

Program Overview

The Music programs offered at Ardrossan are as follows:

- Senior Band (Grades 10-12) – 5-Credit Course
- General Music 10/20/30 -- 3-Credit Course *Out of school hours
- Band 9
- Band 8
- Band 7
- Guitar 9

2022-2023 Year Overview

AMPS Annual General Meeting TBA

Band Camp
Date & Time TBA

Christmas Concert
Date & Time TBA

Pop's Concert (Senior Band)
Date & Time TBA

Jazz Night (Jazz Bands)
Date & Time TBA

Year End Concerts
Jr High - Date & Time TBA

Sr. High - Date & Time TBA

Concerts and Performances

Performances and Concerts are a major component of a performance art. Band is a performance-oriented approach to teaching music. It is vital that students get the experience for performing and it is the objective of the class to teach them performance skills. The two major concerts are the Christmas Concert and the Year-End Concerts, and they help to satisfy the performance requirements of the Instrumental Music & Band curriculum.

Musical Instruments

Renting from the School

All students entering the band program can rent instruments from the school for a set fee. All percussion instruments are rented from the school. The fee is \$110. If students are bringing their own instrument they will not need to pay this fee.

Purchasing Instruments

There are many advantages to students owning their own instruments. Personal instruments have not been used by anyone else. Students can get better quality instruments than the school can provide, but there are instruments out there that will just not provide an adequate playing experience.

If you are considering purchasing an instrument for your student:

1. Talk to Mr. Basaraba, he would love to help get you find a quality instrument that suites your need and your budget.
2. Purchase from a music store (Bandstand, St. John's, Long & McQuade...) or used. Generally, places that don't specialize in musical instruments do not provide good value or a product that is of adequate enough quality.

Home Practice

Home practice is vital for students to gain skills when it comes to playing a musical instrument. Practicing at home strengthens muscles and reinforces technique. With performance on a musical instrument, time performing is one of the main assets and the most productive ways to improve. Students are strongly encouraged to practice at home.

A.M.P.S. (Parent Fundraising Group)

The Ardrossan Music Parents' Society (A.M.P.S.) is a parent-based non-profit society that works directly with the Band Director to coordinate fundraisers and support the music programs at Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High. Monthly board meetings are held in the Band Room and can also be accessed virtually through Google Meet. All members are welcome! Board positions are elected by the members at the AGM (end of September). All band parents are encouraged to become members of AMPS by filling out a membership form and returning it to Mr. B. If you would like more information about AMPS and how to get involved please ask Mr. B.

Fundraising

All forms of fundraising are optional, but participation is what makes the program able to run and can benefit students directly. Fundraising for this year has not been finalized. If there are fundraising opportunities, that information will come at a later time.

Band Accounts

AMPS manages Band Accounts which are generated from fundraising. Students can use Band Account money for anything music related, with approval from Mr. Basaraba. Students generally fundraise to subsidize; any costs occurred when taking band. When students graduate or leave the program, their band account is transferred to a sibling or donated to the programs general funds.

Website

Course outlines and other information is available on the school website;

<http://ardrossan.ca/fine-arts/band>