

Innisfail Music Program Course Outline

Concert Band 2019-2020

Director: Mr. Bushell

In the IMS Concert Band you will:

- Improve your skills on your instrument
- Advance your music reading and interpretation skills
- Play different styles of music
- Learn more about music theory
- Participate in performances, workshops, festivals and fundraising
- Learn how to be part of a great team!

Class Expectations:

In the Band Room we are:

- Respectful of ourselves, others, belongings, and instruments
- Diligent in our efforts
- Enthusiastic in our participation
- Joyful in sharing the beauty of music

Class Materials:

You are expected to be prepared for every class.

Please bring the following to every class:

1. Your instruments or sticks
2. Your music folder with all music and books and a Pencil and eraser
1. Instrument supplies: reeds, oil, cleaning supplies, etc. (reeds will be provided by the Band Parents Association up to 5 reeds per student. Once that limit is reached, the student will be responsible to get their own reeds. (Please do not abuse this privilege as reeds cost between 2 and 10 dollars each.)

****If your child needs to rent an instrument, we will be using 53rd Street Music's online Rental system. Prices listed later.**

Website:

We have a band website that contains useful information about events, dates, times, and what is involved, www.innisfailmiddle.ca then click on "band". This year we will be using email to send out reminders and information about events and fundraisers. If you don't have email, please consider signing up for a free account.

Class Guidelines:

In this class, we treat one another with RESPECT.

1. Please do not exchange instruments. Damage is your responsibility and you must also consider the health risk. Due to the health risk, students will not be allowed to exchange/share instruments at school.
2. Only play your instrument when instructed to do so. At the end of all music there is SILENCE!
3. Students renting instruments from the school must sign a rental agreement. This agreement should indicate any existing damage or problems with the instrument. Parents must also sign the rental agreement.
4. Take care of your instrument. Clean it regularly, if you are unsure as to how, ask Mr. Bushell. If your instrument becomes damaged as a result of any abuse, you will be charged for the cost of repairs.
5. Parents will be contacted early and often if a student is not demonstrating the self-discipline and conduct expected in band class.

Students will work on:

Technique	Air support	Pitch	Articulation
Theory	Posture	Aural training	Pitch
Tone	Balance/blend	Form	Range

**Attendance at all performances is mandatory. A letter or phone call from a parent indicating a medical reason or family emergency will excuse a student from a performance. Consider band performances as you would consider an exam in another subject or an important game in a sport!

Performance Attire:

Students will be expected to wear black bottoms (including shoes and socks) and white tops in accordance with the school dress code (i.e. skirts must be below the knee, no spaghetti straps, no muscle shirts, etc.)

Please note that Concert Band is a full year complimentary offered during Complimentary time on day 1. Changes will be made to comps ONLY with the permission of Mr. Bushell and Mr. Clark in consultation with a parent.

Our band will be as good as the amount of time, energy, attitude, and practice that each of us puts into it! Our goal is to have fun playing music the best we can!