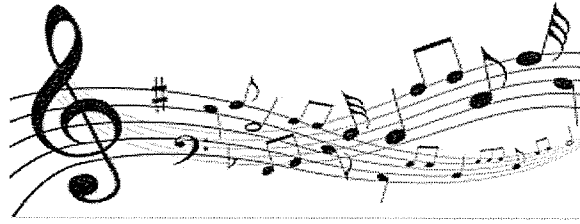


Jasper Road



School Band

Important Band Information

Band Soiree

Our 2018 our annual Band Soiree will be on Sunday December 2, 2018, at 3pm in the school hall. Please ensure students arrive by 2:30pm so we can start promptly at 3pm. Remember to bring your instrument and music, and wear **full band uniform** (band shirt, black socks and black shoes, black dress pants – NO jeans or sneakers). Following the performance, the 2018 band awards will be presented. We will conclude at 4.30pm with light refreshments. Please **bring a plate of food** to share for afternoon tea.

Family and friends are very welcome to attend this special concert so please feel free to extend the invitation.

Continuing with band in 2019

Please advise whether or not your child will be returning to band in 2019 by completing the note below and returning to the band box in the library foyer by **Friday November 9, 2018**.

Hiring school instrument in 2019

Students in Concert and Performing Band are strongly encouraged to purchase their own instruments, particularly if they play flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or saxophone. Percussion players will use the school percussion during rehearsals but will need to supply their own instrument for home practice. Students supplying their own instrument save \$150 per year on band fees.

Students in Concert and Performing Band may be able to hire a school instrument if there are surplus instruments. Please indicate on the band registration website if you would like to be considered for a school instrument in 2019. Families who *do not* notify the band committee of the desire to hire a school instrument by November 9, 2018 will not have any attempt made to secure an instrument during allocations.

Families who take home a school instrument for home practice at the end of 2018 will be charged for the **annual** instrument hire in 2019. This is because health codes require the instrument to have a professional deep clean regardless of whether it was used for a matter of weeks or the whole year. Additionally, if the instrument is allocated to your child for 2019 it will have been deemed unavailable for another child and may affect band membership and fee collection. If you are considering purchasing an instrument for your child, we recommend that you do not request a school instrument for 2019.

End of year arrangements

After the Soiree, there will be no further band rehearsals or performances. At the end of the Soiree evening, **all school instruments** are to be returned for servicing. Each school instrument will be checked for new damage and to ensure all accessories (neck straps, cleaning rods, cleaning cloths, cork grease, valve oil etc) are returned as provided. **Please make sure all accessories are returned with the instrument.** The cost of replacing missing accessories or repairing accidental damage will be deducted from the instrument bond. **Children NOT returning to band in 2019 must return their band shirt** at the conclusion of the performance. These children should bring a spare shirt to change into.

Students wishing to use a school instrument in 2019 must ensure that band fees are up to date and the bond held by JRPS for the instrument is the full amount of \$100. If the bond requires top-up (due to missing accessories or repair costs) this must be addressed before a school instrument is returned to the student.

Where possible, school instruments will be returned to students prior to the end of Term 4 to allow practice to continue over the holidays.

Students not requiring a school instrument in 2019, or not returning to band, will have the balance of the bond returned. To receive the full bond, students must return their band shirt and school instrument (if applicable). A committee member will complete the 'instrument &/or equipment return' form and provide a Department of Education 'single student refund payment' form. **Parents need to complete this form and return it to the office.** Once all forms are received, they will be forwarded to the Department of Education Shared Services for the processing of the refund in the form of an electronic funds transfer.

Annual General Meeting

The 2018 AGM will be held on **Monday December 3, 2018 at 7.15pm** in The Cottage. All parents of children in the band program are encouraged to attend. The Jasper Road band program is predominantly parent run, so without your support and involvement the wonderful band program would not be possible.

Thank you for your involvement and assistance. If you have any questions or queries regarding band or the end of year processes, please contact the band committee at: **bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com**

The Jasper Road Band Committee