

Vanier Music

Newsletter

Bands and Choirs

October, 2016



We have a wonderful year of music making ahead of us! Please call or write any time with questions or concerns. Thank you all for being part of Vanier Music.

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Choir and Band Uniforms

The uniform for boys is a white dress shirt with collar, tie (preferably with some black or dark red hues; no novelty ties of any kind please), black dress pants, socks and dress shoes. All boys will need a black dress vest. I believe you can find new black dress vests at Sears and maybe Walmart.

The uniform for girls is black dress pants or skirt, black dress shoes (closed toe is preferable, with sensible heels as we sometimes stand for long periods of time) and our new black uniform shirt. We will try to find gently used shirts for everyone to purchase. **Everyone will need a complete uniform by Nov. 30.**

Report Cards

Band and choral classes run both semesters. Students receive mid-term marks in January. Attendance, musicianship and leadership are constantly being assessed for these evaluations, though more formal evaluations take place in January and June.

University of Regina Woodwind Day October 19th

Selected woodwind students will be attending this event and experiencing instrument specific instruction. We will leave Vanier at 11:00 AM and return by approximately 3:30. Bring a lunch. More information will go home with the selected students.

***We may need another driver. The driver would not have to stay at the event with us – just drive some students there and back. Any takers?**

Chamber Choir performance October 21st

Chamber Choir will be leading the music ministry for the end of a conference at the Heritage Inn on Friday, October 21st. We will find our own way to the Heritage Inn for 2:00. I will be driving and if anyone needs a ride we will look after it. The students will be done at approximately 3:45.

Remembrance Day Service at Mosaic Place November 11

Chamber Choir will perform again at the Remembrance Day Service at Mosaic Place. Please meet in uniform at 10:05 at the North doors. Everyone is welcome to attend this city wide ceremony.

Elementary School Tour December 9th

All musical groups will be touring the Catholic elementary schools in Moose Jaw on Friday, December 4th. Each student must pack a **bag lunch and water bottle**. Students should be **dropped off at St. Agnes School** no later than 8:25 am in uniform. They will be bused until the end of the day where they can be picked up from St. Michael School at 3:45 **and driven back to Vanier** to help unload the equipment at the Art room doors at the bottom of Henleaze Ave. There will also be a bus coming back to Vanier at 3:45. Students are not allowed to drive themselves during our tour.

***We need a parent volunteer(s) to pick up a U Haul truck or trailer**, and drive our equipment to each venue throughout this day. Students will do the loading and unloading but I need a parent to drive. If interested please contact me as soon as possible at val.mcwilliams@htcsd.ca, 693-6744, 690-7104

Rotary Carol Festival December 12th or 14th

Both Vanier Choirs are requesting to perform on either Monday December 12th or Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 at Zion United Church for this festival. We are asked to choose two possible nights so when I find out our assigned evening, I will let the students know. Like all performances, **attendance is mandatory**. Bring a water bottle. Students are required to stay for the entire performance. Parents are encouraged to join us for this lovely free evening of Christmas music.

Prairie Christmas Concert December 18th, 2016

Our BIG Christmas concert is around the corner again! Prairie Christmas XVI will be held Sunday, December 18th at Hillcrest Apostolic Church beginning at 7:00 PM. Adults are \$10 and Students and seniors are \$5 at the door.

Set up and dress rehearsal begins at 2:00. All students must be available for the both the afternoon and the evening. **Students are asked to bring a small plate of baking/treats to the afternoon rehearsal.** We will use them for our refreshments at the concert.

Parent Help

If you are able to help with set up/take down, refreshments, tickets, publicity, or silent auction please let me know. This is a fabulous evening to showcase our kids. Please lend a hand if you are able and call or write me val.mcwilliams@htcsd.ca or 693-6744.

We have a lovely large class of talented grade 9 and 10 musicians and it would be great to have some new parent helpers! Many hands make light work!

Band Registration forms

Forms and the \$40 yearly participation fee for Band are past due. Forms can be found on the HTCS D website. Forms and fees go directly to the Catholic Education Centre, or may be handed in at the Vanier office. Please note that cheques are payable to Holy Trinity Catholic School Division, not to Vanier Collegiate. **School Instrument Rental fee** is required If your child is using an instrument from the school. Please call Mrs. Mc with any questions. The fee per school year is \$100 made payable to Holy Trinity Bands. Thanks!

Spring Tour for Bands and Choirs

Sometime later next semester we will be having our spring music tour. All music groups travel together for this awesome Thursday to Sunday music and fun filled experience. We perform as many times as we can and we usually either have clinics or attend a festival. When the specifics have been finalized I will send a note home. My estimate for the cost of this trip is \$300.00 per student. All students are expected to participate in these group building, educational trips. As always, cost should not deter any student from participating so if there is a problem with the fee, please see me privately.

