

David Thompson School Bands

Information & Schedule Page | 2026-2027

How to Use This Page

Effective Band Programs have a lot of moving parts with many students and parents to keep informed. Below you will find general program info followed by a specific schedule of the year's events. Event dates and times that are listed are finalized and should not change. TBDs will be updated with finalized information as soon as it is known. Please bookmark this page so you may access it at any time throughout the year.

 *Questions? If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to email me at camcclary@cbe.ab.ca — Mr. McClary*

General Information

Instrument Rental Forms

- **Signing Requirements:** Instrument Rental forms need to be signed and returned to Mr. McClary for any rented instrument.
- **Distribution:** Forms are sent home with students at the beginning of the year or whenever a student wishes to rent a new instrument.

After School Rehearsals (Jazz Band, Grade 8 & 9)

Parents of Grade 8 and Grade 9 Band students should expect one after-school rehearsal before every major performance. There will be no after-school rehearsals for the grade 7 band.

- **Communications:** I will always notify parents via school messenger, notify students in class, write on the important dates whiteboard, and update the school calendar.
- **Absences:** Please email me at camcclary@cbe.ab.ca if students need to leave early or if they will be absent, as this affects the success of the entire ensemble.
- **Jazz Band Schedule:** Wednesdays after school starting Wednesday, October 7th. (NO AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL OCT. 14th DUE TO FALL CLINIC).
- **Grade 8 & 9 Schedule:** Wednesday after school as needed. Please note, when Grade 8 or 9 Band has an after-school rehearsal, Jazz Band will be cancelled.

Rehearsal Routine Breakdown (3:00 PM – 4:30 PM):

- **2:30 PM - 2:45 PM:** Snack, Hydration, Washroom, Setup
- **2:45 PM - 3:00 PM:** Warmup

- **3:00 PM - 4:20 PM:** Rehearsal
- **4:20 PM - 4:30 PM:** Packup, Tidy up, Gather Belongings
- **4:30 PM:** Students are ready to be picked up

Field Trip Forms

I will be putting a multi-trip offsite trip proposal together for all of our field trips for the year, for each grade level. This will eliminate the need for parents & guardians to sign several field trip forms throughout the year. Parents & Guardians will simply need to communicate with me which field trips their child is attending. More information to come.

Volunteering

We will require volunteers for all Off-site Field Trips. If you are interested and/or available to help please make sure you have your police check w/vulnerable sector up to date and on file at the school, with the necessary parent volunteer paperwork completed. Please contact Mr. McClary directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Concert Dress

Students should wear concert dress for all performances unless otherwise indicated. Concert dress consists of our new David Thompson School Band Shirt with black pants or skirt with black leggings and black closed-toed shoes. This is the ideal, however students may wear the closest approximation to this.

Yearly Band Fees

- **\$100 Instrument Rental Fee:** For any instruments that are rented for the year. This covers all repairs and maintenance for the instrument as well as provides funds for the purchase of new instruments.
- **\$20 Course Fee:** Covers consumables (reeds, valve/rotor oil, slide grease, cork grease, slide spray, etc.) as well as new music, and additional necessary equipment.
- **Band Shirt Rental Fee:** TBD
- **Band Shirt Purchase Fee:** TBD
- **Fall Clinic Fee:** \$40.00
- **Field Trip Fees:** TBD

Schedule of Year's Events

Date / Place	Event & Details
Tuesday, September 29th 7:00 - 8:00 PM David Thompson School Band Room	David Thompson School Band Parents Society AGM Meeting for the DTSBPS to elect new members, schedule monthly meetings etc.
Wednesday, October 14th 3:00 - 4:30 PM David Thompson School	Grade 8 & 9 Bands Fall Clinic Band Clinics involve professional musicians coming into the school to work with students on their chosen instruments. It is an incredible opportunity for students to grow exponentially in their musical endeavors and all students are encouraged to participate as it exponentially accelerates their competency on their chosen instrument. Students will need to arrange transportation home from the school at 4:30 PM and pack an extra snack for a long day. This activity has a cost of TBD which can be paid online through MyCBE.
Thursday, October 15th 3:00 - 4:30 PM David Thompson School	Grade 7 Fall Clinic Band Clinics involve professional musicians coming into the school to work with students on their chosen instruments. It is an incredible opportunity for students to grow exponentially in their musical endeavors and all students are strongly encouraged to participate as it exponentially accelerates their competency on their chosen instrument. We once again are lucky to have clinicians from the MRU Conservatory. This particular clinic is a "Jump Start" for our grade 7 students who will have just started their musical journeys. Clinicians will be prepping them with instrument specific information to prepare them for success for the year. Students will need to arrange transportation home from the school at 4:30 PM and pack an extra snack for a long day. If students can not attend, please contact Mr. McClary at camccclary@cbe.ab.ca

Monday November 9th 3:00-4:30 PM	After school Rehearsal for Grade 9 band students only. In preparation for the Remembrance Day Ceremony Concert(s)
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Tuesday, November 10th	Remembrance Day Ceremonies
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The Grade 9 Band will need to arrive in/with concert dress this day as we will be performing during the schools assemblies. The Concert Dress consists of black dress shirt, black pants/skirt and black shoes. If students do not own clothes of this nature, the closest approximation is acceptable. Poppies may be worn and will also be provided.

*The New Band Shirts may not be ready for this performance. If they are, Grade 9 Band students will wear their new DTS Band Shirt.

Wednesday, December 9th 7:00 PM	Winter Concert
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David Thompson School
Gymnasium

Grade 7, 8, and 9 Bands are all Performing.
Will be accepting Food Bank Donations.
Band Parent Society Will be Selling Drinks and Snacks as a fundraiser

Thursday, December 10th 5:00 PM	Winter Showcase Evening
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David Thompson School
Atrium

Jazz Band Performance.
More Information to follow.

Wednesday, February 3rd
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MRU Conservatory

Mount Royal University Conservatory Workshop

This workshop is an opportunity to get our 7s out of the school and into an immersive musical environment at the Taylor Centre for the Arts on the Mount Royal University campus.

Students will bus from the school and begin their day with instrument specific clinics. This will be followed by performances by their clinicians for the group. After lunch, students will rehearse with a guest conductor and then bus back to the school for dismissal.

Fee TBD

Friday, February 5th
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Dr. E. P. Scarlett HS
220 Canterbury Dr. SW
Jazz Band Workshop

Dr. EP Scarlett HS Jazz Workshop

This opportunity is provided by Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School for its feeder schools and involves instrumental clinics, ensemble work and improvisational clinics all aimed at building student skill and confidence in the Jazz idiom.

Students will be bussed from David Thompson School at the end of the school day, but need to arrange transportation from Dr. E.P. Scarlett. A pizza lunch is provided.

This opportunity is subsidized by the Scarlett Band Parents Association. However this year this activity has a cost of \$TBD which can be paid online through MyCBE.

Tuesday, February 9th
6:30 PM

Dr. E. P. Scarlett HS
220 Canterbury Dr. SW
Jazz Band Performance

Jazz on Canterbury - Jazz Band Performance

Dr. E.P. Scarlett's Jazz Concert featuring their feeder schools performing with Scarlett's various Jazz Ensembles. This is a great opportunity for our Jazz students to see what the program at Scarlett offers as well as listen to peers from different schools.

Parents need to drop students at Scarlett in concert dress with music and instruments at 6pm sharp. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch the performance beginning at 6:30pm. Parents should plan on bringing their student home around 8pm approximately.

Tickets are by donation.

March TBD
6:30 PM

The Jack Singer Concert Hall
*Gr. 8 & 9 Combined Band

Winds From The South

Dr. E.P. Scarlett's Feeder Concert featuring their feeder schools performing with Scarlett's various ensembles. This is a great opportunity for our students to see what the program at Scarlett offers as well as listen to peers from different schools.

6pm latest - Parents drop off students with instruments and music in concert dress at the Back Stage Door of the Jack Singer Concert Hall to load in and drop off equipment (on the North side of 9th Avenue BTW 1st Street SE and Macleod Trail North). There is no convenient place to stop here though there is paid parking on the street and in the parking lot across from the stage door. You can access a map with the stage door indicated here: <https://w3w.co/wharfs.movement.fakes>

6:30pm - The concert starts and parents are encouraged to stay and watch the performance. Tickets are \$17 + theatre fees (comes to roughly \$25). Money collected from ticket sales does not entirely cover the cost of putting on the event, and will result in a loss for the EPSMPA. Regardless, it is an excellent musical experience, and an opportunity for all bands to see/hear one another. Tickets can be purchased in here:
TBD

8:15 pm - The concert ends and parents can meet band members in the lobby of the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

Please note, parents must transport students to and from this event.

March TBD

Lord Beaverbrook HS
*Gr. 8 & 9 Combined Band

Lord Beaverbrook HS Invitational Concert

Pizza Supper Usually provided.
More Information to follow.

Wed, Apr 14 to Fri, Apr 16

Camp Caroline
All Bands

Band Camp

Parent Links:

- Parent Letter, Consent and Medical forms:
- Parent Meeting Presentation:
- Parent Meeting Q&A:
- Packing List and Itinerary:

Overview:

Please note, a comprehensive description and all information is included in the parent letter and forms that have been sent home with your student and linked above.

Band Camp is an opportunity for all band students to get away from regular classes for 1.5 days and immerse themselves in music, learning and fun! Students will be involved with multiple rehearsals with a special guest director as well as team building activities and time to reflect in a beautiful forest environment.

Band Camp this year will be from Wednesday, April 14th to Friday, April 16th. Students need to arrive at school with their belongings for camp. They will return at approximately 3:30 on Friday afternoon and will need to be picked up by parents. The venue is Camp Caroline, approximately two hours drive northwest of Calgary.

The cost this year will be \$____ per student. All students are strongly encouraged to attend. There are always unavoidable causes, but if the concerns are financial please get in touch with me at camcclary@cbe.ab.ca.

There will be a Band Camp Parent Information meeting on _____ TBD

Please ensure that if you want your student to be able to take Advil, Tylenol or Gravol it needs to be specified on the medical form. Students should not bring these medications as they will be on hand, but can not be administered without parental consent on their medical forms. Please also add any food restrictions as the Camp can accommodate, but only if they know in advance.

May 17th-20th, or
May 25th-28th, 2027

Alberta Band Association Festival Performance

Day Trip w/ Possible Lunch Or Breakfast stop.
More Information to Follow.

Red Deer Polytechnic
Gr. 7, 8, & 9 Bands

Wednesday, May 26th
7:00 PM

David Thompson School
Gymnasium
All Bands

Spring Concert

Grade 7/8/9 students need to arrive by 6:30pm to set-up and prepare for the performance with their music and instruments.

ALL students should be in concert dress (see top of this page).

Tickets to the concert will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children.

The concert will run from 7:00-8:30 PM approx.

Band Parent Society Will be Selling Drinks and Snacks as a fundraiser

Thursday, May 27th

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Spring Showcase Evening

Jazz Band Performance.
More Information to follow.