

Welcome to Handbells



We are so thrilled you have chosen to join in this wonderful, musical experience. The handbell choir is for students in grade 4 and 5. **There are two different groups, beginner handbells for those who are new to the instrument and advanced handbells for students who have played before. This is a bit of a balancing act, so depending on numbers, some students might be asked to join a different group.** Based on the amount of bells we have, there is a limited number of spots in each group of 12-15 students. Because of this, **please return this form as soon as possible.** If numbers are huge we will accept on a first-come first-served policy. Return form by no later than: **Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

Schedule: Beginners (haven't played handbells before) – Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 in the music room.
Advanced (have played for one or more years) – Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 in the music room.

Attendance Policy: Handbell Choir begins at 3:45 each Tuesday or Wednesday after school. Students will be expected to come to the music room right after they are dismissed from their classrooms. They will have 13 minutes to have a quick snack, wash their hands, and set up. **Parents are responsible for their child to be picked up at 4:45 sharp.** Students will be dismissed from the music room. Please arrange a meeting spot with your child so they know where to find you. Those students in BLAST can at that time return to the gym. BLAST students **MUST** go to BLAST and check in before coming to handbells.

It is very important that students come to **all** practices. Working together is an essential part of being in a handbell choir. Students who miss two or more practices without reason may not be permitted to attend performances. Students are asked to make a commitment for the school year. If your child is unable to attend a rehearsal, please let us know ahead of time.

Correspondance: We will be sending home information via email! Please watch your inbox for these emails. **Please include your preferred email(s) at the bottom of this sheet.** There is also a website where music co-curricular information will be posted and there will be a calendar you can subscribe to. It is linked on the school site or you can go to: **mllethor.schoolsites.ca**

Handbell Attire: Students will need to have a BLACK top and BLACK bottoms for performances, if a student wishes they may wear a white scarf as well.

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I _____ have/have not (circle one) have been in handbells
(student name)

before and will make the **year-long** commitment to join handbells and will commit to practice with the handbells each Tuesday (year two) or Wednesday (year one).

I, _____ give my consent for my child to attend handbell choir
(parent name)

on Tuesdays/Wednesdays after school. I will make arrangements for their prompt pickup at 4:45.

Parent Signature

Email: _____

Email: _____

**** Keep this sheet to reference dates ****

Fall Schedule - Tuesdays

Practice Date	Time
September 24	3:32-4:45
October 1, 8, 22, 29	
November 5, 19, 26	
December 3, 10, 17	

Fall Schedule - Wednesdays

Practice Date	Time
September 25	3:32-4:45
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
November 6, 20, 27	
December 4, 11, 18	

Winter Performances!

Remembrance Day Assembly - November 8, 10:45am

Christmas Sing Along - December 20 9-10am

Spring Performances!

We will send out a schedule with rehearsals in the new year, but here is our tentative performance schedule.

Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival - March 23 - April 3

Music Monday - May 4