

MOUNTAIN PARK



MUSIC HANDBOOK

2025-2026

Welcome to the MPS Music Program

We are excited to start our music program for the 2025-2026 school year. As you can imagine it takes a great deal of time, organization, and commitment from the students, parents, administration, and the music director for our almost 200 students to have a successful year. We have included some information that will help your child have a very rewarding year as part of the Mountain Park music program.

COMMUNICATIONS: These are sent home via email. The **Band** program **requires your consent** which you will find in the Band Opt-In to Communication link.

If you are not on the band email list you will be missing important and pertinent information regarding your child's activities, due dates, etc.

BAND FEES:

Music Instrument Rental \$100 - **Payable online at MyCBE/PowerSchool Account**

Resource Fee (\$100 for Gr 7 - 9) - **Payable online at MyCBE/PowerSchool Account**

Band Shirts - are required by all students for concerts \$25 for new or \$15 for gently used.

Payable to MPS MPS (Mountain Park School Music Parents Society). We accept cash, cheque, and E-transfers (e-transfers to be sent to MPSMPSMusic@gmail.com). No password is required.

COMMITMENTS:

This includes early morning rehearsal, winter & spring concerts, Alberta International Band Festival (AIBF), Alberta Band Association Festival of Bands(ABA), band clinics, and all performances.

WORKSHOPS & CLINICS:

All students have the opportunity and are strongly encouraged to participate in band clinics. See the band tab on the school's website for your child's specific dates & times. Reminders will be emailed home and students will be reminded in class. To help with your families' budget planning, below is the approximate cost of participation in our activities.

- Clinics at MPS, Concerts, & Festivals - no cost to students to participate, MPS Music Parents Society will cover these associated fees/costs.

- Overnight Workshops/Camps (Gr. 7,8,9) 3 Day - Approx. \$350
- MRU Workshops - Approx. \$55

CONCERTS:

There are **three concert** performances scheduled for this year **December 4, 2025, at MPS(Gr 7,8,9), Feb 26, 2026, at MPS(Gr 6), and June 04, 2026, at MPS(all)** It is the expectation that all students, who have been participating in rehearsals and class, perform in the evening performances. Your child's performance has a direct influence on the entire ensemble.

*** REHEARSALS:

Gr 6 - 3 ONLY mandatory rehearsals before the Feb and June concerts

Gr 7/8/9 - 3 ONLY mandatory rehearsals before the Dec and June concerts

Jazz - Rehearsals beginning October 3, Fridays at 8:00 am and Tuesday at lunch in the band room

A calendar/list showing the early morning rehearsal schedule can be found on the school website under Extracurricular Activities/BAND as they are scheduled closer to the concerts. Changes to the calendar and rehearsal schedule will be emailed home and will be communicated in class to your child.

*****Participation in rehearsals (both early morning & class time) is a requirement for your child to attend and participate in workshops, camps, festivals, and concert performances.** Each student plays an important part in the ensemble. Similarly, if your child is not rehearsing with the entire ensemble, they are not prepared to perform to the standard of the ensemble. **If your child will not be attending early morning rehearsals, please email Ms. Wahl at dewahl@cbe.ab.ca**

FORMS: All forms will have a FIRM **DUE DATE**.

*****Instrument Rental Form and Resource Fee Online forms are to be completed and handed in at the Band Room by Oct 3, 2025.*****

Please contact Ms. Wahl to discuss financial challenges for instrument rentals, resource fees, workshop fees, or any other band related fees.

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are needed for all workshops, camps, performances, and festivals. **ALL volunteers are required to have a current CBE volunteer police clearance completed.** This can take up to 2 months to be processed. Please remember to have it shared with CBE when it is approved. The school also requires a Volunteer Registration Form to be completed annually. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the front office at 403-777-6442.

MPS MUSIC PARENTS SOCIETY (MPS MPS):

Any parent with a child in the music program is automatically a member of the MPS Music Parent Society. The Music Parents Society is a group of volunteers who meet **once a month** to discuss activities, fundraising ideas, and to support the music director to help enhance the music program. Each year at the annual general meeting (AGM) held in September/early October a new slate of executive officers will be nominated for vacancies and any standing/continuing members wanting to have their name stand for another term will go to a vote. Please join us and volunteer to be a part of the MPS Music Parent Society, we can't run an amazing program without your help!

FUNDRAISERS:

The band program will be having 2 - 3 fundraising campaigns this year. These funds are used to help subsidize the cost of the workshops, festivals, clinics, and transportation. We greatly appreciate everyone's support in these fundraising activities. Thank you!

BAND SHIRTS:

The MPS band uniform consists of a black golf shirt (*embroidered with MPS band logo*), black pants, black shoes, black socks, or tights. ALL students are required to purchase a shirt. New shirts are \$25 or gently used shirts are \$15.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

***** PRACTICING:** It is recommended that all students set up a practice schedule. Students who are unable to practice at home due to having a large instrument or have living arrangements where practicing is discouraged, those students are therefore encouraged to make use of the band room at lunchtime. Students are encouraged to take their instruments home to practice.

*****Care of loaned materials:** Students are expected to treat all materials with appropriate care

and respect (lockers, music binders/folders, sheet music issued throughout the year, music method books, and instruments.)

*****Music Expectations:** Each student throughout the year has the opportunity to get extra assistance if they would like to. The band room is open to all music students during the lunch break on two select days (please check the door for postings of available time) to practice or receive extra help from Ms. Wahl.

If you would prefer a printed copy please contact the MPS MPS Administrative Team at MPSMPSMusic@gmail.com

*******EMAIL:** Parents must subscribe to receive communication from the school. The band program also requires separate consent to email. Please complete the *Band Opt-In to Communication Online* form where the consent for band communications is located.

Please make sure we have your current email address on file with the band office at the email below. Email is the preferred form of communication. If you change your email address, please let the band office know so that we can continue to keep you up to date.

BAND OFFICE contact the MPS MPS Administrative Team at -

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