



Phil & Jennie  
Gaglardi Academy



**BAND PARENT GUIDE**  
**2020 / 2021**

Dear Gaglardi Academy Band Parents:

Welcome to the Gaglardi Band Program. This is going to be a great year for our band program and I cannot wait to begin working with all of you!

Communication is the KEY! In order for your child to be successful in band, we need to be on the same page. You will have all of my contact information so you can contact me with questions, concerns or comments at any time. The best way to contact me is through email. I will always respond to email in a timely fashion. I will do my best to respond to phone calls as soon as possible.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we have made some careful plans to ensure the comfort and safety of all band students. For example, in the band room itself you will notice that we have created extra physical space and we will also have some physical barriers in place. Other Covid 19 guidelines are contained in this very important document.

Please keep the first five pages of this guide and return the completed page five (the Commitment Form) to me by September 29th, 2020.

Here's to an awesome year!

Roger Collin

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: [roger@gaglardiacademy.ca](mailto:roger@gaglardiacademy.ca)  
School Office Phone: 250-339-1200  
School Website: <https://www.pjgaglardiacademy.ca/>  
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## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

The band room is a different kind of classroom in which specific rules must be followed to keep everyone safe and learning. I will go over the rules with the students during the first week of school. If a student decides not to follow the rules, I will talk with them individually. If there is another incident, he/she will be sent out in the hallway for some time to think about their actions, and I will contact you. If there is a third incident, there will be a visit with the principal and another contact with you. The progression of the whole group is important to everyone therefore; interruptions can make the flow of learning difficult.

### **Classroom Rules:**

- 1) When you arrive in the band room, get your equipment and music folder and sit in your ASSIGNED seat.
- 2) When the director is at the podium, you do not talk. Bring a cooperative and positive attitude to each class.
- 3) DO NOT touch another student's instrument or belongings. DO NOT play any instruments that do not belong to you.
- 4) Be respectful of the room and the people in it.
- 5) No cell phones or electronic devices out at any time. They should be on silent and put away during class.
- 6) No food or drink allowed in the band room during class time (water bottle OK).
- 7) Put your music folder and instrument in the proper storage area after class.
- 8) Have FUN!!

## **BAND ASSESSMENTS**

Band is an academic and performance based class. Throughout the school year, there will be written and playing assessments. If your child participates in all aspects of the band class, the band assessments will not be difficult.

For students in Grades 6 and 7 – there will be written and playing assessments at the end of each of the three school terms.

For students in Grades 8 – 12 – there will be written and playing assessments at the end of each of the four school terms.

Term grades and final grades are based on the following:

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Written Assessments:</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Playing Assessments:</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Practice Cards:</b>	<b>20%</b>

**Attendance:** I am on time for band class. I have my instrument, music and a pencil. I participate in all concerts in my Gaglardi Academy uniform.

**Written Assessments:** The material will cover Composer(s) of the Month and basic music theory related to the material covered in band class. Written assessments will occur during scheduled band classes. Re-scheduled written assessments may be available at Mr. Collin's convenience.

**Playing Assessments:** Mr. Collin will privately hear each student play brief musical passages from the materials covered in band classes. Re-scheduled playing assessments may be available at Mr. Collin's convenience.

**Practice Cards:** All band students will be required to complete a minimum of 60 minutes of home practice every week. Daily practice times will be recorded by the student and parent(s) on a practice card provided by Mr. Collin. Practice cards will be handed in to Mr. Collin at the end of each month. If the student practices more than 60 minutes per week, bonus marks of up to 5% can be awarded. The students are strongly encouraged to use the band room, outside of class time, for their individual practicing. Mr. Collin will be available, at certain times, outside of band class time, to assist individual band students as needed.

### **RESTROOM RULES**

Students will be allowed to use the bathroom if needed during class. Only one student at a time will be allowed out of the band room to use the restroom.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

In the near future, parent(s) and students will be provided with a schedule of band events for the entire school year. This schedule is given at the beginning of the year so you can plan your school year early to avoid conflicts. Please sit down with your child and have other schedules available to see if there are any conflicts. Please note that attendance at performances is part of the student's overall band assessment. If there are conflicts with scheduled band events, please communicate with Mr. Collin as soon as possible so a solution can be worked out.

### **SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS**

There are a number of school owned instruments available to the students for use throughout the year for band. In order to use one of the school instruments, there is a yearly fee of \$125.00. This fee can be paid by cheque (Payable to "Gaglardi Academy") or you can e-transfer the annual fee to Mrs. Caron Mulgrew at [accounts@gaglardiacademy.ca](mailto:accounts@gaglardiacademy.ca). To rent a school owned instrument, you will be asked to sign a form that explains the terms of use. Some of the Gaglardi owned instruments can be used by band students free of charge – please contact Mr. Collin for more information.

## COMMITMENT FORM

**(PLEASE KEEP THE HAND OUT AND RETURN THIS COMPLETED PAGE TO MR. COLLIN)**

I have read this guide with my child / children. I understand that by signing this form, my child / children and I recognize all of the rules and responsibilities my child / children will be asked to follow as a Gaglardi Academy band member. I understand this Commitment Form must be turned in by September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. PLEASE WRITE NEATLY!!

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write down your most frequently checked email address for fast information!

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

