



Ballenas Music Program

On behalf of the students and director of the Ballenas Music Program, welcome to an organization in which you can be proud. Each year we have new students that bring new vitality and enthusiasm into the program. We hope that in the coming years, music will prove beneficial and rewarding for you. As you learn more about music, you will also learn more about teamwork, commitment and responsibility.

Concert Band Program

The Ballenas Concert Band program is at the core of the award-winning Ballenas Music program. Rehearsals for Band 10-12 are Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15-8:15am. Concert Band 8 and 9 was in B block every other day this past year. All students can expect to perform a variety of musical styles in a series of school, festival, and community concerts.

Trips and festivals have been, and continue to be an important part of the Ballenas music activities. As well as having participated in local festivals on the Island, we have been to MusicFest Canada in Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver, and the Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff. We are proud to have many awards of Silver and Gold displayed on our music room wall.

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Participation in concerts and festivals is a course requirement. Students are encouraged to play their very best through regular attendance and home practice. All Concert Band students can expect to practice 1-2 hours per week to play their very best. An invitation to MusicFest Canada is an important goal each year. While instrumental excellence is essential to be successful, fun is emphasized as the student progresses on their musical adventure! Please see the Ballenas Music handbook for more information.

Concert Band 8 (XBA08)

Prerequisite: None. All Band students welcome. If you are a beginner, please contact Mr. Robson.

Music: Concert Band 9 (MMU--09-CB)

Course Number **9040**

Prerequisite: Band 8 or teacher approval.

Music: Concert Band 10

Course Number **9030**

Prerequisite: Band 9 or teacher approval.

Instrumental Music: Concert Band (MIMCB-11)

Course Number **2661**

Prerequisite: Band 10 or teacher approval.

Instrumental Music 12: Concert Band (MIMCB12)

Course Number **3661**

Prerequisite: Band 11 or teacher approval.



Stage Band 9-12

Stage Band 9-12 provides students an opportunity to study Jazz and express themselves much more freely through improvisation. Swing, Rock, Latin, vocal solo w/ Band, and Ballad styles are performed in a series of school, festival, and community performances throughout the school year. Participation in concerts and festivals is a course requirement.

Students are encouraged to play their very best through regular attendance and home practice. All students can expect to practice 1-2 hours per week to play their very best. All instrumentalists are welcome to participate. Students of any grade who wish to register in Stage Band **must** be members of the Concert Band program, **with the exception of guitar and piano**. An invitation to MusicFest Canada is an important goal each year. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward musical excellence!

Rehearsals are on **Monday at 7:15-8:15am and Wednesday at 3:15-4:15pm.**

Students registering in Stage Band should use the following course numbers:

Music: Stage Band 9 (MMJB-09)

Course Number: **9670**

Prerequisite: Participation in Concert Band 9. All Band students welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Music: Stage Band 10 (MMJB-10)

Course Number: **1670**

Prerequisite: Participation in Concert Band 10. All Band students welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Instrumental Music: Stage Band 11 (MIMJBI I)

Course Number: **2672**

Prerequisite: Participation in Concert Band 11. All Band students welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Instrumental Music: Stage Band 12 (MIMJB12)

Course Number: **3661**

Prerequisite: Participation in Concert Band 12. All Band students welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Choir 8-12



The Ballenas Choir is an important arm of the Ballenas Music program, offering vocal music to all students who love to sing and who wish to be a part of a great singing ensemble. Students will enjoy singing many styles of vocal music performed in a series of school, festival, and community concerts throughout the school year. Participation in concerts/festivals is a course requirement. Through regular attendance and home practice, students are very likely to achieve excellence and thoroughly enjoy their choral experience. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence! Choir rehearsals are **before and after school**.

Students registering in the Ballenas Choir should use the following course numbers:

Choral Music 08: Choir (XC-08)

Course Number: ??

Prerequisite: None. All singers welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Choral Music 09: Choir (MMCC-09)

Course Number: 9680

Prerequisite: None. All singers welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Choral Music 10: Choir (MMCC-10)

Course Number: 1680

Prerequisite: None. All singers welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Choral Music 11: Choir (MCMCC-I I)

Course Number: 2682

Prerequisite: None. All singers welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Choral Music 12: Choir (MCMCC 12)

Course Number: 3682

Prerequisite: None. All singers welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!



Guitar Program 8-12

Guitar playing is a wonderful way to appreciate music, build confidence and self-esteem, alleviate stress, enrich your life, and help students to enjoy their time at Ballenas Secondary. The Ballenas Guitar program is perfect for students who wish to study and enjoy music on an individual basis.

The student is required to supply his/her own **good-quality acoustic, classical, electric, bass guitar and ukulele**. If you are unable to supply

your own instrument, we have a selection of acoustic guitars that you may use. We highly recommend all guitar players have a **CAPO, an APEX AT8 chromatic tuner, a neck strap, a pick holder and an assortment of picks**. The student must have a **case** to protect their instrument.

This course is designed to meet the needs of beginning to advanced players, and will focus on skill development, performance techniques, and song performance. The student will practice independently in class and at home on music selected by the student and teacher. Each student will follow a uniquely designed program of music based on their interest and ability. Mr. Robson evaluates students individually on their musical assignments. Once again, students may study all the guitars and ukulele at **any level of experience, from beginner to advanced from grade 8-12!**

Guitar 8 (XGUITAR-08)

Prerequisite: No previous guitar experience required. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Music 9: Guitar 9 (MMU-09GUI)

Course No. 9955

Prerequisite: No previous guitar experience required. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Music 10: Guitar 10 (MMGR-10)

Course no. 1694

Prerequisite: none. Beginning to advanced guitar players welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Music 11: Guitar 11 (MIGR-11)

Course no. 2694

Prerequisite: none. Beginning to advanced guitar players welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!

Music 12: Guitar 12 (MIGR-11)

Course no. 3694

Prerequisite: none. Beginning to advanced guitar players welcome. Fun is emphasized as students progress on their journey toward excellence!