

BAND

BAND 10G - MB10G

Students entering Band 10G must have had a minimum of one year, and preferably three years experience playing one of woodwind, brass or percussion instruments. If a student lacks this requirement, or skills do not meet grade level expectations, the student will be required to take private lessons. Students registered for Band 10G are part of the grade 9 Concert Band. Students will attend both full band classes and smaller sectional classes. Emphasis will be placed on skill development, and music theory will be covered as it arises in the Repertoire. **Participation in concerts is a required part of this course.**

BAND 20G - MB20G

Students registered for Band 20G are part of the grade 10 Concert Band. Students will attend both full band classes and smaller sectional classes. Emphasis will be placed on skill development and music theory will be covered as it arises in the repertoire. **Participation in concerts is a required part of this course.**

MB20GL—Late Entry Students may enter band at the Grade 10 level with some music background. Please see Band Team for more details.

BAND 30S - MB30S Students in grade 10 who register for Band are considered to be part of the Symphonic Band or Senior Concert Band. Students will attend both full band classes and smaller sectional classes as required by the directors. Emphasis will also be placed on practical participation in Band. Emphasis will be placed on skill development, and music theory will be covered as it arises in the Repertoire. **Participation in concerts is a required part of this course.**

BAND 40S - MB40S

Students in grade 12 who register for Band are considered to be part of the Symphonic Band or Senior Concert Band. Students will attend both full band classes and smaller sectional classes as required by the directors. Emphasis will be placed on practical participation in Band. Emphasis will also be placed on skill development, and music theory will be covered as it arises in the Repertoire. **Participation in concerts is a required part of this course.**

MWE10G, 20G, 30S, 40S WIND ENSEMBLE

Students must be registered in concert band to be eligible for this course. This course will be open to students in Grades 9-12 - the classroom format will be a multi-age

classroom. Before students register for this course, however, they must be invited by the Band Directors. Any students registered in Wind Ensemble must demonstrate the following qualities:

- an advanced level of skill on their instrument
- a desire to perform challenging music, a strong work ethic
- a positive attitude and good teamwork skills

This is a course specifically designed for students with a high degree of skill and knowledge on their instrument. A Wind Ensemble is a group which has one player per part. This is different from Concert Band where there can be many players per part. By having a Wind Ensemble, made up of the best players from S1-S4, the students have the opportunity to learn music which is challenging to their skill level, and to develop leadership skills necessary to create a successful group.

JAZZ

Jazz 10G - MJ10G

Jazz 20G - MJ20G

Jazz 30S - MJ30S

Jazz 40S - MJ40S

These courses are designed for interested students who have reached a proficient level of achievement on their band instruments. Students enrolled in this course will study various forms of jazz, swing, pop and rock music. These courses will involve group practices and sectional rehearsals, with an increased emphasis on improvisation, jazz articulation, phrasing and interpretation.