Information and FAQs

How is Instrumental Music Week (IMW) different from Junior Band Week (JBW)?
IMW is for high school musicians – ages 15–19, or entering grades 10, 11, or 12 in the upcoming school year or having just graduated high school. If your student participated in JBW in the past but has now aged out, this experience is for them!

How much musical experience do students need?
Students should have previous ensemble performance experience, usually a minimum of two years. If you have less experience than this, email Dr. Dylan Maddix (dmaddix@mun.ca) and Dr. Michelle Cheramy (mcheramy@mun.ca) to discuss.

Does IMW registration sell out?
No, but we do have limited space. Registrations may be considered after Monday, July 22. Email music@mun.ca to inquire.

What is the refund policy?
Prior to Friday, July 31, 2026, a refund of the full fee, less a $20 administrative fee, will be granted. Email music@mun.ca to request a refund. No refunds at all will be granted after Friday, July 31, 2026.

Where do IMW activities take place?
All IMW activities are held inside/near the MUN School of Music (M.O. Morgan Building).

What activities happen during IMW?
Students participate in a variety of ensemble experiences, including Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and chamber music. They also receive instrument-specific instruction from School of Music faculty and expert community musicians.

Do students provide their own instruments?
Yes, all students must provide their own instruments. In addition to instruments, students should bring IMW music, a notepad, and a pencil, plus the following instrument-specific gear:

- **Flute**: cleaning rod; absorbent cloth swab; soft, non-linting cloth
- **Oboe**: all reeds in a reed case; cork grease; swab
- **Clarinet**: box of reeds; cork grease; swab
- **Saxophone**: box of reeds; cork grease; swab
- **Trumpet, Euphonium, Tuba:** valve oil
- **Trombone**: slide oil
- **Percussion**: a pair of drumsticks (no other instruments required)

Will my student be required to bring a packed lunch?
Students will have a one-hour lunch break every day of IMW. Students are encouraged to bring lunches with them. There are no refrigeration facilities at IMW. Should students choose to leave the School of Music for lunch, they will need to check in when they return to IMW. *Please note that IMW is a peanut-free environment.*

What are the drop-off and pick-up times?
Students check in first thing each morning. Activities begin at 9:00am. Afternoon pick-up is 4:00pm.

What type of clothing does my student need to bring?
Comfortable clothing and footwear are ideal (t-shirt, shorts, sneakers, etc.). Our building can get very hot in the summer. We allow students to enjoy time outside each day, so please make sure your student has appropriate clothing for that day's weather forecast.

What if my student needs medication?
IMW staff will refer to the information provided on student's registration form with regards to medications. If you would like to change this information, please email music@mun.ca.

What if my student is sick?
If your student is unable to attend that day's session, please notify us by calling (709) 864-7486 or emailing music@mun.ca. If you know in advance that your student will be absent from part of or the entire day, please let us know ahead of time.