

Fine Arts News



Belmont Music Department (BMD)

What a year!

Thank you to all the staff, parents and musicians for making 2019 such a wonderful year of music. It's hard to believe a year has already flown by. Time sure does fly when you're having fun. Winter is a time for the BMD to showcase what we've been working on and this year was no different. It started off with our Drumline, R&B Band and Jazz Band raising school spirit by playing at the Pep Rally. Next up, the BMD carolers headed to Millstream Village to spread the cheer of the season with the community. Meanwhile, all musicians were hard at work preparing for the annual Winter Concert. This concert is the time for the entire BMD to put our best foot forward and show that all those early mornings and late nights paid off and boy did they! The Spotswood Gym was filled with wonderful music. From those in their first winter concert to those in their last, everyone did an amazing job to make this winter concert one to remember. A special shout out to our amazing MCs (Mrs. Fortin and Mrs. Orton) and our staff volunteers Ms. Frodsham, Ms. McKechnie, and Dayna. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who came out to see us perform!

As we head into 2020, the BMD is just ramping up! On Saturday, January 18th we have our first performance of the decade, with our Senior Winds and Concert Band 9's joining bands from across the District and Greater Victoria in our now annual "Evolution of Band Concert". The follow weekend will see our Drumline members learning from some excellent clinicians on a Saturday Retreat. On Jan. 29th the BMD will be part of a Fine Arts show for visiting grade 8 students from our Middle Schools. On Saturday, Feb. 1, our Vocal Jazz group heads to Oak Bay Highschool to take part in the Oak Bay Vocal Jazz Festival. We're then onto the 3rd Annual Choral Collaboration hosted at Belmont. Similar to the Evolution of Band, the Choral Collaboration will involve choirs from across Greater Victoria and the Island! Finally, to say goodbye to Winter, our Evening of Jazz will be held on March 5th in the theatre! Our R & B Band and Jazz Ensembles, along with student combos, will be joined by the Naden Jazz Band for a night of jazz! Here's to an amazing 2020!

Dance

The two current Belmont Dance classes are working hard to prepare for their January Dance Show! Tickets available in the office, online or at the door.

Jan 24th and Jan 25th

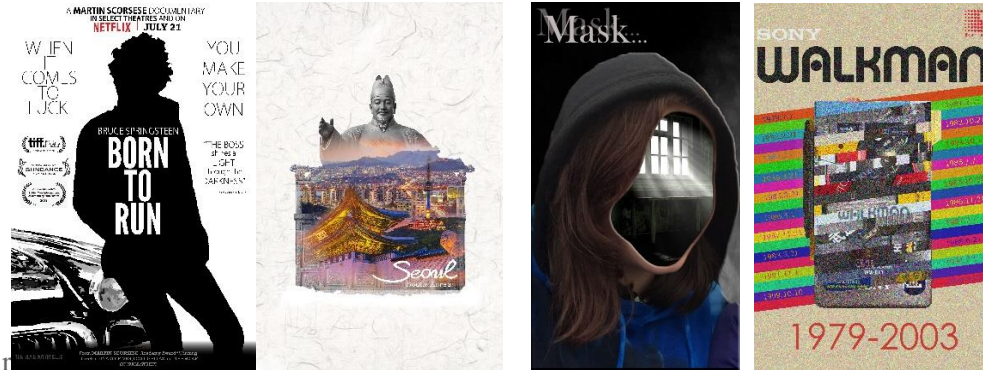
Show starts at 7:00pm; Doors open at 6:30pm

\$5 students/seniors \$10 adults



Media Design

The Media Design class is working with the Adobe Creative Suite to develop their skills as artists and graphic designers. They also spend time using digital SLR cameras, as well as learning about principles and elements of design.



Visual Arts

Highlights from Ms. Pampin's Art Classes

This semester, we explored different media, ranging from white charcoal on black paper to acrylic on large canvases. These are some of the works that students so passionately created.

