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Beginning Band in Burnaby First Lesson/ Instrument Rental Event

Where: Byrne Creek Secondary School (gym) – 7777 18th Street, Burnaby

When: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in the District's Beginning Band Program. Last year over 1100 students participated in this wonderful program. All beginning band students **will need their own quality instrument** so that they can practice at home. If you do not already have an instrument for your child, you may either rent or purchase an instrument from a reputable music store. **We strongly suggest that you only rent or purchase an instrument from a store that also does instrument repairs.** Please be aware that generic low cost instruments are often more difficult to play and either have significant repair costs over time or are not able to be repaired at all.

In order to assist you in obtaining a quality instrument, the District hosts an annual First Lesson and Instrument Rental event. This year we will have the following recommended music stores in attendance: Long and McQuade Music, Massullo Music, Matterhorn Music, Tapestry Music, and Tom Lee Music. **The process will take a minimum of 1 hour plus an additional 30 minutes allocated for your child's First Lesson.** Please check the scheduled lesson times on page 2 of this letter and schedule your arrival accordingly. **A parent or legal guardian must attend the Instrument Rental portion of the evening as music store documents must be signed by the parent or legal guardian – rentals require a credit card.**

In advance of September 20, please visit the websites of the vendors below to read about the various rental, guaranteed buy-back, and purchase programs available.

www.long-mcquade.com/rentals/band <http://massullomusic.com/> <http://tapestrymusic.com>
<http://matterhornmusic.ca/instrument-rentals/> <http://tomleemusic.ca/rentals>

Once your child's music teacher has determined what instrument they will be playing, you may also choose to visit one of the recommended music stores, in person or on-line, to rent or purchase an instrument prior to the event. **All beginning band students should attend the First Lesson portion of the event. In order to avoid costly repairs, students should not attempt to put instruments together or try to play instruments until they are at their First Lesson at Byrne Creek on September 20th.**

Should you have any further questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your child's school band teacher. We look forward to becoming actively involved in your child's music education!

Sincerely,

Reg LaPlante

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FIRST LESSON NIGHT SCHEDULE Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL, 7777 18th Street, Burnaby

All students are expected to attend 1 of the sessions below:

Session 1 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Oboe
Flute
Clarinet A
Clarinet B
Bass Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Baritone / Tuba

Session 3 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Oboe
Flute A
Flute B
Clarinet A
Clarinet B
Bass Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet A
Trumpet B
Trombone
Baritone / Tuba
Percussion

Session 2 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute A
Flute B
Clarinet A
Clarinet B
Saxophone
Trumpet A
Trumpet B
French Horn
Trombone
Baritone / Tuba
Percussion

Session 4 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

<u>INSTRUMENT</u>
Flute A
Flute B
Clarinet A
Clarinet B
Trombone
Saxophone
Trumpet
French Horn
Baritone / Tuba