



# Springfield Collegiate Institute

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Each year, the Springfield Collegiate Institute Band Program strives to provide a wide variety of meaningful musical experiences for our students. Activities in and outside of the band room not only develop musicianship, but also foster citizenship, teamwork, problem-solving, and lifelong learning skills.

I am excited to share details about our **Western Canada trip**, scheduled for **Wednesday, April 8 through Sunday, April 12, 2026**.<sup>1</sup> This trip promises to be a rich, educational, and fun experience, with opportunities for performances, clinics, and team-building across several cities in Western Canada. While the itinerary is still **preliminary**, highlights include:

- Clinics and performances for **SCI Ensembles** in **Regina, Calgary, and Banff**
- A **jazz performance** at [Calgary's Central Library](#)
- Visits to [Sulphur Mountain Gondola](#) and [Banff Hot Springs](#), and for some students, an exhilarating **hike up Tunnel Mountain**
- A **special dinner theatre experience** at [Jubilations](#), where students may participate in on-stage moments

Our goal is for as many students as possible to attend. Full ensemble participation is expected for performances, and students who have been active and engaged in the program throughout the year are encouraged to take part. Final decisions about which ensembles will participate will be based on a number of factors, including student interest, budget considerations, and the availability of suitable activities.

We are now collecting commitment forms via an online **travel survey**. If you have not yet completed the survey, I kindly ask that you do so by October 15 (link to the form can be found [HERE](#)). This form is not a permission slip; it is used to gather information on student participation and any potential concerns. All responses will be held in confidence. If you have

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<sup>1</sup> Nov 30 (\$100 - deposit); Dec 31 (\$200); Jan 31 (\$200); Feb 28 (\$200); Mar (\$TBD - balance owing)





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questions or wish to provide additional context, please include it in the form or contact me directly at the school.

The estimated cost of the trip is **\$730 per student**, which includes transportation, accommodations, performances, clinics, many group activities, and a complimentary full hot breakfast at the hotels. Other meals will generally be on your own. As we get closer, a full meal-planning guide will be provided; in the meantime, families may review [last year's guide](#) for reference. Fundraising opportunities will also be made available. We are happy to announce that **we can now accept payments by e-transfer**. If students wish to apply fundraising proceeds toward the trip, please inform Mr. Crowe in writing. Because the trip cost is still an estimate and students will have fundraising opportunities, we ask families not to pay in full but instead to follow the forthcoming payment schedule which will be released in mid-October.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support and fundraising efforts of our music parents and the wider band community. These contributions help make trips like this possible and allow students to participate in experiences that are both educational and memorable.

Please mark **January 12, 2026** on your calendars. This 6:30PM meeting for all band parents/guardians/caregivers will review trip details and answer questions. Attendance is strongly encouraged as important information will be shared. The Zoom link to the meeting is [HERE](#). Our monthly SMA/SMPA meeting will take place immediately after.

Further details and updates will be posted on the **SCI Band website**: <https://sciband.wixsite.com/sciband>.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting and enriching trip for all students.

Sincerely

Greg Crowe

