(s) crease and fold.***

Fundraising

The Spectrum Music Department provides every music student with their own “Music Account” upon registering for the music program. This Music Account is filled with proceeds earned from fundraising via the many opportunities provided throughout the year. We have scaled our fundraising to be predominantly student based.

Many students choose to fundraise to supplement the cost of Music Trips or music lessons, a new instrument or piece of equipment. **Upon graduation, whatever has not been used for trips or music related material, the remaining balance is used to contribute towards the needs of the Music Department and funds for families in need of financial support.**

Past Music Tours

Alberta: Banff, Calgary, Edmonton

British Columbia: Whistler, Port Alberni, Nanaimo

California/Oregon: Disneyland, San Francisco, Portland

Germany

Hawaii

Italy

Fundraising Opportunities

Bottle Drives - 100% to Student Accounts

Poinsettia Sales - 100% to Student Account

Purdy's Sales- 100% to Student Account

Mothers Day Baskets - 100% to Student Account

“All That Jazz Cafe” - 100% to General Account

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SPECTRUM MUSIC UNIFORM RENTAL AGREEMENT

There is one non-refundable fee in the Spectrum Music Department. All members must provide a cheque for \$30.00 (OR CASH-RECEIPT PROVIDED). These are cashed immediately and placed in our Uniform account for our yearly maintenance, cleaning and repair of uniforms/shoes.

Both Cash or Cheque are due **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2021.**

- * Cheques are required before uniforms are issued.
- * Please make cheques payable: Spectrum Band Parents.
- * Parents with financial concerns, please contact Mr. Jolliffe for assistance (479-8271 ext. 512)
- * No student will be denied a uniform due to financial hardship.

A student in the music program will be charged via Cash School Online if the following items are lost or returned in poor condition (Torn, ripped, permanently stained). Please review the list before completing the contract.

Tie (Yellow, Orange): \$10.00
Bow-Tie (Blue, Red): \$15.00
Blazer: \$60.00
Pants: \$45.00
Shoes: \$35.00

Thank you for your support in maintaining the excellent appearance of our Bands!
It is agreed that:

- 1) The uniform(s) will be treated with care.
- 2) Tuxedo jackets, pants, vests, and ties will Not be washed or altered in any way.
- 3) The Uniform Maintenance payment of \$30.00 will be paid before the uniform is issued. This is not refundable.
- 4) Any lost or poorly maintained piece will be replaced at the cost listed above by the student's family in question.

Student Name: _____ Band(s): _____

Agreed _____
(student signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

*****PLEASE RETURN FULL SHEET & PAYMENT TO MUSIC ROOM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH.*****

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SPECTRUM MUSIC INSTRUMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

The Spectrum Music Department is proud to own a limited collection of well-maintained instruments for students to borrow, *free of charge*. Students are expected to maintain their instrument with respect, taking care not to damage or lose the instrument being borrowed.

A District Maintenance Fund has been established to repair or correct common issues with High School Music program instruments. This includes (but is not limited too): cleaning, Missing/Failing pads, Missing/Failing Cork pieces, Head joints, ligatures, mouthpieces etc.

*****Damage caused by reckless/thoughtless use, will fall on the responsibility of the borrower/family to repair or replace.*****

Student Name: _____

Instrument Borrowed

(This can be multiple of the same instrument family or a variety if available):

By signing this contract, I assume all responsibility for the instrument borrowed and agree to care for it during the loan period. Any damage caused (outside of normal wear and tear) and otherwise, caused by absentmindedness or negligence, will be covered by me, the borrower/family.

Student Signature

Guardian Signature

Date (MM/DD/YEAR)

INSTRUMENTS ARE LOANED OUT FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MR. JOLLIFFE IN THE MUSIC ROOM

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Spectrum Music Department Student Information Sheet

*****PLEASE RETURN BY NEXT MUSIC CLASS*****

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Email: _____

Instrument: _____

Secondary Instrument(s): _____

Do you take private lessons on you *band* instrument?: (circle one) YES NO

With who?: _____ **For how long?:** _____

**Outside of Band 9, what are other Spectrum ensembles you would like to join?
(Please circle as many that apply to you)**

Junior Jazz Band (Grade 9 & 10) Choir (Grade 9-12... FYI we do not sing to a CD...)

Senior Concert Band (I like a challenge and I'm up for it)

Pit Orchestra (Broadway is my thing... and I also like a challenge)

Senior Jazz Band (Grade 11-12... yes, I have had students in grade 9 invited to senior jazz)

Mongolian Alphorn Trio Band 9 is enough for me at the moment

What do you want to accomplish this year, personally, in band classes/rehearsals?

What would you like the Spectrum Community School ensembles to accomplish this year?

Please take some time to tell me a little about yourself! Such as... What do you do for fun? Do you work? If so, where do you work? Do you play sports? Are you artistic? Are you excited for school (come on, I know you are)? Say a little... or, say a lot!

Tell me anything you want me to know about you that will help me to teach you better!

What do you enjoy playing in band/jazz band?

Any questions for me?
