

April 11, 2017



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild spring and preparing for a restful Easter break. I would like to congratulate all of the award winners and participants in the 2017 Moose Jaw Music Festival. It was an exciting couple of weeks of outstanding soloists and ensembles as well as inspiring and energizing clinics. Thank you for all you do to support our students in their musical growth and enrichment. We're still the 'Band City'!

I think the students are feeling well equipped as we prepare some new music for the upcoming 68<sup>th</sup> annual Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival (<http://mjbandfestival.com/>) May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Our performances and clinics are as follows:

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Concert Choir, 10:30AM @ Zion United Church**

**\*Students will leave Vanier by bus at 9:15.**

9:30 Warm up in basement

10:30 Performance and clinic

11:30 Return to Vanier by bus

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Chamber Choir, 2:00PM @ Zion United Church**



**\*Students will be responsible for arranging transport to and from Zion**

1:00 Warm-up in basement

2:00 Performance and clinic

3:00 Dismissal from Zion

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Wind Ensemble, 8:30AM @ Mae Wilson Theatre**

**\*Students will need to be dropped off at the theatre**

7:40 Warm-up on stage

8:30 Performance and Clinic

9:30 Return to Vanier by bus

Evening concerts that week are Monday at 7:00 featuring "Stadacona Soul", Tuesday at 6:30 and 8:00 with the Saskatchewan Youth Choir, and Wednesday is the Swift Current Jazz Orchestra at 6:30 and 8:00. Family and friends are of course welcomed and encouraged to watch the performances and clinics!

On **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** the Chamber Choir has been invited to perform at Providence Place at 2:30 PM for their annual volunteer appreciation event. We will travel to and from Providence Place by bus. Information to follow.

### **Music tour 2017**

Thank you for confirming your student's intent to participate in the trip and for submitting trip deposits.

Trip itinerary and student balances & amounts owing will be available shortly.

A parent/guardian meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:00PM** in the Vanier library.

The year-end music concert will be held the evening of **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the Mae Wilson Theatre. Dress rehearsals and equipment hauling will begin at 2:00 that afternoon.

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

Carter Powley

Interim director of band and choirs