Cowichan Valley Concert Band

Welcome to 2024 !!

Startup

I hope you all had an amazing holiday season with family and friends.

I know we are all anxious to get back to playing and our first rehearsal back will be this **Thursday**, **January 11**, **7:30**–**9:45 pm**, in the band room of Cowichan High School, on James St., Duncan, (as usual).

I want to start off thanking everyone for all of their hard work in preparing for our November concert. It was very successful with our high number of concert attendees and donations that were received. The feedback I received from many different people was that the band sounded great and the selection of music was very entertaining.

I also want to thank those who gave of their time, to represent the band at the Salvation Army Kettle drive throughout the Christmas season. It was great to be out in the community, and giving back to those in need. A special thank you to Don, for helping me with this event.

It is still recommended that each member bring their own music stand to rehearsal.

Membership

It has been an exciting season, with many new members joining us. I have had a couple more inquiries and hopefully they will be joining us soon. I am hoping the kettle drive exposure might get some others interested too! If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please let me know and I can send them a welcome email with upcoming information.

Dues

Annual dues (\$100) were due at the beginning of the year, if you have not yet had a chance to send in, you can do so by etransfer to; <u>cvcbpayments@gmail.com</u> If there are new members that have joined part way through the year, we can pro-rate that fee.

Performances

As you all know, we have changed our performances to be Winter (prechristmas) and Spring. <u>2024 season concert dates</u> have been set so everyone can make any necessary plans to be available for each performance.

Spring Concert

Dress rehearsal:April 25, 2024ConcertApril 26, 2024

Canada Day Maple Bay

Winter Concert

Dress rehearsal; Friday, Nov 22, 2024 Concert; Saturday, Nov 23, 2024

I am still waiting to confirm the 2025 dates, with the church (they are not ready), and will advise as soon as I know.

Additional performances may be added, but these will be announced at a later date.

I think that is all for now.

See you all Thursday

Sincerely,

Laura B