

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to a new school year! By now your child is experiencing his/her first band class and the excitement of selecting an instrument.

To give your child an advantage for the coming year, I invite you to join us for our first-ever *Head-Start Instrument Clinic* on **Saturday September 16th from 9am-12pm at Belmont Secondary School** (3041 Langford Lake Road - additional access off of Glen Lake Road).

This clinic will allow Beginning Band students or students new to their instrument from all of Sooke School District 62's middle and secondary schools to come together and work with some of the finest music educators on Vancouver Island. Teachers from the District's elementary, middle, and secondary schools will be on hand as well as volunteers from local music stores and even university music students too. There will be professionals on all the major Beginning Band instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, percussion, upright bass and more.

Students will learn the basics of proper posture, setting up their instrument, how to care for their instrument and how to make a sound on their instrument. The morning will culminate in a mini-info session/concert for parents at 11:30am in the Belmont theatre.

Participation in this event is **free**.

Tentative Schedule of the *Head-Start Instrument Clinic*

8:15-9:00am	Registration (Tom Lee Music and Long & McQuade will be on hand to rent instruments if your child doesn't have one yet)
9:00-10:15am	Clinics begin
10:15-10:30am	Water and snack break - please send your child with a snack
10:30-11:30am	Clinics continue
11:30am-12:00pm	Wrap-Up Concert/Information sharing in the Belmont theatre for parents

Your participation is entirely **optional** but it will give your child access to instrument-specific basics as well as connect your student with their peers from across the district.

If you have questions, please contact your child's band teacher or the event organizer at fdunquepark@sd62.bc.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday September 16th!

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