

To the families of Salle 2, 111, and 210 of École Sir William Osler,

I am excited to be able to welcome you to the 2026/27 music program here at École Sir William Osler School. Music is an integral part of community and culture, and it is my aim to not only develop the technical skills associated with music making, but also to foster a love of creativity that can be used to help tie together our school community.

This year, students will working to develop proficiency in

- Singing
- Rhythm
- Intentional movement and dance
- Orff instruments
- Recorder playing
- Percussion technique
- Standard notation reading
- Music lexicon
- Musical diversity appreciation

Since we will be learning the recorder this year, each student is asked to purchase a soprano recorder from a music store in the city (ex. Long & McQuade or St. John's Music). This instrument will be the student's own instrument that they will exclusively play on. Any **soprano** recorder will do as long as it comes in a cloth bag.

Examples of potential recorders to purchase.

- Yamaha YRS24BCA - 8.99\$
- Carlton C-101 - 4.99\$

Students will predominantly be assessed informally, with occasional opportunities for formal assessment. This assessment will be shaped by the criteria presented in the Manitoba Music Curriculum. This curriculum highlights four main branches that our learning will focus on.

1. Making: The physical act of playing music.
2. Creating: Students will have the opportunity to add their own expression and identity to the music which they create.
3. Connecting: Throughout the year we will examine and learn about different kinds of music, including concert band music and beyond.
4. Responding: Students will be asked to understand and reflect on the music they are making and learning about

There are two concerts this year, a winter concert and a spring concert. These concerts will be taking place in the ESWO gymnasium.

Winter Concert: December 10th, 2026 (time TBA)

Spring Concert: May 27th, 2027 (time TBA)

I am reachable either through Powerschool, or via email at dbetz@wsd1.org. My work hours will be from **8:00am to 4:00pm**. Emails or messages outside of these hours will be responded to the following day. I will make every effort to respond to emails and messages within 48 hours. If there is something urgent, please call the office and I will return your call the same day.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions that you may have. I am excited to be able to teach here at ESWO, and I look forward to sharing a year filled with music and joy with this school.

David Betz