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## WELCOME (BACK) TO MUSIC!

Monday, September 12, 2022

Dear Rockheights Family:

### Welcome back to school and welcome back to music!

**Welcome Grade 6 students!** Everyone in grade 6 is *very strongly encouraged* to try either band, strings or choir - now is the perfect time to get involved! If you're in Grade 6, you'll have seen some presentations at school about band, strings and choir by now, and hopefully you have decided to join us! If you have, please start coming to class when you hear the announcements and we will get you set up with an instrument and other things you'll need. If you are still unsure about anything, please pop by the music office any time and talk with me, or have your parents send me an email at [rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca) Once you've made a decision to join, please also register at:

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**Welcome, Grade 7's and 8's!** If you want to get involved this year, just come to class! The music program timetable is on the back of this page, and there will be reminders on the PA announcements, too. All of the information and reminders you need will be given in class. I'm looking forward to seeing you!

### What's new at Rockheights Music?

There is a new timetable (on the back of this page). We fought hard last Spring to maintain music programs in SD61, but sadly, Victoria middle schools lost 20% of our funding, which means that some programming has been lost. However, all of the same ensembles will still be offered, including Jazz Band. I am very much hoping to take grade 7's and 8's on an overnight trip in April. Stay tuned!

**What are we going to be doing this year?** We are all looking forward to experiencing some favourite events, such as pizza sales, concerts and field trips. Please see the events page at [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com) for more info. In the meantime, make note of these:

- **9am – 11:45am, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Super Saturday (First Lesson for all Beginning Band Students) at Central Middle School, 1280 Fort St. Parents come at 11:30 to hear your child play!**
- **6pm, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Choir sings at Esquimalt Celebration of Lights**
- **7pm, Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Rockheights Winter Concert (all groups)**
- **7pm, Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Rockheights Final Concert (all groups)**

**Welcome, parents!** Being involved in a music parents' group is a fantastic way to get involved in your child's schooling and to meet other parents! Please get in touch with me if you think you can help out from time to time, or if you have any questions or concerns [rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca). You can find a lot of information, including a copy of any letter which goes home, on our website at [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com) I look forward to working with you!

Warmly,  
Risa McDonell, Music Teacher, Rockheights Middle School



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## 2022-2023 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-8:52	Advisory (12 mins)				
8:52-9:48 (56 mins)	Music Exploratory	Music Exploratory	Band 6	Music Exploratory	
9:48-10:03	Nutrition Break (15 mins)				
10:03-10:59 (56 mins)	Music Exploratory	Music Exploratory	Band 7/8	Music Exploratory	
10:59-11:55 (56 mins)	Music Exploratory	Music Exploratory	Choir	Music Exploratory	
11:55-12:10	Lunch in class (15 mins)				
12:10-12:40	Break Time (30 mins)				
12:40-12:58	Advisory (18 mins)				
12:58-1:54 (56 mins)	Band 6	Beginning Strings	(prep)	Beginning Strings	
1:54 – 2:50 (56 mins)	Band 7/8	Intermediate Strings	(prep)	Intermediate Strings	
2:50 – 3:00 (10 min)	Transition Break				
3:00 – 3:47 (47 mins)				Jazz Band	