



May 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

**RE: Elementary Band Co-Curricular Program**

The Prince Albert Catholic School Division is pleased to announce that we will be offering an elementary band program for students from grades 5 to 8. This program is optional for students. The Band Program will operate during the school day as a co-curricular program and will be aligned with the appropriate health and safety measures required by Public Health this fall if necessary.

**Registration for the program for grades 5 to 8 students is occurring using the electronic registration link found in Edsby or by form available through the school. We are now accepting registrations!** The program will begin the second week of September until mid June.

All band classes will be held at École St Anne School. Transportation to and from École St Anne School will be provided for the band program via a school bus. Instrument rental or purchase will be the student's responsibility, and purchase a Method Book (approx. \$20). More information about rental options and purchase of books will be shared by Mme. Manning (Elementary Band Teacher). If costs are a barrier to participation in the Band program, we have an instrument assistance program available through your child's school.

The grade four classes will have a fieldtrip to the band class located at École St. Anne School schedules for 1 hour on either May 17, 18 or 19. The grade four students will have the opportunity to see what band instrument they might like and have an opportunity to learn more about the band program. They will be accompanied by their teacher.

Attached to this communication is a video created by students and staff to assist students and families in providing a glimpse of the band [Band Program Video](#). The program schedule will be established once registrations are complete. Please use the following link to register for the 2022- 23 [Elementary Band Registration Form](#).

We frequently work with Public Health officials and using the guidelines to establish safe operational procedures. Some protocols include:

- Screening for symptoms, hand etiquette and instrument bell covers must be used on all wind instruments (made of a tightly woven fabric with at least two layers).
- Spreading students out in the classroom.
- Instruments will be cleaned and maintained at home or off-site.
- Absorbent disposable mats will be used to capture liquid expelled from water keys.

Do not hesitate to contact Mme. Manning at École St Anne School (306-953-7549) or your child's school to have any of your questions addressed. We look forward to resuming our Elementary Band Program.

Yours truly,  
L. Trumier