



# REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL BAND

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## Band This Week: February 15-19, 2021

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed your Pro-D Day, Snow Day, Valentine's Day and Family Day! **Thank you to our Reynolds Music Family** - students, parents, alumni, and the school community - for your ongoing support of music education at our school!

Congratulations to our Freaky Friday cast, crew, pit band, parent volunteers and Ms. Kerr for a productive and energetic rehearsal on Friday! It was a long day but it was incredibly exciting to hear and see our show start to come together so quickly! Please be proud of everything that you are doing and contributing - especially during this pandemic!

We have a short week but a busy week ahead! Take care of yourself and take care of each other!

Jamie Davis  
Band Director



### 1.) HOME PRACTICE

**Home practice is essential for success in music classes but it is challenging with the quarter system.** I get it! Some bands have rehearsals *every* day, some rehearse *once* per week, the schedule changes are challenging, sometimes you have an afternoon class, sometimes you don't, AND some of you have to lug heavy instruments home. We'll talk about this in classes this week but here are the big ideas to consider:

**Grade 9 Band, Grade 10 Band:** I encourage our in-timetable bands to make a weekly plan/schedule for home practice. Try to practice every second day and don't forget to take your instrument home on the weekends, please.

**Jazz Bands & Blue Band:** We are going to set some goals and timelines for recordings/performances in our rehearsals this week. I hope this will help you plan out your home practice sessions.

**Things to focus on in home practice:** The basics! Note accuracy and rhythm accuracy (practiced slowly at first) and playing with a supported and full tone. If you are short on time, remember to focus on practicing the parts that you don't know.

**Things to remember:** all I ask is that you do your best to keep up with the music that we are rehearsing. Classes are always more fun and move faster when we are prepared and confident in what we are doing. Finally, and most importantly... **PLEASE** ask for help if you need it! I am more than happy to help you if you have questions.  

## 2.) CLASS AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 15

No school! Happy Family Day!

Tuesday, February 16

Before School (7:30am): **Junior Jazz Band**

A Block (9:00am – 10:10am): **Grade 10 Band**

B Block (10:30am – 11:20am): **Grade 9 Band**

Lunch: **Pit Band meeting in the Band Room**

C Block: Meeting

D Block: Unavailable

After School (3pm): Extra Help

Wednesday, February 17

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

A Block (9:00am – 10:10am): **Grade 9 Band**

B Block (10:30am – 11:20am): **Grade 10 Band**

Lunch: **Drumline in the Band Room**

C Block: Extra Help

D Block: Unavailable

After School (3pm): Extra Help

Thursday, February 18

Before School (7:30am): **Intermediate Jazz Band**

A Block (9:00am – 10:10am): **Grade 10 Band**

B Block (10:30am – 11:20am): **Grade 9 Band**

Lunch: **Music Council Meeting in the Band Room**

**ALSO...** Pit Band Photos with Mrs. Leahy (Room TBA). Please wear a black dress shirt and bring your instrument. More information below.

**C Block:** Unavailable

**D Block:** Unavailable

**After School (3pm – 5pm):** Pit Band in the Band Room (Rehearsing Act 2 “big” numbers, working with soloists as needed, reviewing tricky sections in Act 1)

### **Friday, February 19**

**Before School (7:30am):** Senior Jazz Band in the Band Room

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

**Lunch:** Drumline in the Band Room

**CD Block:** Unavailable

**After School:** Extra Help

### **3.) REYNOLDS MUSIC BOTTLE DRIVE ON SATURDAY!!!**

The Reynolds Music Department will be holding a No-Sort Bottle Drive this Saturday, February 20 from 9am - 3:00pm at the corner of Borden and McKenzie to continue fundraising for new saxophones, sheet music, and music stands.

Student volunteer shifts run from 8:30am to 2:30pm with final pickup occurring at 3pm. I will supervise all shifts.

The online volunteer sign-up can be found here: [volunteersignup.org/BAL77](https://volunteersignup.org/BAL77)

Due to COVID-19, and to meet the needs of the Victoria community, The Bottle Depot has instituted a bottle drive service where NO SORTING and NO COUNTING is required.

Instead, The Bottle Depot will provide supplies and our school community will fill as many bags as possible. All you have to do is drop your contribution in a bin!

Bottle Depot staff will sort and count the donations and will pay 80% of the value to the music program.

PLEASE REMEMBER: All SD61 and Reynolds Secondary protocols around social distancing apply at this event.

#### **4.) FREAKY FRIDAY: PIT BAND UPDATES, NOTES, REMINDERS**

With only a few weeks left to go, we are in great shape! Please keep the following things in mind this week:

##### **Pit Band Photos:**

Mrs. Leahy has volunteered to take black & white headshot photos of the band, cast, and crew this year for the digital show programs! **Band Photos will be taken THIS THURSDAY AT LUNCH (Location TBA).** **You will need:** to wear a black top like a dress shirt or blouse (no t-shirts please) and bring your instrument. *Please wear a mask until Ms. Leahy tells you to remove it for your picture.*

##### **Biographies:**

Please make sure you have completed your biography form ASAP! [Click here to link to the form](#) or check your @sd61learn email. Have a look at Bella Fedrigo's bio if you need help filling yours out - It's perfect!

*"Bella has played bass in the Reynolds productions of Sister Act and Nice Work If You Can Get It. Pit Band has been a highlight of high school and she is sad that this will be her last show at Reynolds. In the future, Bella hopes to study music in university and someday get work as a professional musician. She would love to play in the pit orchestra of other musical productions as well as other endeavors."*

##### **Media Forms:**

Greater Victoria School District Media Consent Forms were sent home last Thursday and are due by February 26. All pit band, cast, and crew members must submit a form in order to attend the performances. [Click here to link to a PDF copy of the form.](#)

##### **Uniforms:**

The uniform for pit band members is not provided by the music program. Please organize your own "concert blacks" for show nights: **black tops** (dress shirt, blouse, long sleeve shirt, etc. Please no t-shirts.), **black bottoms** (dress pants, dark jeans, long skirt, floor-length-ball-gown-with-ruffles, etc.), **black shoes** and **fun socks!** *(Please let me assist with any uniform parts you require if this request is financially prohibitive for your family! Please email me. Your privacy will be respected.)*

##### **Upcoming Important Rehearsals (Mandatory Attendance):**

**Monday, March 1st** (3:00pm – 7:00pm – Dress Rehearsal #1 and Tech Run)

**Thursday, March 4th** (3:00pm – 7:00pm – Dress Rehearsal #2)

**Friday, March 5th** (3:00pm – 7:00pm – Dress Rehearsal #3 **\*\*Pit Band in full uniform, please!\*\*)**

**\*\*Tentative\*\* (Awaiting Approval) Sunday, March 7 (12:00pm – 5:00pm - Final Rehearsal)**

**Recording Dates:**

**Monday March 8th** (5:00pm Call Time, 6:00pm Start)  
**Tuesday March 9th** (5:00pm Call Time, 6:00pm Start)  
**Wednesday March 10th** (5:00pm Call Time, 6:00pm Start)  
**Thursday March 11th** (5:00pm Call Time, 6:00pm Start)

**Note:** Each performance will stream the day after it is recorded (to allow for any editing and for uploading).

**Nightly Running Order:**

**Call Times:** 5:00pm in the theatre, in uniform. **DO. NOT. BE. LATE.**  
**Band Warm-up & Tuning:** 5:10pm  
**Mic Checks:** 5:30pm (pit band silent)  
**Band Re-tunes:** 5:58pm  
**Curtain Up & Begin Recording Act 1:** 6:00pm  
**Intermission & Act 2 Start:** TBA  
**Theatre, Band Room, Change Rooms, Hallway Cleaned-Up by:** 9:00pm

**Livestream Dates and Tickets:**

**There will be 4 live-streamed performances: Tuesday March 9th, Wednesday March 10th, Thursday March 11th, and Friday March 12th. All shows will begin streaming through the ShowTix website at 7:00pm.**

**Tickets can be purchased here:** : <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/42444>

**Tickets are \$12 each (this includes the online ticketing fee).** We encourage you to buy a ticket for everyone that watches the show in your household (not just one per family). A link to the performance stream will be emailed to you.

Thank you! Please don't hesitate to ask any questions.