

August 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grades 4 – 7 Fleetwood and Cloverdale Musicians,

Welcome back to another school year! We are excited to share some updated information about the Surrey Christian School music program with you. Last year we introduced the Modern Band program to our Grade 4 - 7 musicians. Modern Band was created by Little Kids Rock, an organization that transforms lives by restoring, expanding, and innovating music education in schools across the USA. This summer Mrs. Locken and Mrs. Mahon completed their Modern Band level 2 training, and as far as we are aware, we are the only school on the west coast of Canada to offer a certified Modern Band program. Our deep hope is that SCS musicians will become fully alive in God's story as they engage in the Modern Band program to become Instruments of change and to "Address the Mess" in our lives and in the world through music.

Modern Band teaches kids to perform, improvise and compose using the popular styles that they know and love including rock, pop, reggae, hip hop, R&B and other modern styles. Modern Band classes feature guitar, ukulele, bass, keyboard, drums, vocals, technology, and computers. Our young musicians flourished last year as they engaged in a storyline through this program.

For music classes and home practice this year, students will need a soprano ukulele, a bucket and drumsticks. Grade 5 – 7 musicians can use the bucket, drumsticks and ukulele that they purchased last year for music classes.

We realize that some of our new students and grade 4 students may already have ukuleles, buckets and drumsticks at home, but we would like everyone to have the same instruments so that the quality of sound when we play together is unified.

To make this easy for everyone we have worked with some of our local music stores to provide high quality beginner instruments at a discounted rate. Building upon the ukuleles that our school already owns, Cloverdale Campus students will purchase soprano ukuleles with regular tuning, and Fleetwood Campus students will purchase soprano ukuleles with low G tuning.

Ukuleles and drumsticks can be purchased through the school for new students at SCS and for students entering grade 4. SCS will not be selling buckets this year. Please purchase a 5-gallon bucket from Home Depot (or another store if they are not available at Home Depot). Click on the appropriate link below to place your order and pay online with your credit card via PayPal.

[DRUMSTICK & UKULELE ORDER FORM](#)

You have the option of purchasing a ukulele and drumsticks for your family (siblings will be able to transfer their instruments safely to each other in the day), or one set for each of your children. If you already own a ukulele or a bucket and are thinking of using it, please check first with your music teacher to make sure that it will work with our instruments of choice.

Please contact your music teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

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With joy!

Cari Locken and Emmeline Mahon