

## Terry Fox Secondary School Music Department 2022/2023

### Concert Band 9/10/11/12 Course Outline and Policies

“You are the music while the music lasts.” ~T.S. Eliot

Class Time: Block E – Day 2s

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#### Overview of Content

Welcome to Concert Band 9/10/11/12! In this course we are going to explore music and instrumental playing together which builds upon past skill and furthers your music/technical ability, and creative potential. **Why we are here is to learn, grow, and to find joy and community in making music together.** Everything we do will be guided by that.

Most of the learning for this course will be done through performing group repertoire (either large or small group). We may also experiment with some smaller instrument specific projects.

Attendance, punctuality, participation, and a willingness to try new things and to take risks is a must! These things are considered in the assessment criteria for this course, and it is expected that all students are respectful and supportive of fellow classmates who leave their comfort zones to try new things and to explore new possibilities.

#### Performance Participation Policy

Regular attendance and participation is expected at classes and performances. If a student is aware of a scheduling conflict in advance, please let Mr. Cho know in advance.

We currently have several in-person concerts scheduled for this school year and one potential social/movie/game night. Please save the dates below, and we will confirm details or changes closer to the events

***Music Department Social Night/Talent Show TBC (optional) in the Terry Fox Theatre - 19:00-21:00, Wednesday, October 19***

***Winter Music Concert in the Terry Fox Theatre - 19:30-21:30, Thursday, December 8***

***Possible field trip to the Vancouver Opera TBC (optional)– Thursday, February 9, Evening***

***Year End Music Concert in the Terry Fox Theatre - 19:30-21:30, Thursday, June 8***

## **Assessment**

Concert Band 9/10/11/12 will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Individual playing tests will be a part of this and is the primary way that students are assessed in the course. They are designed to be low pressure, are meant to also provide Mr. Cho with an opportunity to support you in becoming a better player and performer.

Possible short, web-based supplements (depending on things)

Student self-assessments using proficiency scales (TBC – possibly new to 2022 2023 depending on district mandates)

Work habits will be assessed by Mr. Cho based on student attendance, participation, effort, etc.

## **Course Requirements**

All students should bring course materials to each class, rehearsal, and concert. This includes:

\*Their Instrument

Instrument Materials (such as reeds, neck straps, drumsticks, valve oil, mutes, etc)

Sheet Music

*A functioning Pencil*

A digital device of some kind that allows your access to Office 365, Teams, OneNote, and school district email.

## **Print/Electronic Materials Used May Include:**

Internet based recordings, articles, materials, websites – Posted on the Concert Band TEAMS site

Method Book Essential Elements

Distributed sheet music

N.B. All assigned school method books and equipment are to be returned at the end of the school year. If a schoolbook or resource is not returned, the student will be charged for the cost of the materials.

## **Class and Music Department Communication Systems**

We will use the Terry Fox Concert Band Office 365 TEAM to distribute class information and resources, submit assignments (such as playing tests), and communicate with students.

We will use school district email to communicate with parents and students for each class. Emails will be sent to whatever addresses are listed for parents and students in the MyBCED computer system.

### **Guidelines for Instrument Care, Equipment, and Materials**

1. All school instruments, equipment, and sheet music should be treated with care and respect in an effort to ensure their longevity and functionality. If any method books, original sheet music, school instruments, or other school materials are lost, damaged unnecessarily, or are not returned by the conclusion of the course, the student may be charged for the cost of the material(s).
2. No food products of any kind are allowed in music classes. Beverages that contain sugar are also prohibited. Sugar drinks and food can damage instrument pads, degrade metal/wood, and soil percussion equipment. Bottled water in sealable containers are permitted and encouraged.
3. All cellular telephones should be switched off or set to vibrate when in class. Students should not be texting during class or answering telephones during rehearsal time.

### **Extra Help/Support and Self-Directed Study**

Appointments for extra help on music or music class related endeavors can be pre-schedule by talking with Mr. Cho. He generally available for help in the music room on Tuesdays.

If you have a question and you are not able to ask Mr. Cho in person, you can send him an email at [rcho@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rcho@sd43.bc.ca) or post on the Concert Band TEAM wall.

Welcome to Concert Band 9/10/11/12. I look forward to making music with you throughout the year!



Mr. Cho