

BROOKSWOOD

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS



September 2024

Re: Brookwood Community Youth Band

Dear Families of the Brookwood Family of Schools,

Welcome to the Brookwood Community Youth Band (BCYB) 2024-25 season. Here you will find information on how your child can participate and learn music through instrumental performance at the Elementary school level. This class is open to Grade 5-7 students from the Brookwood Family of Schools (Alice Brown, Belmont, Glenwood, and Noel Booth).

Important dates for September

1. **Thursday, September 5th** – Myself and Tapestry Music will be coming to each school and doing a demonstration of the instruments for students to think about what instrument they would like to play. Students will come home with information after this demonstration.
2. **Monday, September 9th** – We will have an open house **Meet and Greet** night in the Brookwood Secondary Music Room from 6:00-7:00pm. Come prepared with any questions you may have. I look forward to meeting you.
3. **Thursday, September 12th** – This Thursday will be our first rehearsal with each group at regular scheduled times. Students should attend even if they haven't received their instrument yet.
4. **Saturday, September 14th** – District Beginning Band Workshop 2024 at Langley Fundamental Middle and Secondary School. We **strongly** encourage all Beginning Band students to be at this very important start-up workshop. More info below.

Band Class Information

- Taught by Mr. Derrick Turi (Brookwood Secondary School Music Director, Drums and Percussion Major, UBC)
- Rehearsals are held in the Brookwood Secondary School Music Room.
- Music students from Brookwood Secondary help with the class!
- This is a full credited course with a report card assessment.
- Perfect opportunity for students who love music, have a desire to learn a band instrument, and who are interested in developing strong work ethic and dedication.
- We will encourage and challenge our dedicated music students, no matter their level of musical background.

- Concerts at our family of schools, including concerts with Brookwood Secondary Music Department, Annual Brookwood Car Show, and District events

There are two ensembles at the Elementary level:

1. Beginner Band (1st Year) is open to all Grade 5-7 students who have never played a band instrument before. Students in this band can start on flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and percussion (snare drum). If you are a piano player, we have opportunities for you too! This includes piano and keyboard percussion.
2. Junior Band (2nd Year) builds upon Beginner Band and is for those who have already had a year or more experience on their instrument. This class will take those students from Beginner Band with a year of experience and continue to develop them. As they continue to develop their instrumental skills and musicianship, this class will also prepare them well for their journey into Intermediate Concert Band at Brookwood Secondary School. Students here will also discover different instruments in their instrument family, and this will help to create more sounds and colors in the ensemble.

Rehearsal in Brookwood Secondary music room (45 minutes twice a week, after school)** :

Beginner Band (1st Year students):

- Monday 3:15-4:00pm
- Thursday 2:50-3:35pm

Junior Band (2nd Year students):

- Monday 4:00-4:45pm
- Thursday 3:35-4:20pm

*** Times are slightly different due to room use conflict on Monday, so time is slightly later.*

The expectation is that students who join this band will be committed to attending all rehearsals. Being a part of a band is not unlike being a part of a team. Every rehearsal builds upon skills and lessons taught in prior classes and being at each rehearsal contributes to the success of the ensemble. However, I understand that students may have commitments that sometimes conflict with band. Please let me know ahead of time.

Some students who have piano or violin experience may be wondering how this band might work for them. Your dedication and musical ability will help you to have success in band class. If you are interested in joining band, then we encourage you to choose one of the band instruments offered. Learning new instruments is a great challenge for those with musical experience. However, if experienced piano players would like to play something like piano, then you could be a part of the keyboard mallet percussion section. There will be many opportunities at the High School level for piano players (Jazz Band, Musical Theater Orchestra) and string players (Musical Theater Orchestra).

District Beginning Band Workshop 2024 @ LFMSS

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Beginning Band Workshop will be hosted at *Langley Fundamental Middle and Secondary School*. This year and we hope to see you there. This workshop is the most important starting place for any Langley student who is new to band and band instruments. With lessons led by alumni and faculty, students will take that first step to understanding the ins and outs of their instrument. They will learn how to play the first few notes, maintain their instrument, and may even learn a song to share with you next time you see them!

When: Saturday, September 14th (from 8:45-11:00am)

Where: Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary School (21250 42 Ave, Langley, BC V3A 8K6)

What to Bring: Students should bring their instrument, band method book, and a pencil for taking notes. Percussionists bring sticks and snare drum.

Schedule:

8:45am: Arrival & Check-in

9:00am: Workshop begins

10:00am: 15-minute break

10:15am: Workshop resumes

11:00am: Pickup

Getting Your Instrument

There are a few different ways to get your instrument. You may be using one passed down in the family or you may have purchased one through Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, or your local music store. Many people rent or rent to own their instrument through the music stores. Tapestry Music is a great store for this.

If you have any questions about getting an instrument, please contact me.

Beginner Band Instruments to choose from: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Electric Bass, Snare Drum, Mallet Percussion (for piano players).

Advanced Band instrumentation may open to other instruments, like oboe, bass clarinet, and others. I will discuss these in class at the beginning of the year.

There are specific cases where students play instruments not on this list. Please make sure you have communicated with me if an instrument not on this list has been chosen.

Tapestry Music Rental Portal:

1. Visit the Tapestry Music Website: <https://www.tapestrymusic.com/>
2. Click on Rentals
3. Select 'Band Rentals' under **Start A Rental**
4. Choose the purchase program you would like, Buy Back Program, School Year Rental, Monthly Rental
5. There's even a video to help walk you through it!
6. Scroll Down and press Select
7. Proceed with filling out your rental information.

Both bands will use the Essential Elements Book 1 for their instrument. We have them available for purchase here at the school. Please let me know if you would like to purchase one through us. Tapestry Music will deliver the rentals directly to Brookwood Secondary School and I will hand them out during scheduled band classes.

Percussionists (Snare Drum and Mallet Percussion) will need a Stick Pack that has the following: Profile Stick Case, Vic Firth SD1 sticks, Vic Firth T1 timpani mallets, Clevelander CSX3 hard plastic mallets, Clevelander CCV2 medium yarn mallets. This pack is available through Tapestry Music, or you can order the parts separately.

Final Thoughts

I very much look forward to working with your children and inspiring them to adopt a lifelong love of music and musicianship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dturi@sd35.bc.ca.



Kindest Regards,
Mr. Turi

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