



To Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 3-6

**Re: NVSD Band and Strings Programs - *Registration for 2026-27 school year opens January 12<sup>th</sup>***

Elementary Band and Strings is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for the Band Program, and Grades 4 – 7 for the Strings Program. Although these programs are housed in various schools across the school district, the programs are organized and staffed by NVSD (not individual schools). As a result registration is done via the NVSD website.

QM offers a thriving Band Program! Over the past few years we have had enough students register for Band to allow us to hold Band Program practices at our school. A minimum registration threshold must be reached by February 27th in order for us to sustain this valuable program at QM - so we encourage registration! The many benefits of learning to play an instrument are well known, and membership in the band can contribute to positive peer relationships and increased sense of belonging – we encourage serious consideration of this tremendous opportunity!

*\*Note that the Strings Programs are only offered at Braemar, Cleveland, Dorothy Lynas, Highlands, Larson, Montroyal, Ross Road and Sherwood Park.*

**If your child is interested, please register by February 27<sup>th</sup>!** While there is a late registration period, this is subject to program availability (based on sufficient registrations received by February 27<sup>th</sup>).

Visit the [Elementary Band and Strings](#) web page for information and registration details, including program fees.

Email [bandandstring@sd44.ca](mailto:bandandstring@sd44.ca) with any questions.

#### **Registration Options and Fees:**

1. Early Registration (January 12 – February 27, 2026) Fee: \$555 (Monthly installment plan available until September 1, 2025.)
2. Late Registration (March 13 – September 29, 2026): Fee: \$630 (No installment plan available for late registration. *Late Registration is subject to program availability and low early registration numbers may impact this option.*)

#### **Refund Policy:**

- Full refund available for withdrawals up to June 12, 2026.
- After June 12, a \$75 withdrawal fee applies.
- No refunds after September 29, 2026.

**If finances are a barrier, please note that bursaries are available through NVSD**

Band and Strings Bursaries: Application **Deadline is February 13, 2025**

**Bursary Application:** Complete the attached form and drop it off to JEN WILSON at the school office ***no later than 1:00 p.m. on February 13<sup>th</sup>.*** We will submit applications to [bandandstring@sd44.ca](mailto:bandandstring@sd44.ca) on your behalf.

**IF you are applying for a Bursary, hold off on completing the online registration for Band until after the February 13<sup>th</sup> Bursary deadline, to allow for fee adjustments to be made.** Once the bursaries are approved by NVSD, and before Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, you will receive an email from NVSD [bandandstring@sd44.ca](mailto:bandandstring@sd44.ca) stating that the adjusted fee will be reflected in [SchoolCash Online](#), and THEN you will be able to register your child at that time.

Please contact me, or [bandandstring@sd44.ca](mailto:bandandstring@sd44.ca) with any questions.

Thank you!

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