

# Royal Oak Band Program

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Return to ROMS by **Thursday, Apr. 21**

**Royal Oak Middle School**

## **Grade 6 Band Selection Form**

This form is to be completed by students wishing to participate in the Royal Oak band program in Grade 6. It is to be emailed to jbridgman@sd63.bc.ca or printed and returned to Royal Oak Middle School via your school office or dropped at Royal Oak's office no later than **Thursday, Apr. 21**. Because class sizes may be limited, forms will be dated upon arrival at your school office and classes filled on a first come first served basis.

Student's Name:	
Grade 5 School:	

**Any previous musical training?**      **Yes**      **No**

**Describe any previous musical training:**

**Instruments can be chosen from the following:** Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, and Bells. In the case of percussion, students are required to start on bells or xylophones to develop mallet technique and note reading. On **April 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 (5pm-7pm)** there will be an instrument tryout night at Royal Oak Middle School for incoming grade 6 students.

**Please give three instrument choices!**

First choice	
Second choice	
Third choice	

## **Contact Information**

Parent Name:	
Parent Name:	
Home Phone:	
E-mail:	

We have read the attached Band Program pamphlet and understand the philosophy, commitment and responsibilities we are taking on.

Thank you for choosing the Royal Oak Middle School Music Program. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Jonnie Bridgman, Music Director  
Royal Oak Middle School  
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# Royal Oak Middle School Music

If your son or daughter is interested in music this is the place to be! Royal Oak Middle School has an up and coming music program led by Mr. Jonnie Bridgman.

## **Band – Why join?**

When children join band they increase their ability to analyze and evaluate information. They learn about teamwork and cooperation and find ways to make new friends through common interests. Music fosters creativity and nurtures independent thinking, which can be applied to other areas of learning. Studies have shown that students who study music demonstrate stronger reading, spelling and math skills as well as listening and motor skills. Each accomplishment in band helps to build student self-confidence.

## **Role of the Student**

- To be successful, a student must realize that playing an instrument requires memory work, self-discipline to practice regularly (30 minutes a day!) and a desire to face new challenges.
- Students are learning a new language of symbols, notes and Italian phrases, which require study. As in sports, students are developing muscles, fine motor skills and techniques to make playing easier. Practice makes perfect.

## **Role of the Parent**

- Your child's success in learning to play an instrument depends a lot on you. Be generous with your praise and be supportive when discouragement or frustration sets in.
- Encourage daily practice. Attend concerts and recitals or purchase CDs of good music.

## **Instrument Selection**

On **April 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 (5pm-7pm)** there will be an instrument tryout night at Royal Oak Middle School. During this night incoming grade 6 students will be given the chance to try all the instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Bells). In the case of percussion, students are required to start on bells or xylophones to develop mallet technique and note reading. The transition to drums is made when students show mastery of these techniques. When filling out the band application form please give three instrument choices! A band must have a balanced number of instruments therefore not everyone may get their first choice.

## **Instrument Rental**

Students will be required to rent instruments from one of the music stores in town (Larsen Music, Long & McQuade, Tom Lee Music) or from the band department here at ROMS. When renting from the school due to limited numbers of some instruments, the rentals will be handed out on a first come first served basis. Rental costs are approximately \$120-\$150 for the school year depending on the instrument.

## Grade 6-8 Music Classes Offered

### **Grade 6 Concert Band**

Course Description: Grade 6 Concert Band is an introductory class to music. Students will choose one instrument and will learn how to play it. Students will also learn the basics of music in regard to music theory and music history. Students will be introduced to basic rhythms and melodies. Throughout the year students will be learning from the Standard of Excellence (Book 1) method book and a selection of concert band repertoire. By using the method book and performing repertoire students will learn about intonation and expression among other things.

### **Grade 7 Concert Band**

Course Description: Grade 7 Concert Band is a continuation class to music. Students will continue playing the instrument that they choose in Grade 6. Students will learn more complex aspects in regard to music theory and music history. Students will be introduced to more complex rhythms and melodies. Throughout the year students will be learning from the Standard of Excellence (Book 2) method book and a selection of concert band repertoire. By using the method book and performing repertoire students will learn about intonation, expression, tone, balance, among other things.

### **Grade 8 Concert Band**

Course Description: Grade 8 Concert Band is a continuation class to music. Students will continue playing the instrument that they choose in Grade 6. Students will learn even more complex aspects in regard to music theory, music history and composition. Students will be introduced to more complex rhythms and melodies. The repertoire selected for this class will greatly vary in style and difficulty. Students will learn about intonation, expression, tone, balance, foreground and background, among other things.

### **Jazz Band Club**

Course/Club Description: Jazz Band Club meets once a week during lunch activity time (1:16-2:00) and focuses on playing music of the Jazz idiom. Students will use the Essential Elements Jazz book to learn different Jazz tunes, styles and articulation. This club is open to grade 7 and 8 students upon Mr. Bridgman's approval. Instruments traditionally used in a Jazz band include (Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano, Vibraphone, Guitar, Bass, and Drums). Students playing non traditional Jazz band instruments may be considered if sufficient interest and commitment is shown.

### **Vocal Ensemble/Choir Club**

Course/Club Description: Vocal Ensemble/Choir Club meets once a week during lunch activity time (1:16-2:00). This club is open to all ROMS students no musical background required. Students will learn how to sing a variety of different styles. Students will learn basic music theory and history.

### **FAAS/Band**

Regarding the FAAS and Band Program: Band is an elective course at Royal Oak Middle School. As band runs all year because of the skill development involved, students in band will take Band every other day, with FAAS on the alternate day. Therefore, the Band program is a full year commitment.