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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

Each year, the Springfield Collegiate Institute Band Program strives to provide a variety of meaningful musical experiences for our students. Activities both inside and outside of the band room develop musicianship while also fostering citizenship, teamwork, problem-solving, confidence, and lifelong learning.

This year, we are exploring several travel opportunities for our ensembles. Each offers a different combination of musical, educational, performance, and social experiences. Because participation, transportation, accommodation, and other costs vary considerably between events, we are asking families to provide input early in the planning process.

Jazz Camp – January 8–10, 2027

Our jazz students will have the opportunity to participate in a weekend jazz camp at Camp Assiniboia. This experience will focus on ensemble playing, improvisation, clinics, and intensive musical development while also providing students with an opportunity to build relationships with other young musicians.

Brandon Jazz Festival – March 18–19, 2027

SCI's Junior and Senior Jazz Bands are currently registered to participate in the Brandon Jazz Festival. The festival provides students with valuable performance and clinic opportunities and allows them to experience one of Manitoba's premier student jazz events. We are also excited about the possibility of returning with our friends and colleagues from SMS.

Western Canada Band Trip – May 15–19, 2027

We are also developing a larger Western Canada trip that would take our students to Brandon, Regina and Moose Jaw. Preliminary plans include clinics and performances in Brandon and Regina, festival performances in Moose Jaw, and a variety of educational and cultural activities. Potential highlights include performances at the Mae Wilson Theatre, Moosic in the Park, and Peacock Centennial Auditorium, as well as visits to the Tunnels of Moose Jaw and the RCMP

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Heritage Museum/Depot. We are also exploring the possibility of attending or participating in an RCMP parade performance.

The itinerary and details of this trip are still preliminary and will be subject to availability, final costs, and approval from the school division.

Student Participation

Our goal is for as many students as possible to participate in these valuable experiences. 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 regarding which ensembles will participate in each opportunity will be based on a number of factors, including student interest, budget, transportation, availability of suitable activities and performance opportunities, and the overall feasibility of each trip.

Parent Input

We will soon be collecting information through an online travel survey. We ask that you complete this short survey at your earliest convenience to assist us with our planning. Your responses are extremely important as we determine the viability of each opportunity, establish accurate student numbers, develop budgets, and determine which ensembles will travel.

The survey is not a permission slip or a final commitment. It is intended to help us understand your family's level of interest, identify potential concerns, and allow us to plan responsibly. All responses will be treated confidentially.

As plans develop, families will receive detailed information about dates, itineraries, costs, payment schedules, fundraising opportunities, and other expectations before final commitments are required.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our music parents and the wider SCI band community. The support and fundraising efforts of our families help make these experiences possible and allow our students to participate in musical opportunities that extend well beyond the classroom.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider these opportunities and provide your input. We are excited about the possibilities ahead and look forward to creating more meaningful musical experiences for our students this year.

Further information and updates will be posted on the SCI Band website.

Sincerely



Greg Crowe