

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL BAND

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Band This Week: February 1-5, 2021

Hi Everyone! Welcome to Quarter 3!

I have been thinking a lot about Spring at Reynolds this weekend. The Grade 11s & 12s will remember this but if you are in Grade 9/10 or new to Reynolds you need to know that Spring for the Music Department is literally the best! Our programs are busy, fun, full of opportunity, and they culminate with a number of musical celebrations for our students, our grads, and our school community.

Here are just a few events and items that happen in a normal Spring: Music Council Skating Night at Oak Bay Rec, Reynolds Music Parents Association meetings, Music Wear & Musical Wear, Music Council Board Game Night, the Musical Theatre Burger and Beer Night Fundraiser, opening night for our Musical Theatre production, Closing Night Traditions "Techies/Pitties Revenge", Alumni Band rehearsals, Marching Band practices, Chamber Choir, the Mother's Day Band Concert in Playfair Park, the RMPA Manuuuure Sale - Our #2 Fundraiser! , numerous community performances for our bands and drumline, spring music tours, the Victoria Day Parade (and, of course, our march THROUGH the school hallways on the Friday before the parade), the Music Council Scavenger Hunt and BBQ after the parade, The Oak Bay Tea Party Parade, the Musical Theatre BBQ & Watch Party, the Year End Band Concert & Awards at UVic, the Year End Choir Concert & Awards at St. Dunstan's Church, the Year End Jazz Night in the Theatre, Grad, Grad Band & Grad Choir, the Marching Band Trip to Whistler for the Canada Day Parade... and more!

Spring 2021 is going to be different given the reality of COVID 19 in BC. Some of the events listed (community and travel especially) simply cannot happen due to COVID restrictions <u>HOWEVER</u>

Ms. Kerr and I are optimistic that we can find solutions to make many of the other events continue in different or altered formats. Parents, I welcome your suggestions as well! Send me an email!

With all of this being said and while events and activities are a sizeable part of our music department's culture the foundation of our Band, Choir, and Strings Programs at Reynolds has always been and will continue to be a community of hardworking kids making exceptional and incredible music.

Have faith, continue to be diligent with COVID and know that we will be back to "normal" in time.

My most sincere thanks go to our students and for being so positive, flexible, and making all of this work! I am so proud of you and have the utmost respect for what you are doing on a daily basis.

Have fun! Work hard! Be kind!

Jamie Davis

1.) BAND 9 SECTIONALS: WELCOME MS. MARCUS!

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Lauren Marcus who is joining Ms. Kerr and I for Quarter 3 (Monday – Thursday)!

Ms. Marcus is going to support our Grade 9 Band students by running "pull out" sectionals while I teach Band 9. Sectionals will rotate throughout the week and I will post which section will be working with Ms. Marcus each day.

She will also help with sectional work for Junior Choir, and Musical Theatre singers. Please make her feel welcome!

2.) QUARTER 3: GRADE 9 BAND & GRADE 10 BAND SCHEDULE

See you on Monday Grade 9s and 10s! I missed you!

Quarter 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am	Extra Help				
9:00am - 10:10am	Band 9 PE 10	Band 10 PE 9	Band 9 PE 10	Band 10 PE 9	Alternating Fridays: 9am - 10:30am 1 wk Band 9/PE 10 1 wk Band 10/PE 9
10:10am - 10:30am	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change	
10:30am - 11:30am	Band 10 PE 9	Band 9 PE 10	Band 10 PE 9	Band 9 PE 10	

Schedule Notes:

8:30am Support Block: I am available if you need help once my before-school rehearsal is done.



If you arrive early to school: you are absolutely WELCOME to come in, sit down, and hang out with your friends (*masked and socially distanced of course*). PLEASE don't feel like you have to stand out in the cold and rain until 9:00am!

Band 9/PE 9 and Band 10/PE 10: Classes run every day so make sure you have your instrument, music, a pencil and PE strip each day.

10:10am Class Change: Help with sanitizing chairs, stands, and percussion is always appreciated!



PE Change Rooms: Social Distancing is required in the change rooms. If another class or group is inside please be patient and wait outside.

11:30am Lunch: Unless there is a Music Council meeting, a sectional or a rehearsal at lunch, you are welcome to eat lunch in the band room. Please spray down any music stands/chairs that you use.

3.) GENERAL SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS FOR Q3

Please review the Student Safety Protocols found here: https://reynolds.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/covid-updates/. We will be reviewing these safety protocols carefully at the start of the quarter. Everyone is required to follow these protocols.

Please ensure you are completing a <u>Daily Health Check</u> every day and do not come to school if you are feeling sick or showing symptoms.

Reynolds is divided into zones to limit the number of people in any one area in the building. Our AB class is part of Zone 1 (Dark Green) which means you enter through the back door of the Band Room or through the nearby entrance. You cannot use any other entrance.

It is important that you bring a mask with you to wear in the hallways as you travel to our class.

You are required to use sanitizer when you enter the building. Stations are set up at each entrance.

If there are other people at the entrance when you arrive, wait in a physically distanced line to enter the building and sanitize.

Once you have sanitized, go immediately to the Band Room.

4.) MUSIC PROGRAM COVID SAFETY PLAN & BAND MASKS



Our Music Program COVID Safety Plan: can be found here: https://bit.ly/3r7HbMq



<u>Band Masks:</u> Please check your band mask to make sure that it is still covering as much of your face as possible. The paper masks, especially, are looking a little... umm... see below...

Does your band mask make you look like
Batman from the 1960s?
It's time to replace your mask! © See me if you need help.



5.) BLUE BAND AND SENIOR JAZZ BAND SCHEDULE CHANGES

BLUE BAND

For Quarter 3, Blue Band (Band 11/12 plus invited guests) now runs outside of the timetable. I have decided to move our rehearsal to Wednesday morning at 7:30am in the school gym. I am hoping that this will be more accessible for our senior concert band students that work on weekends, commute in, etc.

SENIOR JAZZ The Senior Jazz Band voted to move their rehearsal day to Monday mornings at 7:30am.

HOWEVER... For THIS WEEK ONLY

> (due to the quarter change) Senior Jazz Band will rehearse on Friday at 7:30am

Monday rehearsals will start NEXT WEEK.

6.) CLASS AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 1

Before School (7:30am): NO SENIOR JAZZ BAND (Moved to Friday!).

A Block (9:00am - 10:10am): Band 9 in the Band Room B Block (10:30am - 11:20am): Band 10 in the Band Room

Lunch: Music Council Meeting in the Band Room: ALL welcome! *Please remember to social distance and wear a mask when not eating.*

C Block: Unavailable D Block: Unavailable

After School (3pm-5pm): Pit Band Rehearsal in the Band Room (Focus on: Go, Women & Sandwhiches, After All Of This & Everything, No More Fear, Today & Ev'ry Day)

Tuesday, February 2

Before School (7:30am): Junior Jazz Band in the Band Room.

A Block (9:00am - 10:10am): Band 10 in the Band Room B Block (10:30am - 11:20am): Band 9 in the Band Room

Lunch: Unavailable

C Block: Unavailable D Block: Unavailable

After School (3pm): Unavailable

Wednesday, February 3

Before School (7:30am): Blue Band in the Gym

A Block (9:00am - 10:10am): Band 9 in the Band Room B Block (10:30am - 11:20am): Band 10 in the Band Room

Lunch: Drumline outside.

C Block: Extra Help
D Block: Unavailable

After School (3pm): Extra Help

Thursday, February 4

Before School (7:30am): Intermediate Jazz Band in the Band Room.

A Block (9:00am - 10:10am): Band 10 in the Band Room B Block (10:30am - 11:20am): Band 9 in the Band Room

Lunch: Extra Help

C Block: Unavailable **D Block:** Unavailable

After School (3pm – 5:30pm**just in case): Pit Band Sitzprobe with the Freaky Friday cast in the Theatre! ② Attendance is Mandatory.

Friday, February 5

Before School (7:30am): SENIOR JAZZ BAND IN THE BAND ROOM.

AB Block (9am-10:30am): Grade 10s with Mr. Davis for Band. Grade 9s in PE.

Lunch: Drumline outside

CD Block: Unavailable

After School: Extra Help

7.) FREAKY FRIDAY & PIT BAND REMINDERS



Monday, February 1st
Online ticket sales open at
ShowTix4u.com!

https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/42444

Thursday, February 4th 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Sitzprobe (a sing-through of all major vocal numbers) with the cast in the Theatre.

Friday, February 12th (Pro D Day) 12:30pm – 7:00pm

Run with costumes and rehearsal time (no hair or makeup)

More information can be found here:

https://reynoldsmusic.ca/freakyfriday-updates-cast-crew-bandticketing-viewing/

Thank you for your support!

Did you make it ALL the way through my latest Sunday dissertation???



CLICK HERE TO SEND ME AN EMAIL. YOU'LL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR ONE OF TWO \$10 Starbucks or Tim Horton's Card. (one grown-up winner, one student winner)

Names will be drawn on Monday night after Pit Band!

Thank you for reading!

JD