



Concentration Information

The Program

The Music Concentration Program is designed to give students the opportunity to enjoy ensemble music through performing in a concert band (made up of woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments). Music Concentration students develop the techniques and knowledge of both musical theory and musical practice as well as the discipline required of a performing musician. Music Concentration students pursue excellence as musicians and endeavour to become outstanding school citizens by participating in concerts, festivals and other events organized throughout the year.

Objectives

- Read and write music
- Play the instrument with a pleasant tone and a good sense of rhythm
- Communicate emotions and ideas through musical performance
- Follow the rules of ensemble playing
- Recognize and name various musical signs and symbols
- Make connections between performance and listening to and appreciating music
- Play and study music from a variety of genres

Expectations

Criteria for entry:

Students should have some basic musical knowledge, having taken music in Secondary 1 and/or Secondary 2, or from private music lessons. It is not necessary to have previously played a wind instrument.

- Each student will be assigned an instrument to play and must take care to keep it clean and in its case. Players of wind instruments are able to take the instrument home.
- Music Concentration students are expected to practice on their own regularly and to keep and submit a monthly practice journal.
- All materials and equipment belonging to the music department must be paid for if lost or broken/damaged.
- Extra rehearsals as needed after school are obligatory.
- Each student is expected to be dressed appropriately with band polo, black pants and shoes for every performance.



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Evaluation

There are two competencies for music:

1. Creates Musical Works – Performs Musical Works
2. Appreciates Musical Works

Evaluations will include any or all of the following:

- In-class assignments on reading and writing music
- Research assignments
- Individual performance
- Group performance (school concert, sectional work in class)
- Practice journal
- Participation in class and in Excellence-related events.

Concentration Fees

In addition to regular school fees, a music concentration fee will be charged to cover the cost of possible coaching by specialists, workshops, participation in music festivals, transportation and uniform (polo shirt). All fees are subject to the approval of the Governing Board.

Activities | The Laval Senior Academy (LSA) Concert Band

The main goal of the Music Concentration Program is for students to have fun playing music together. The Music Concentration students of Secondary 3, 4 and 5 join together to form the LSA Concert Band. We love to share our enthusiasm for music with others so performances take place on a regular basis. These are our main events:

- November | Rock of Ages (rock concert, school-wide involvement)
- December | Concert for family and friends
- January | Concert tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elementary schools in Laval
- February | Coaching sessions with specialists on instrument
- March | Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Honour Band Day (collaboration with other high school music programs)
- April | MusicFest Quebec (achieved Gold Standard in 2018)
- May | Concert for family and friends

