

# Welcome to the MBCI Concert Band Program

Hello new students and parent/caregivers,

My name is Mr. Klassen, and I teach the Concert Bands and Jazz Bands at MBCI.

In Grade 6 and Grade 7, you have the option of choosing Concert Band or Art.

In Concert Band, students learn to play a concert band instrument, learn about music and what it means to be in an ensemble, and have a lot of fun! You do not need any prior experience playing a band instrument to join in either Grade 6 or 7.

Playing a musical instrument in a band enhances brain development and promotes creativity, expression, concentration, coordination, listening skills, collaboration, self-discipline, and a sense of personal achievement. God has given every one of us some measure of musical talent. Band helps develop this talent so it can be used to His greater glory.

If you are interested in taking Concert Band, I would love to teach you!

Here are some links you can check out:

To find out more about what a “concert band” is, watch this [Information Video](#).

To help decide what instrument you want to learn to play, read this information on the [Instrument Selection Process](#) which includes links to videos presenting each band instrument.

If you want to know more about MBCI’s Music Program and what we do, read this [General Information on the MBCI Music Program](#).

If you have questions about band, please contact me at [aklassen@mbci.mb.ca](mailto:aklassen@mbci.mb.ca).

Sincerely,  
Andrew Klassen  
MBCI Bands