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Dear parents/guardians and students,

If we have not yet had the opportunity to meet you, welcome to the East Side Band program. As directors of the East Side Band program, we are looking forward to another exciting year full of great musical performances, events, and opportunities and to creating a unique, meaningful, and valuable educational experience for all of our students.

As part of this package sent home with your child you should have received the following:

- **Schedule of events** for 2022/2023 (Subject to additions, subtractions, changes)
- **Waiver form** (for bus travel within Brandon for the entire year) (please return)
- **Volunteer form** (please return)
- **BSIMA instrument usage agreement form *** Gr. 7's and Gr. 8's ***** (return with payment)
- **Grade 8 band camp letter and permission slip** (Grade 8's only)

IMPORTANT: All parents must email dodds.erin@bsd.ca before September 17th, 2022 to obtain an electronic copy of the East Side Band Handbook for 2022-2023.

This will also be the sign up to receive the band newsletter and information by email.

Grades 7 students in the ESB program go through an instrument trial period in September where they try out all the instruments available to see which one is best suited to them. At the end of the month, with the help of the teacher, students will be assigned an instrument. The process will then conclude with "Kickstart" on Friday, October 7th, where each student will participate in a half day workshop on their instrument with experienced clinicians from Winnipeg, Brandon, and Brandon University. The BSIMA instrument usage form and corresponding fees must be returned ASAP, prior to the students acquiring their instruments. Please leave the "instrument" and "serial number" spaces of the form blank as they will be filled in when the students have chosen and are assigned their instrument.

Grade 8 students can continue renting their instrument through BSIMA this year! All students will be sent home with the instrument usage form. Once the form and payment have been returned, the student can take their instrument home for the year. Please leave the "instrument" and "serial number" spaces of the form blank as they will be filled in when the students are assigned their instrument.

All East-Side band parents are strongly encouraged to attend the **ESB parent meeting** that will happen in the Earl Oxford Gym (540 18th Street) on **Sept. 21st, at 7:00pm**. A representative from our band parent organization will be available to take care of outstanding rental payments. At the end of this meeting the ESB executive council will be elected. Several positions are available for this coming year (mark on volunteer form if you are interested). All parents are also strongly encouraged to attend BSIMA's AGM which will also take place on **Wednesday Sept. 21st, at 7:00pm**, in the Earl Oxford Gym.

BSIMA Instrument Usage fee - \$125 for the school year (includes instrument care supplies!)

Please return all forms and payments as soon as possible! For up-to-date information, please visit us at: <https://www.bsd.ca/earloxford/page/9293/east-side-band>.

If you have concerns about payment/rental or any other matter, please feel free to contact us at 204-729-3277 or by e-mail at dodds.erin@bsd.ca or friesen.brooklyn@bsd.ca.

Sincerely,
Erin Dodds and Brooklyn Friesen
ESB Band Directors