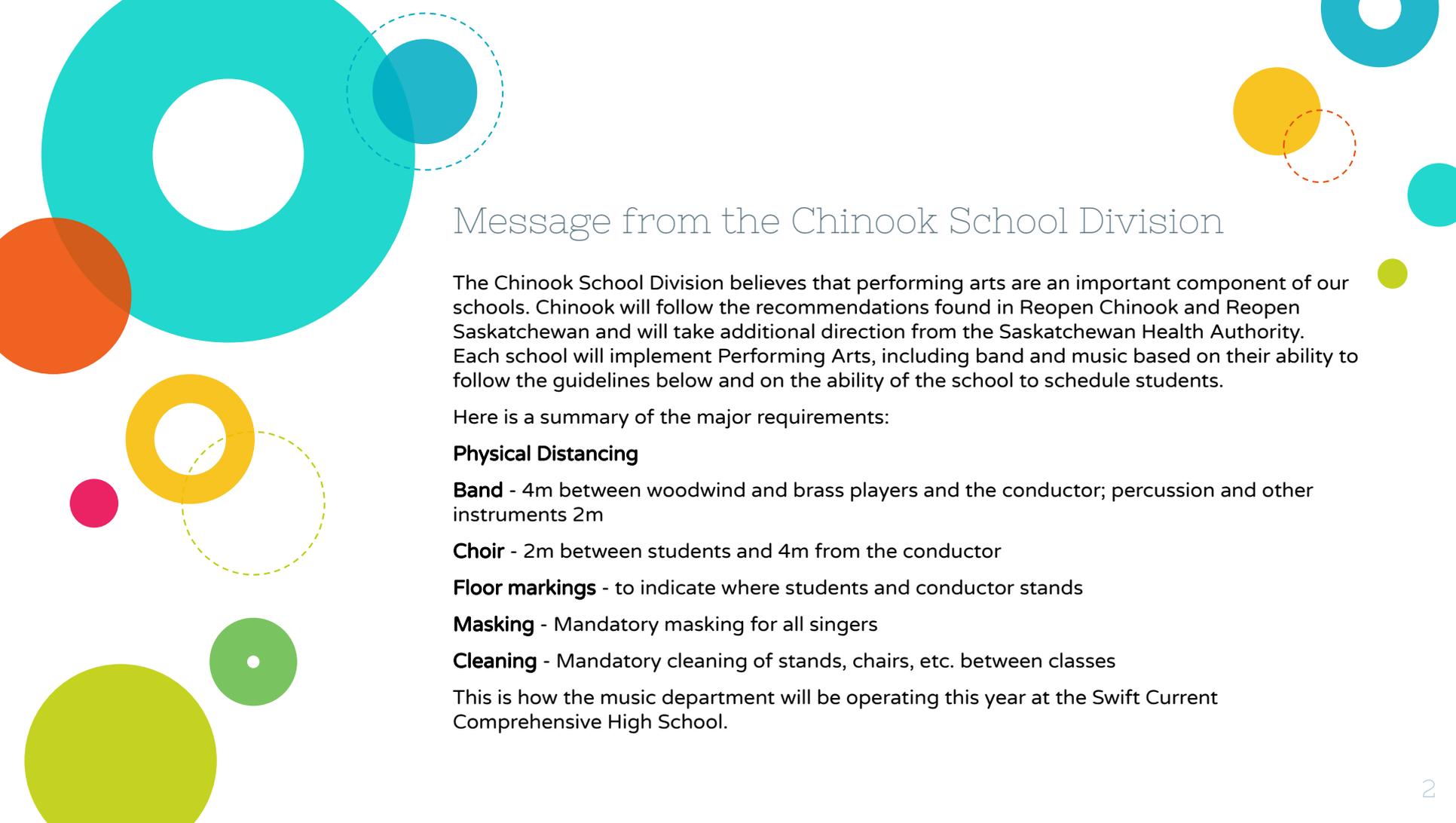
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SCCHS Music  
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FAQ



## Message from the Chinook School Division

The Chinook School Division believes that performing arts are an important component of our schools. Chinook will follow the recommendations found in Reopen Chinook and Reopen Saskatchewan and will take additional direction from the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Each school will implement Performing Arts, including band and music based on their ability to follow the guidelines below and on the ability of the school to schedule students.

Here is a summary of the major requirements:

### **Physical Distancing**

**Band** - 4m between woodwind and brass players and the conductor; percussion and other instruments 2m

**Choir** - 2m between students and 4m from the conductor

**Floor markings** - to indicate where students and conductor stands

**Masking** - Mandatory masking for all singers

**Cleaning** - Mandatory cleaning of stands, chairs, etc. between classes

This is how the music department will be operating this year at the Swift Current Comprehensive High School.



## 2021 Music Department team

- ◎ Dona Eidsness-Anderson  
(Choral) Sept. 14th - Oct. 19th
- ◎ Brianna Dennehy  
(Choral) Beginning Oct. 20th
- ◎ Aaron Thingelstad  
(Band)



Welcome!!!

The SCCHS Music Department has always been a close knit family and in these challenging times it's more important than ever to have music and connection in our lives.

We know that, due to Covid restrictions, the year will look different but with patience, creativity, and resilience the music program will continue to be a place where students can grow musically.

The following slides will outline our plan to start the the 2020 - 21 school year.

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Music gives a soul to the universe,  
wings to the mind, flight to the  
imagination and life to everything.

Plato



## Courses

### **Band**

Band classes for the 20/21 school year will be semesterised.

- ⦿ Band 10 and 20 will be offered in Semester 1.
- ⦿ Band 9 and 30 will be offered in Semester 2.
- ⦿ Jazz 10/20/30 (Senior Jazz will be offered for the entire year Thursday evenings).



### **Choir**

Choir 10/20/30 will be offered during the noon hour throughout the school year using the A/B student schedule.

- ⦿ Vocal Jazz will be offered Thursdays after school.
- ⦿ Chamber Singers will be offered 2nd semester.



## Band Class Guidelines

### Spacing

Students will be spaced four meters apart (woodwind/brass) and 2 meters (percussion) as per SHA guidelines.

### Condensation

Brass players will use a small washable container with absorbent towel to collect condensation.

### Music

Each student will have their own folder and music (no sharing).

### Covid Protocols

Separate entrances and exits will be marked.

Students will sanitize or wash their hands upon entering the music room.

### Cleaning

Chairs, stands and touch points will be sanitized between classes (students may be asked to help).

### Change Rooms

Change rooms will be off limits to students outside of class time.



## Choral Class Guidelines

### Spacing

Students will be spaced two meters apart as per SHA guidelines.

### Masks

Masks **must** be worn during class/rehearsal time.

### Music

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# Class and at home instruction

## Choir

A Google classroom will be created for both Meistersingers (Choral 10/20/30) and Vocal Jazz (Vocal Jazz 10/20/30)

At home learning will consist of listening journals, personal practice of group repertoire, written assignments, and reflections.

Smart music, Note Flight and Soundtrap subscriptions will be provided for students for online learning as needed.

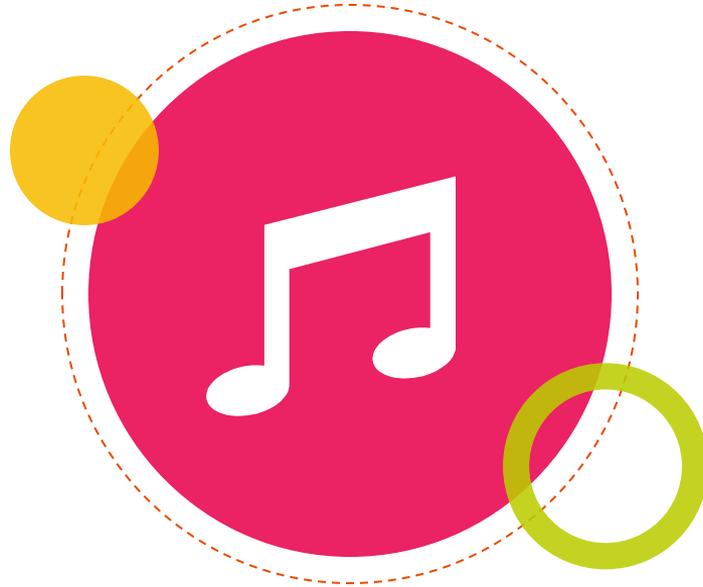
## Band

Each student will develop a **musical learning plan** for the semester with Mr. Thingelstad. Students will be encouraged to focus on an area of interest (technique, solo/small ensemble performance, sound recording/production, theory, history, composition, etc.) and will use their at home learning time to work through their plan. Regular check ins with Mr. T will occur throughout the term.

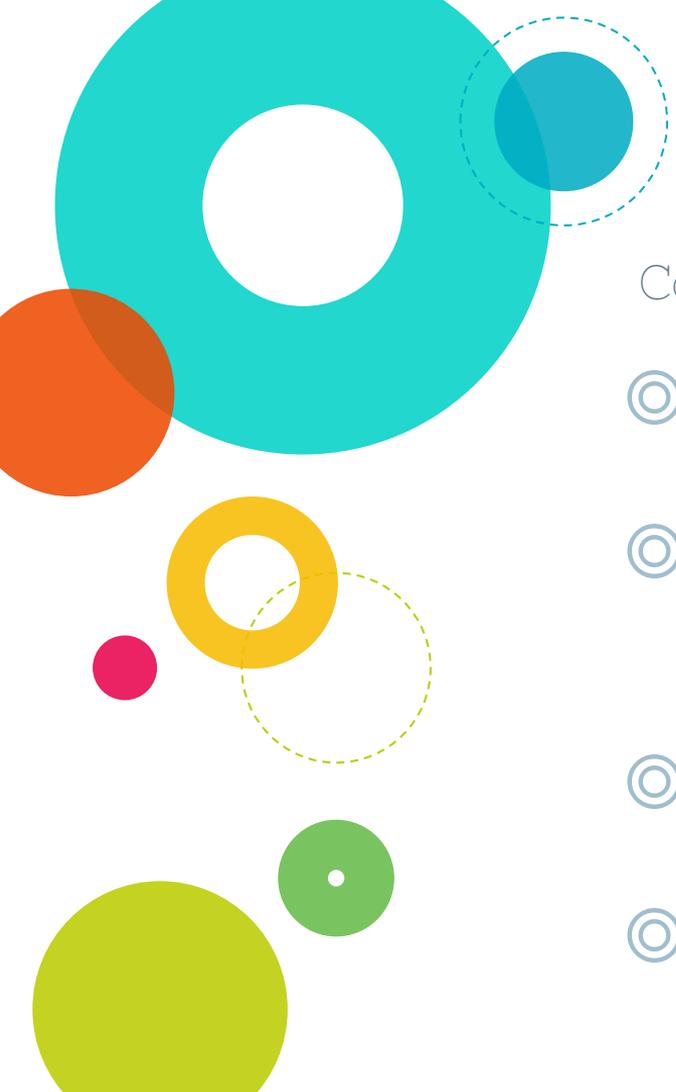
A Google classroom for each section will be updated regularly with enrichment activities for students to engage with.

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# Fluid

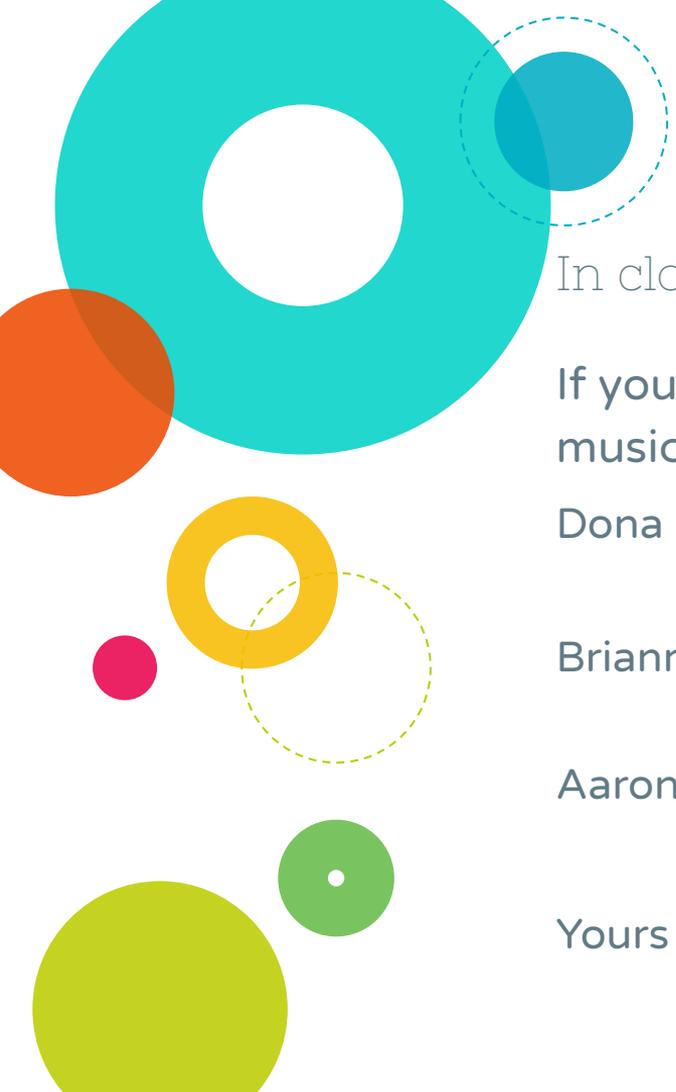


A person, thing or situation that moves or changes easily.



Co-curricular experiences

- ◎ Travel is restricted at this time
- ◎ Live performances postponed until further notice
- ◎ Virtual concerts, recordings
- ◎ Online clinics/masterclasses



In closing

If you have questions or concerns regarding the back to music plan or the program in general please contact:

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Brianna Dennehy - [bdennehy13@chinooksd.ca](mailto:bdennehy13@chinooksd.ca) (after Oct. 19th)

Aaron Thingelstad - [athingelstad16@chinooksd.ca](mailto:athingelstad16@chinooksd.ca)

Yours in music: Dona, Brianna, and Aaron

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“So long as the human spirit thrives  
on this planet, music in some form  
will accompany and sustain it.”

Aaron Copland, 20th century  
composer