

## **LMS Music Notes 3/5 - 3/9**

Hello Music Families,

It's March already and in the blink of an eye it will be our Spring Concert Series next week! Congratulations to Band 7 and Band 8 on their fantastic performances at the BandFest Festival at UVic this past week! Both groups performed extremely well and the adjudicators commented on their incredible energy, focus, engagement, high level of playing and musicality. A big thank you to all of the parent chaperones, Mr. Powell and Mr. Spelt who came with us to BandFest! Your help and support is truly appreciated! We are looking forward to sharing their work live at Lansdowne next week. Band folks, be proud of your work!

This week has a few highlights from an organizational perspective with our tour meeting on Monday night at 6pm with LMPA to follow at 7pm, coffee orders and Red Barn for this month are due this week and this is the last week of prep for our concerts so attendance is crucial for all rehearsals.

### **Schedule**

#### **No Firebirds rehearsal this Week**

This week there will be no Firebirds band rehearsals. All students will be dismissed at the regular 2:50 dismissal time.

#### **Whistler Tour Parent Meeting - Monday, 3/5 - 6:00pm LMS Gym**

Our Tour Parent meeting will be this Monday, March 5th at 6:00pm in the Lansdowne Gym. We will cover a number of items leading up to our tour including:

- Tour itinerary
- Costs and final tour payment
- Behaviour expectations - Room checks - Hotel rules
- Departure and Arrival times from Victoria
- Questions from students and families

The meeting will last from 6:00-6:45. Attendance for this meeting is not mandatory for all families, but this is a good time to share information together and answer any questions before we leave. Tour will sneak up quickly after spring break so we are trying to be proactive and give more time rather than less.

#### **LMPA Meeting - 3/5**

Our next LMPA meeting will be this week on Monday, March 5 at 7:00pm in the Band Annex (right after the Tour Meeting). Come one, come all!

### **Reminders**

#### **Spring Music Concerts - Sounds of Spring - 3/14 & 3/15**

Our spring music concerts are next week, **Wednesday and Thursday, March 14th & 15th**, with our morning concert at 8:45am and evening concert at 7pm. Our performing groups for each day are as follows:

#### **Wednesday - 3/14**

Choir 7/8  
Choir 6  
HFC  
Traditional Jazz Band  
Falcons Concert Band  
Grade 7 Concert Band

**Thursday - 3/15**  
Symphonic Jazz Band  
Intermediate Strings  
Orchestra  
Clippers Concert Band  
Grade 8 Concert Band

Next week will have our morning sound checks and we are asking all performers to arrive early so we are ready for our concert to start at 8:50am. Please note the following morning arrival times:

**Wednesday AM**

7:35 - 7:50 Traditional Jazz  
7:55 - 8:05 HFC  
8:05 - 8:15 All Choirs  
8:15 - 8:25 Falcons  
8:25 - 8:35 Band 7

**Thursday AM**

7:40 - 7:55 Symph Jazz  
7:55 - 8:05 Int. Strings  
8:05 - 8:15 Orchestra  
8:15 - 8:25 Clippers  
8:25 - 8:35 Band 8

We have put together a document that has all the arrival times and locations for all ensembles. Please [see this attached link](#) for all the specific details of next week's arrival times.

**Music Uniforms**

As concerts are approaching, we would like to remind you of our Lansdowne Music Uniforms. Our students are expected to be dressed in all black: black shoes, black socks/leggings, black pants/skirt and their LMS Music T-Shirt. If you have any issues with your musician's uniform, please let us know ASAP so we can help if possible.

**Whistler Tour Info**

**Whistler Tour Meeting - Monday, March 5th - 6:00pm**

We will be hosting our Whistler Tour Parent/Guardian meeting this Monday, March 6th at 6:00pm in the LMS gym. This meeting is for all families who have students going on the Whistler Tour and will cover the details of the tour weekend. By this point, all students should have received and turned in their tour forms and **final payments amounts will be given at this meeting**. Attendance is not mandatory, but this meeting provides a chance to talk through the details of our tour and answer any questions you may have. Topics we will cover include:

- Tour itinerary
- Costs and final tour payment
- Behaviour expectations - Room checks - Hotel rules
- Departure and Arrival times from Victoria
- Questions from students and families

We usually hold this meeting a few weeks before tour, but with tour taking soon after we return from

Spring Break, we are going to meet earlier so not to rush when we return from break. We do have an LMPA meeting that same night at 7pm so parents are invited to join us for this meeting if interested.

### **Final Tour Payment Due next Thursday**

The final Whistler Tour payment of **\$170 is due next Thursday**. There will be more information about this payment at the tour meeting, but, if you are unable to make it, please plan on turning in this final payment next week.

### **Meeting Whistler Tour Expectations**

Each student participating in our Whistler tour must sustain the expectations we have set before the tour began. Since our first discussion of tour, we have reminded students and families that in order to participate in tour, students must maintain a good standing in the music program with regards to work ethic, attendance and attitude.

From time to time, students do struggle to keep up with these expectations or need extra support/reminders to keep up their work. If your child is not meeting tour expectations, you should have received an email stating so. Students who do not meet these expectations will be unable to attend tour and funds are no longer able to be reimbursed. If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Fundraisers**

### **BlackBear Coffee orders due this week! Wednesday, March 7**

Please turn in this month's coffee orders to the band annex lock box by this Wednesday. Coffee will be delivered before we leave for spring break.

**BlackBear Coffee** - [Click Here To Print Off Your Own Coffee Form](#)

### **Red Barn Gift Card Orders Due this week - Monday, March 5**

Please have your latest Red Barn Gift card orders turned in to the lock box in the band annex this Monday.

**Red Barn Market Gift Card Fundraiser** - [Click Here To Print Off Your Own Red Barn Form](#)

**Fairway Market Gift Card Fundraiser** - [Click Here To Print Off Your Own Fairway Form](#)

If you have any questions about Red Barn or Fairways, please contact **Janice Hawkes** at [urbanmedusahair@gmail.com](mailto:urbanmedusahair@gmail.com) or 250.885.2639

## **LMS Music Week-at-a-Glance**

### **Monday:**

7:40: Advanced Strings (Music Room)

8:00: Grade 6 Band Sectionals - Clarinets on Stage - Trumpets in Band Annex

Block 2: Snowbirds~Band 7A  
Block 3: Thunderbirds~Band 7B  
Lunch Hour: Choir 7/8

**6:00: Whistler Tour Parent Meeting (Gym)**

7:00: LMPA (Band Annex)

**Tuesday:**

7:40: Intermediate Strings (Music Room) & Traditional Jazz (Band Annex)

Block 2: Clippers~Band 6A

Block 3: Falcons~Band 6B

Lunch Hour: Higher Flyer Choir (HFC)

Block 4: Showcats~Band 8A

Block 5: Skyliners~Band 8B

3:00-4:00: **No Orchestral Winds and Percussion**

**Wednesday:**

7:40: **Full Orchestra (Band Annex)**

8:00: Grade 6 Band Sectionals - Flutes on Stage - **Trombones, Baritones & Bassoon in Music Room**

Block 2: Band 7B

Block 3: Band 7A

Lunch Hour: Grade 6 Choir (Music Annex) & Symphonic Jazz (Band Annex)

3:00-4:00: HFC (Band Annex)

**Thursday:**

7:40: Intermediate Strings (Music Room) & Traditional Jazz (Band Annex)

Block 1: Skyliners~Band 8B

Block 2: Showcats~Band 8A

Block 3: Falcons~Band 6B

Lunch Hour: Choir 7/8

Block 4: Clippers~Band 6A

**Friday:**

8:00: Grade 6 Band Sectionals - Saxophones in Music Room - Percussion in Band Annex

Lunch Hour: Symphonic Jazz (Band Annex) & Grade 6 Choir (Music Room)

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