



## Play music at Abbotsford Traditional School!

Dear ATS parents and students,

My name is Mr. Noffle, and I am the soon-to-be music teacher at Abby Traditional School! I am very excited to be working with you starting in September. Most have heard that the study of music is one that enhances the brain development of children and youth, and improves success in many other academic subject areas. But perhaps more importantly, music study builds discipline, confidence and leadership skills that will bless a student no matter what careers a student pursues later in life. And besides, music is fun! Middle school and high school are a perfect time to become a musician!

For those of you looking for information on how to register for music performance classes this upcoming year, it is quite simple. Please go to [www.mrnoffle.com](http://www.mrnoffle.com) and fill in the online form to register. All the ensembles are covered with this form, and so any groups you would like to play in are included. Explained below are the music performance groups that will be available to students in September.

### Concert Band

Concert Band is a wonderful music opportunity and experience for all students. Concert Band includes the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, percussion instruments and bass guitar.



The concert band can play powerful pieces ranging from orchestral classics to marches and movie themes. If you would like more information on the different instruments in Concert Band please watch the included video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgACbLrAMIU>.

### Guitar Ensemble



The guitar is one of the most popular musical instruments in the world, and Guitar Ensemble is as its title describes: it is a performing group consisting of acoustic guitars. If you are interested in learning guitar, be sure to register soon, as space is usually limited. Instruments will be provided at school to practice on free of charge. If you would like to see a video of a guitar ensemble performance check out the included video by clicking on the image to the left.

### Choir



Choir is an amazing opportunity for students to sing together! If you like to sing, nothing beats singing in a choir. Choir will give students performance opportunities without a lot of performance pressure, as students will be surrounded by their peers singing with them. So even if you are shy and like to sing, consider choir!

**To start later in the school year:**

## **Dhol Team**



Dhol is a Punjabi drum that is powerful and fun to learn! Dhol enhances any concert or celebration, and builds school culture.

If you love to make beats and have a good sense of rhythm, then the Dhol would be a fun instrument for you to learn.

Information about class schedules and enrolment will be coming soon. In the meantime, you can register by going to **[www.mrnofle.com](http://www.mrnofle.com)** and filling out the registration form online.

## **Piano Ensemble**



We would like to start a piano class as well! We are working to get the instruments necessary to accommodate this class. Be sure to sign up soon as space will be very limited once we get started. Instruments will be provided during class.

I am hopeful these music ensembles will provide great opportunities for meaningful music experiences and education for our students. I invite you to make music a big part of your school experience this year! Register now at **[www.mrnofle.com](http://www.mrnofle.com)**. I look forward to making music together!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Nofle  
Abbotsford Traditional School Music