

CEC Music Handbook

2023 - 2024

Ensembles

Symphonic Band

Open to all music students who wish to continue their instrumental music training. Emphasis is placed on developing instrumental techniques, musicianship, and performance skills through the study of band literature. Members perform several concerts throughout the school year.

Jazz Ensemble

The CEC Jazz Ensemble is the featured act at our yearly fundraiser *All Jazzed Up!*. The ensemble performs music at a high level and will play a variety of music from the jazz idiom. This group is for experienced music students and membership is through audition only.

Choir

This ensemble is open to anyone who wants to sing in a large vocal ensemble at CEC. The CEC Choir sings a wide range of vocal styles.

Jazz Combo

Open to band students who want to develop their improvisation skills. The combos perform throughout the community.

Small Ensembles

There are many small ensembles that take place throughout the school year depending on student interest. Some of these ensembles are **Rock Ensemble, Funk Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and Vocal Jazz.**

Truro District School Bands Auxiliary

(TDSBA)

The Auxiliary greatly enhances the music program at CEC. The auxiliary board is made up of volunteers (principally parents of band students). They look after day-to-day administration and fundraising for the Music Program, with the assistance of other parent volunteers at all music levels.

The yearly budget covers the costs for extra instruction, music & supplies, instrument repairs, uniforms, awards, festival registration fees, and numerous other expenses incurred with the Music Program.

Registration fees, instrument rentals and fundraising are the only sources of revenue to the Auxiliary. **NOTE:** As TDSBA is a registered charity, donations can be designated through charitable workplace campaigns such as the United Way. (Include the Registered Charity Number 119271856RR0001)

Music Registration

Available through cecmusic.weebly.com or below!



Music Concert & Truro District School Bands Auxiliary AGM

Sun, October 15th

6:30 pm (CEC AV Room)

All new and returning music parents are encouraged to attend. The AGM is a short meeting that follows the concert.

Rehearsal Schedule

Symphonic	Mon 3:15 – 5 pm
	Wed 11:50 – 12:30 pm
Jazz Ensemble	Tues & Thurs
	8:00 – 8:45 am
Choir	Thurs 3:15 – 5:00 pm
	Tues 11:50-12:30pm

Jazz Combos / Small Ens TBA

Music & TDSBA Contacts

Forms of Communication

Website	cecmusic.weebly.com
Facebook Group	CEC Music
Twitter	@music_cec
Instagram	@music_cec
Director Email	macleodja2@gnsps.ca
Aux Email	tdsbamusic@gmail.com

First Rehearsals

Symphonic Band	Sept 18 3:15-5pm
Choir	Sept 21 3:15-5pm
Jazz Ensemble	Sept 26 8-8:45am

Fees (Financial Assistance is available — See below)

Band Registration Fee: \$200

(includes a **refundable \$50 deposit** returned upon completion of the fall citrus sale. More information is provided below.)

Registration fees cover the cost of uniforms, clinics, guest conductors, local festival registrations, bus charters, specialized equipment and band music.

Instrument Rental Fee: \$100

(For students using a school-owned instrument) A rental agreement must be signed and returned with the rental fee.

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All percussionists and rhythm section players **MUST** pay the \$100 rental fee, as maintaining percussion and rhythm section equipment is very expensive.

Choir Registration Fee: \$100

Registration fees cover the cost of uniforms, clinics, guest conductors, local festival registrations, bus charters, and choral music

Financial Assistance:

The Auxiliary believes that all students should have the opportunity to participate in the band program. Recognizing that financial circumstances may make paying the fees difficult, the TDSBA does offer financial assistance. To receive more information please contact **Mr. MacLeod**.

NOTE: Registration and rental fees do not include the cost of any overnight trips. CEC Music Trips are completely funded by the participating students through payment and fundraising efforts. Only students who have their registration paid in full can participate in music trips.

Fundraising

In addition to concert revenue and fee collection, the Auxiliary has three main fundraising projects. The proceeds from these go directly to the general fund.

• Citrus & Honey Sales (Nov/Dec & Feb/March)

Fall: Students receive a rebate for each bag/box/jar of citrus fruit or honey they sell up to maximum refund of \$50. (Exact rebates per product will be posted when the order forms go home with students.) Remaining proceeds go to the Auxiliary's general fund.

Winter: There is no maximum profit cap for students. All profits from a student's sales go directly to that student's trip fundraising account.

• Band Booster Program Fall

The Band Booster volunteer asks local businesses for donations or program ads. Contributors have their names or ads published in the programs distributed at all band concerts. Income tax receipts are issued for all donations and ad placements.

Bursaries for Summer Camps and Honour Bands

There are several band camps and honour bands available to students throughout the year and summer.

We encourage all students to consider attending one. We offer bursaries to support those students who want to gain further musical experience.

Contact your band director for more information about available bursaries.

Fall Concert & TDSBA Annual General Meeting

The first performance for all CEC ensembles is at the Annual General Meeting of the Truro District School Bands Auxiliary, **Sunday, Oct 15th, 6:30 pm.**

(Band members to arrive at CEC **no later than 6:00 pm.**)

A short meeting will follow the concert for parents to review the Auxiliary's financial report, elect/re-elect Board Members, and ask any questions.

The TDSBA plays a vital role in the success of our music program. We have a very active and successful program, and a lot of what we do for our students would not be possible without the assistance we receive from this organization. Please consider donating some of your time to sit on the Auxiliary Board or to serve on one of the committees. Be sure to fill out the **Parent Volunteer Form** that comes with registration form for band.

- **“All Jazzed Up” – February 24th**

Performance by Senior and Junior Jazz bands and Jazz combos — plenty of room for dancing! AJU Committee parent volunteers solicit local businesses and organizations for donations for silent auctions; Gourmet cake auction.

- **Los Primos Raffle**

Students sell raffle tickets for a “Trip for 4 to Cuba” (or approx. \$4000 cash equivalent) to support a cultural exchange between music schools in Cuba and Nova Scotia. Students will receive a trip fee credit for half their raffle ticket sales. (Ticket sale period is usually January to early March).

- **Other Fundraising**

Depending on the financial needs each year and if volunteer coordinators are available, other fundraisers (for student or general fundraising) may be added to the above.

2023 / 24 Performance Schedule	
Fall Concert and TDSBA AGM Oct. 15th All large ensembles 6:30 pm, CEC AV Room Holiday Concert Dec. 11th All ensembles CEC AV Room All Jazzed Up Feb. 24 Jazz Bands & Choir Truro Legion	Truro Music Festival April 23-26th All ensembles CEC AV Room CEC Band Trip May 25-30th Music Awards Night June 9th All ensembles 6:30 pm, CEC AV Room CEC Graduation June 27th
*** Students are to arrive, in uniform, 30 minutes before the above performance times. ***	