



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

Grade 6 and 7 Band Registration and Instrument Preference

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 5 and 6 students,

Elementary band is a very rewarding and pleasurable experience and I look forward to sharing the joy of music with your child! You and your child are about to make an important decision that will dramatically affect the quality of your child's education from Grade 6 through life. Research has shown that playing an instrument has many long-term benefits and correlates with academic achievement. It also contributes to a sense of enjoyment and connectedness to school.

Band classes will be complemented by sectionals, workshops with professional musicians, and performances for the school and community. Band is an optional program; however, we consider students who enroll to have taken on an additional subject and provide students with assessment information as part of their Learning Updates.

Rehearsals

Students participate in two 40-minute sessions per week. One rehearsal occurs before school at 8 AM and the other occurs during the school day. Specific rehearsal times will be communicated to band students at a later date.

Fees

In order to provide our students with quality music instruction outside of the regular classroom music lessons, the annual fee for band in West Vancouver School District is \$390 prior to May 31, and \$425 past June 1st. This can be

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paid by credit card at the time of online registration. Alternatively, you may pay by cheque, payable to **West Vancouver Schools**. This fee does not include the cost of instrument rental.

Instrument Assignment

To organize the best band possible, it is important that we have students playing a variety of instruments. As students will hear during the band information session on May 7, a team is made up of all the positions. Some instruments must be limited to one or two students. For this reason, students, with their parent's help, must select their top three instrument preferences and will be assigned one in September.

Please click [here](#) to access the band registration page.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me by email: mgibli@wvschools.ca.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of music making!

Sincerely,

Moriah Gibli