

Vanier Music

Newsletter Bands and Choirs October, 2017

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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.

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 to purchase a vest. I believe you can find new black dress vests at 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). All girls will need a black choir shirt. An order form will be sent home in the coming weeks. **Everyone will need a complete uniform by Nov. 20.**

Band Registration forms

Forms and yearly participation fee for Band is 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

If your child is using an instrument from the school a rental fee is required. Please call Mrs. Mc with any questions. The fee per school year is \$100 made payable to Holy Trinity Roman Catholic School Division. 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 music and culture 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 next semester I will send a note home. My guess for the cost of this trip is \$350.00 per student. As always, cost should not deter any student from participating so if there is a problem with the fee, please see me privately.

Upcoming Performances

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 8th

All musical groups will be touring the Catholic elementary schools in Moose Jaw on Friday, December 4th. Each student must pack a **bag lunch**. 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. 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. 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

Rotary Carol Festival December 11th, 12th or 13th

All Vanier Choirs will be performing on either Monday December 11th, Tuesday, December 12th, or Wednesday December 13th at 7:00 at Zion United Church for this festival. When I find out our assigned evening, I will let the students know. As in all performances, **attendance is mandatory**. Students will be required to stay for the entire performance and parents are encouraged to be part of the audience for this lovely evening of Christmas music.

Prairie Christmas Concert December 17th

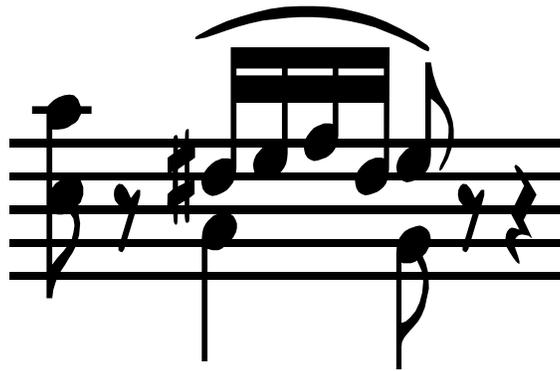
Our BIG Christmas concert is around the corner again! Prairie Christmas XVII will be held Sunday, December 17th at Hillcrest Apostolic Church beginning at 7:00 PM. Adults are \$10 and students and seniors are \$5 at the door.

All students are asked to bring a small plate of baking to the afternoon rehearsal. We will use them for our refreshments at the concert.

All Vanier band and choir students should be available for set up and for a dress rehearsal that afternoon any time after 2:00 Sunday, December 17th and parents, please read on...

Parent Volunteers

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 are hoping for some new faces to help.



Audience needed

November 17th and 18th, Hope to see you all at the Musical performance in conjunction with the drama department at the Mae Wilson Theatre. Performing are students who have auditioned and have been working outside of regular band and choir classes to put together this celebration of musical theatre and excellence in performing arts. Hope to see you there!



"We have never discovered a culture on this planet-past or present-that doesn't have music, art and dance." ~ David Sousa