

Springfield Collegiate Bands

at the

"The Cantando Festival".

January 10, 2024

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

The Springfield Collegiate Senior Concert Band, Grade 10 Concert Band, and Senior Jazz Band have been invited to participate in the "[Cantando Festival](#)" in Edmonton, Alberta.

The "Cantando Festival" brings together top school and community choirs and bands. The festival restricts the number of ensembles in order to guarantee maximum educational opportunities for the students. The students perform for excellent adjudicators, attend workshops and concerts, and hear some of the best ensembles in Canada.

The festival is being held at the Winspear Centre and OSPAC. Our groups are planning to travel by bus leaving on **Friday, April 12 at 9:00 am** and return home at approximately **11:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17**. A proposed itinerary can be found [HERE](#).

Recreation

For the majority of our trip the students will be involved in festival activities. We treat this festival as a professional conference, and we expect all students to do the same. During the trip we do devote some time to recreation as a reward for a job well done and as a way of building group spirit. Several excellent options have been arranged for the students:

- Mayfield Dinner Theatre: [Grease](#)
- [Telus World of Science](#)
- West Edmonton Mall ([Galaxyland](#) or [World Waterpark](#))

Cost and Methods of Payment

The cost of the trip, which includes bus, accommodation, festival fees, travel insurance, breakfast¹ and recreation activities is **\$750.00/student**. The students can pay for the trip either by post dated cheques, fund raising, or a combination of both (please do not send cash). All payments and forms should be given to Mr. Crowe as per the schedule below.

The Music Boosters will have an account for each student. These accounts will hold the amounts each individual has raised through fundraising projects prior to the trip. Deposit cheques should be made out to **Springfield Collegiate**.

¹ Some breakfasts are included - see attached

Schedule for Forms and Payment

The following schedule for forms and payment is required for us to meet our expenses along the way. We encourage the use of post-dated cheques to help make collecting money easier for Mr. Crowe and the clerical staff

January 31, 2023

- \$200.00 (deposit #1 - please do not send cash)
- Forms (IJOA-E6 (consent/medical) and the Travel Guidelines)

February 28

- \$200.00 (deposit #2 - please do not send cash)

April 5

- Financial Form
- Balance Owing

Total \$750.00

Please return the attached forms, with the deposit to **Mr. Crowe** by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Cantando Festival 2024 Other Information

Info at Your Fingertips

Should you have a question or need information, students and parents/guardians are invited to visit the SCI Edmonton Band Trip website.

<https://sciband.wixsite.com/sciband/edmonton-2024>

Parent/Guardian Meeting

Please mark **Monday, January 22, 2024** on your calendar. This will be a meeting for all parents about the SCI trip to Edmonton. The meeting will take place via Zoom link and will **begin at 6:30 pm**. We encourage all parents/guardians to attend as important information will be distributed by teachers and administration. **The SMA/SMPA meeting will begin immediately following the parent meeting at 7:00 pm.**

What to Bring

Make sure first and foremost you have all necessary equipment for all your performances. Ensure your instrument(s) are in top working order, and you personally have made sure you have your sheet music and all other accessories. Percussion students are ALL responsible for the equipment belonging to Springfield Collegiate.

Meals

You are on your own for meals. There are some options close to the festival site. There is a large grocery store about ten minutes from the hotel and a convenience store across the street. We recommend approximately \$30.00 per day as a minimum guideline. Please see the attached meal planning supplement (digital version [HERE](#)). Don't forget to eat.

Room Checks

Each room will be assigned to one chaperone. Don't leave in the morning until you have had a room check. Keep things extra neat.

Springfield Spirit

Everyone must attend all the Springfield performances. Support each other in every possible and positive way. Springfield is a special place; let's share our spirit with the festival. Please remember to be good audience members in and out of the performance halls.

Uniforms

You will need uniforms for all your performances but not for your clinics. You will require your black collared shirt, black dress pants/dress/skirt, black shoes and black socks/leggings/tights. Ties will be given at the festival.

Medical Concerns

If you use epipens or inhalers, please ensure that you bring them and that they are functional. Students sometimes find that the altitude affects their asthma, so even if you do not use inhalers at home please have them on the trip. Chaperones are also not allowed to give out over the counter pain relief. If you think you may need these (ibuprofen etc.) please bring these as well.

Chaperones

Great chaperones can make a trip. Treat them well.

Daily Plans

When we arrive at the festival everyone will receive a program of events and concerts. There will be many different performances, workshops, and demonstrations going on simultaneously.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Springfield Music Program. Let's make this an incredible trip.

Mr. Crowe

Edmonton 2024

Information for Parents

Hotel Information

- Load busses at SCI at 9:00 AM, April 12, 2023
Departure at 10:00 PM
- Return to SCI at 11:00 PM, April 17, 2023
- Super 8 Edmonton (3610 Gateway Blvd.) Phone: 780-433-8688
- Ramada Hotel by Wyndham Saskatoon (806 Idylwyld Dr N) Phone: 306-665-6500

You can also feel free to phone the school, where cell phone numbers of the teachers and chaperones will be available.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

These guidelines are in place so that all can have an enjoyable, safe trip.

1. Students should be cooperative, courteous and maintain a positive attitude at all times.
2. Students are not to leave a group activity without permission.
3. Students should be on time for all activities.
4. Smoking normally is not allowed on school field trips, however, due to the length of this trip smoking will be allowed at designated times and in designated places only.
5. Any drug or alcohol use is strictly forbidden. Any student found in violation of this rule will face disciplinary action both on the trip, and upon returning to SCI, as per the Sunrise School Division guideline on positive behavior support.
6. No student shall return to the hotel during the day.
7. Curfews will be observed.

Please review the above guidelines with your son/daughter.

While we hope it is not necessary, any student deemed to be hindering the success of the trip through actions listed, but not limited, to the above guidelines may be sent home. Parents would be contacted before any such measures are taken. If a student is sent home, it is at their own expense, and that student will be responsible to also pay for all or part of the travel expenses for an accompanying chaperone.

I agree to the conditions set out in this letter regarding my child's conduct during the trip.

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

Meal Planning for the Edmonton Trip

Some basic info:

I've created this so students can plan accordingly for the meals for which they are responsible. From my experience (as a student, teacher and traveling musician), there are three levels of meal expenses for trips like this. Please use this information to plan accordingly.

- 1) Students can save a fair deal of money if they take advantage of the grocery stores near the hotel/bus stops and avoid eating at restaurants. (\$)
- 2) Eating at food courts and other fast food fare can be affordable and is a nice "in-between." (\$\$)
- 3) Eating in sit-down restaurants (especially in 'touristy' areas like the West Edmonton Mall) can have inflated prices and a suggestion (or obligation) to tip. (\$\$\$)

April 12

Lunch (in Brandon)

- Tim Horton's (\$\$)
- McDonald's (\$\$)

Supper (in Regina)

- Various options²

Students are advised to consider buying some foods for a snack, both for the evening of the 12th and for in between breakfast & lunch on the 13th as lunch on the 13th will be late (see the [proposed itinerary](#)).

April 13

Breakfast (in Saskatoon)

- Full hot breakfast available in the hotel (no cost)

Lunch (in Edmonton, near the hotel)

- Denny's (\$\$)
- H-mart (\$)
- BBQ Chicken (\$\$)
- Boardwalk Burgers (\$\$)
- T&T Supermarket (\$)
- Harvey's (\$\$)

Supper (in Edmonton)

- Various options³

² Options will include fast food restaurants (\$\$) and sit-down restaurants (\$\$\$). Specifics will depend on the location where the bus stops.

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April 14

Breakfast (in Saskatoon)

- Full hot breakfast available in the hotel (no cost)

Lunch (in Edmonton, at/near festival site. Options below are what's available at Edmonton City Centre - the mall across from the festival site)

- A&W (\$\$)
- Basil Box (\$\$)
- District 102 (\$\$\$)
- Edo Japan (\$\$)
- KFC (\$\$)
- McDonald's (\$\$)
- New York Fries (\$\$0)
- Opa! Of Greece (\$\$)
- Press'd Sandwich Shop (\$\$)
- Shanghai 360 (\$\$)
- Tim Horton's (\$\$)

- Supper (in Edmonton)
Mayfield Dinner Theatre - all you can eat buffet (no cost [included in trip cost])

April 15

- Breakfast (in Edmonton)
- Full hot breakfast available in the hotel (no cost)

Lunch (at West Edmonton Mall)

- Several choices - please refer to [THIS WEBSITE](#) to consider your options. (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$ and \$\$\$\$)

Supper (at West Edmonton Mall)

- <please see above>

April 16

Breakfast (in Edmonton)

- Full hot breakfast available in the hotel (no cost)

Lunch (Location TBD)

- Various options

Supper (Location TBD)

- Various options