



Eagle Mountain Middle, Beginner and Advanced Concert Band

September 2015 Information Notice and Pamphlets

To new and returning band students and parents:

- Are you wondering about the concert band program at Eagle Mountain Middle?
- Are you interested in joining the band, but need more information?
- Are you excited about a year of making music and friends?

Outlined in this pamphlet is all you need to know about starting out in band at Eagle Mountain Middle!

Any questions? Don't hesitate to contact me!

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1. Important Dates in September

- Thursday, September 10th, 2015 → Instrument Demo Night
Time: 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Eagle Mountain Middle, Music Room

Representatives from Tom Lee Music (Coquitlam) will be bringing band instruments, and students will get to hear/see/try the different instruments that are needed in a wind band. It is recommended that all new students attend!

- Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 → Rental Night!
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Eagle Mountain Middle, Music Room

During Rental Night, Tom Lee Music will bring instruments and method books for students to rent/purchase. **All new band students need to buy a method book for their new instrument.** Reeds and tools/supplies for instrument maintenance will also be available for purchase on this evening. There are some instruments available for rental at a reduced rate from the school, and these will be on display during demo/rental night.

** If a student wishes to be in band, but his/her family has an issue with rental costs, please talk to Ms. Norman – rnorman@sd43.bc.ca – for alternate arrangements.
Everyone is welcome in band!



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2. Band Schedule

- For the 2015-2016 school year, the band schedule will be as follows:

Beginner Band, Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings, 7:30-8:20 am.

Advanced Band, Tuesday/Thursday mornings, 7:30-8:20 am.

The music room doors will open at 7:15 a.m., and students are expected to be set up and ready to play by 7:30 a.m.

Please Note: the Friday morning rehearsal will sometimes be for sectionals (small groups of instruments). Students will get advance notice if a Friday rehearsal is being changed to a sectional.

- The first two weeks back:

The first formal band class will be on Monday, September 21st, 2015

Advanced Band will start on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015

After the rental night on Tuesday, September 15th, there will be introductory sectionals on the mornings of September 16th, 17th, and 18th:

- September 16th, 7:30 – 8:20 a.m., **Woodwinds**
 - All beginner flutes, saxophones, clarinets, oboes, and bassoons will meet to talk about putting instruments together, instrument care, and embouchure/fingerings
- September 17th, 7:30 – 8:20 a.m., **Brass**
 - All beginner trumpets, trombones, baritones/euphoniums, French horns, and tubas will meet to talk about instrument care, embouchure, buzzing, and fingerings/pitch placement
- September 18th, 7:30 – 8:20 a.m., **Percussion/Electric Bass**



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- All beginner percussionists and bassists will meet to discuss instrument care, stick/finger technique, and maintenance

3. Distributing Information

- E-mail is the easiest way to disseminate information. I would love to compile a list of e-mail addresses for families involved in the band program at Eagle Mountain Middle. I will be sending home a notice with students during the first two weeks of band class, and requesting contact information from each family so that I can keep parents abreast of concert dates, rehearsal changes, schedules, progress, etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at rnorman@sd43.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Rebecca Norman

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