

Music: Band 40S

Credit Value: 1.0

Pre-requisite:

Students should have at least two years of group instruction or equivalent private instruction on their instrument before entering the program in grade 9 or permission of the instructor.

Course Description:

Students will develop as musicians primarily through performance and participation in the concert band. Band classes will include such activities as developing musical skills, technical skills, aural skills, rhythmic skills, creative skills, musical decision-making skills, and developing understanding of musical concepts through a variety of quality wind band repertoire. The curriculum is spiral and students will develop as musicians over the course of four years at the high school level (as well as three years previous experience at Tanner's Crossing School.) Rehearsal time will be spent on developing large group concepts such as blend, balance, musical expression, tuning, etc. The band will rehearse together at noon on **day 4** (& possibly some after school or evening rehearsals if necessary before major performances).

Part of the program involves activities outside of school hours. **Students are expected to keep up a regular home practice schedule as well as participate in special events scheduled such as concerts, workshops, festivals, clinics, etc.** The concert dates, rehearsal times, and major event dates are listed on the course outline each fall.

There are numerous opportunities for extra involvement and enrichment if a student chooses to take advantage of them. Students are encouraged to prepare solos or ensembles for performance and/or adjudication at one of the local festivals or band concerts. Students may audition for one of the annual honour bands – Westman, provincial or national. Students have the opportunity to volunteer for the peer tutoring program which gives them a chance to try out their leadership skills. MCI also offers jazz classes for credit. Several scholarships are available each year through local service clubs and the Band Parents Assoc. for students interested in attending summer music camp at the International Music Camp. These scholarships are available by application in late April.