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Jules Verne Elementary School Band Program



If your child is interested in joining the band program this year, then please note that grades 4, 5 and 6 **Parents** and **Students** are invited to attend an information session on:

December 12th, 6:30 p.m.

This information session will be to discuss instrument options, session fees, rental fees, student expectations in the band program, and practice techniques. We will only receive the instruments in January, one week before the first band session begins.

Research has shown that music has multiple positive impacts for children. Your child does not require any previous musical training to join the JV School Band.

- Any child willing to put in a reasonable amount of practice and effort can succeed.
- Band happens after school from 3:45 - 5pm - grade 5/6 on Wednesdays - grade 4 on Thursdays.
- **Parents are welcome to join for free** (parents are required to join the club with the same instrument as their child and support the learning process).
- Practice at home is a requirement. Children need to put in about 15-20 minutes daily in order to see improvement.
- The band program will be run by a Jules Verne parent, Sheila Lindsay. Ms. Sheila has a B.F.A. in Jazz Studies (Concordia) and a Certificate in Inclusive Education (McGill) and plays the saxophone.



The following instruments will make up the band this year. (If your child was in band last year, they may continue with the same instrument in the interest of continuity).

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone

Band classes will begin **after** the Christmas holidays. A Long & McQuade representative will visit the school on **Thursday, January 11th** at 6:00 to deliver instruments, arrange payment, and other general information related to rentals. **Please come with a cheque book or cash** in case you decide to register your child for band and decide to rent an instrument through Long & McQuade Music.

Band classes will begin the following week, **Wednesday, January 17th** (grade 5/6) and **Thursday, January 18th** (Grade 4).

Fees are as follows:

- **Session Fee:** \$10 per session (19 sessions in total) \$190.00
- **Instrument Rental Fees: (January-June)**

Flute-\$103.82

Clarinet-\$102.82

Trumpet-\$104.97

Alto Saxophone-\$216.50

Trombone-\$111.87

- **Insurance-**\$1.00 per month (covers loss, theft, or damage)
- **Method Book Purchase Fee:** Approximately \$10.00 (Yours to keep)

Feel free to email me if you have any questions. slindsay@swlauriersb.qc.ca

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Sheila Lindsay



**** Please sign this page regardless, if your child will join band or not.
Please return this page ONLY and keep the first page for your own information.**

Please circle **YES** or **NO** for parent/guardian & child.

YES! My child will attend this band information session.

NO! My child will not attend this band information session.

YES! A parent/guardian will attend this band information session.

NO! A parent/guardian will not attend this band information session

Student's name _____

Parent's signature _____

Date _____, 2017.

