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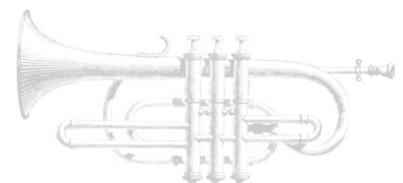


Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is an exciting time in the Vanier Collegiate music department as we continue to prepare for upcoming festivals, performances, and the music tour to Edmonton in May. Thank you to everyone who has supported our students participating in the fundraising campaigns, and please watch for other opportunities to fundraise over the next couple of months. If your student still has fundraising owing, please have them turn this in to the music office as soon as possible.

If you have not yet done so, please have a parent or guardian email or contact Mrs. McWilliams or myself to inform us of your intent to attend the trip to take place May 25th through the 28th. This is necessary for determining the cost of buses, hotel rooms, meals, etc. Though you may have mentioned it to us in person, we need to have this confirmed by a parent or guardian. **Your trip deposit of \$50 is due at the main office by April 3rd** to hold your seat on the bus. The remaining balance will be due May 15th. The original information newsletter is also still available on the Vanier home page.

There are a few important dates to keep in mind before the trip:



Music Festival Performances:

Concert Choir at Zion United Church **Tuesday, March 28th, 9:30AM**

Chamber Choir at Zion United Church **Tuesday, March 28th, 10:30AM**

*Please meet at Zion at 8:45 for warm up. A bus will be scheduled to take the concert choir students back to Vanier following their performance. Chamber Choir members will organize their own rides back to Vanier.

Evening choral performance (Both choirs) at Zion United Church **Tuesday, March 28th, 7:00PM**

Wind Ensemble at Peacock Collegiate **Monday, April 3rd at 8:30PM**

*Please meet in the Peacock Collegiate Band Room at 7:30PM

Jazz Band **Tuesday, April 4th at 3:00PM**

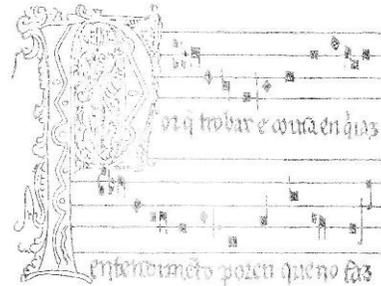
Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival performances:

Concert Choir at Zion **May 16th at 10:30AM**

Chamber Choir at Zion **May 16th at 2:00PM**

Wind Ensemble at Mae Wilson **May 18th at 8:30AM**

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Please be reminded that the Vanier music uniform is required for performances:

*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.

Please see Mr. Powley and Mrs. Leptick if you are missing uniform pieces.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Music Festival operations April 1st – 9th as a door attendant or secretary, please go to <http://signup.com/go/MQDtFM> to view a list of vacancies.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Vanier music department!

Carter Powley, Interim director of bands and choirs