

Truro Middle School Band Program

TMS offers three sequential bands (Beginner, Intermediate, and Concert) as well as a Jazz Band.

Beginner Band

- no experience required
- rehearses every Tuesday & Thursday during Gr 5/6 Lunch (P5 12:15-12:55)

Intermediate Band

- successful completion of Beginner Band required
- rehearses every Wednesday before school from 8-9am
- Gr 6's in Intermediate Band also take music together as a class where they use their band instruments.

Concert Band

- successful completion of Intermediate Band required
- open to 2nd year players by audition/invitation
- rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday before school from 8-9am.

Jazz Band

- Open to members of the Concert Band and Intermediate Band only (with some exceptions)
- rehearses on Friday from 8-9am, additional practice times may be added as needed.

Instrumental Class

- Instrumental Class is an opportunity for all students who play the same instrument to work together and focus on instrumental technique. Older TMS students will have the opportunity to coach beginners. Instrumental Class is held during Advisory Period (2:55-3:15).

Scheduling (rehearsals during class time and lunch)

- Every effort has been made to design a schedule that allows all students to access the band program with minimal disruption.
- Student in grade 5/6 attending Beginner Band will be allowed to eat lunch at 12pm in the cafeteria.
- Students in grade 7/8 in Beginner Band will be excused from their P5 class to attend. They are responsible for missed work and must communicate with Mr. Fisher in advance when they plan to stay in class rather than attend rehearsal.
- **Intramurals:** lunch time rehearsals will sometimes conflict with Intramural Sports. The music and PE depts work together to minimize these conflicts but they are sometimes unavoidable. Students are never excused from band for "drop-in" activities in the gym. Students will usually be excused from band for league games with prior permission and will never be asked to miss a playoff game.

Please contact Mr. Fisher (fishernh@ccrce.ca) for details or visit the [TMS Band Website](#)