

Cedar Hill Music Program

A Winter Celebration

Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

Cedar Hill Middle School Gym

Admission is a Non-Perishable Food Item

OR

A suggested donation of \$2/person or \$5/ Family

There will be Bake Sales, 50/50 and Raffles!



Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning Strings (Featuring Cloverdale Elementary, Doncaster Elementary, Lake Hill Elementary and Cedar Hill Middle School), Intermediate Strings, Advanced Strings, Combined Strings, Show Choir, Grade 7 Concert Band and Grade 7 Jazz Band

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Grade 6 Concert Band, Grade 8 Concert Band, Grade 8 Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Choir

All students must perform in full music uniform (Music t-shirt, black bottoms, dark shoes) and be in the music room or choir room for warm-up at 6:00 p.m. If a student needs to borrow a uniform, please see Mrs. Romphf during the school day to sign out a uniform. ***These are the end-of-term concerts so it is mandatory that students are to participate.*** If there is any reason a student is unable to make it to any performance, the student just submit an explanatory note from a parent/guardian to his/her music teacher at least 1 week before the concert date.

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Please hand in to Mrs. Romphf or Mrs. McKnight by Friday, November 28th

Student Name: _____

☐ I am able to bake something for our Concert Bake Sale and bring it to the music room the morning of the concert on: (Please circle)

Tuesdays

Wednesday

☐ I am able to volunteer at our Winter Concert(s)

☐ I am able to volunteer on Monday, December 8th to organize Purdy's Chocolate Orders

Parent Name: _____ Contact by Phone/Email: _____

Winter Concert

Yes, it's almost that time of year! Our "Winter Celebration" concert is just around the corner. Similar to last year, we have split the groups into two nights to try to keep the concerts short. You should expect each concert to run for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Student Checklist for the concert:

- Students need to be at the school by 6:00 p.m. for warm-up. *Strings students should arrive at 5:45 p.m. to allow for tuning of the instruments.
- Students must be in full concert uniform: Music t-shirt and **BLACK** pants/skirt. If your child doesn't have a music shirt, please have him/her wear a black shirt. This shirt must have no logos or other colours on it.
- Students must also check that their instrument is in good working order for the concert. If your child plays the saxophone, clarinet, oboe, or bassoon please ensure that they have at least one extra playable reed.
- Students must have their music organized at least a day in advance.

Please remember that you can pick up your Purdy's Chocolate order at our Winter Concerts!

Withdrawing from Ensembles

As it was stated in our first newsletter and upon registration, being enrolled is a year long commitment. Students are especially not allowed to withdraw in the middle of a term. We've also noticed that there are a handful of students who want to withdraw from our program during their ensemble's test week. Withdrawing from an ensemble requires consultation with the music teacher, administration and your child's classroom teacher. Please contact your child's music teacher for more information.



Concert Etiquette

Since we only have 3 major concerts a year (one for each term) and have kept each concert to the length of an hour, we ask for you to stay for the whole concert. The students have worked exceptionally hard and want to show off their work so it is a little discouraging to them when they see people leave before the concert is finished. We also ask that if you need to leave or enter the gym please do so in between pieces or during a break in the concert. Also, please remember to put any electronic devices on "silent" mode.

Ensemble Expectations and Reminders

With the arrival of cold weather and darker mornings, we would like to remind all students that ***regular attendance at all rehearsals is expected***, and an important part of being in an ensemble. The success of every ensemble depends on the commitment of all members.

Regular home practice is also essential to success in all ensembles. A few minutes of practice a day can make weeks of difference in overall achievement and progress in our music ensembles.



OPERATION SNOWBALL NIGHT

Wednesday, December 3rd
Time TBA

Operation Snowball night is a wonderful community event that helps raise funds for the food bank of Saint Vincent De Paul. Families can come in to create ornaments and crafts and donate to this wonderful charity.

Any music students who are interested in volunteering may perform Winter/Christmas tunes in groups of 2 - 4 around the school throughout this evening.

Practice Cards

Thank you music parents for encouraging your child to practice weekly and for supporting them in their musical endeavours!

Practice cards are for all concert band students and are worth 10% of your child's grade. the marking scheme is as follows:

0-49 mins/week	Emerging (0-0.5)
50-99 mins/week	Developing (1-1.5)
100-149 mins/week	Meets Expectations (1-1.5)
150 + mins/week	Exceeds Expectations (3-5)

If your child takes private lessons in a different instrument than what they play in band or is also enrolled in our strings program (i.e. piano, violin, guitar, etc.), the minutes practiced on this instrument may be included on the practice card.

Practice Cards are collected the first week of each month.

THE CEDAR HILL MUSIC WEBSITE

Our music website is a wonderful resource that parents and students can use throughout the year. Some features are our:

"News" Page - You can check this page for weekly (or almost weekly) updates, information, and to download our latest newsletters and handouts.

Students Page - Recordings of music performed as well as percussion playing tests are posted here. Students in Band, Choir and Strings may listen to these valuable recordings to help them with practicing at home!

CHMPA - The CHMPA will post meeting minutes on this page as well as information to Music Program Policies in regards to fundraising, chaperoning music trips and more!

Links - Come to this page for a list of suggested Private teachers as well as other interesting website links.

Fundraising Information

Purdy's Chocolates

All Orders are due in by ***Friday, November 14th.***

For more information and ordering instructions, please visit our website at:

<http://cedarhillmusic.weebly.com/fundraising.html>

Hillside Mall "Night of Lights" Shopping Tickets

This fundraising campaign has just started! Please hand in your envelope marked with your student's name along with the money and any extra tickets by:

Thursday, November 20th

For more information, please email Mrs. Romphf at: cedarhillmusic@gmail.com

****New Fundraiser: The Soap Exchange**

The CH Music Parent's Association (CHMPA) has been signed up for the "Clean Up Club" at the **Soap Exchange** on Hillside at Cedar Hill (1393A Hillside Ave).

A full 10% of purchases (not incl taxes) made by members is returned to the organization. **You mention "CHMPA" at time of purchase**, the sales associate records your purchase amount on the CHMPA page in a binder, and whenever the sheet is full, Soap Exchange cuts a cheque and calls the organization.

They carry "a comprehensive collection of 100% biodegradable products plus a dye and scent free range. We supply re-usable bulk and commercial packaging thereby reducing waste." Plus all products they sell are made in Canada!

<http://www.victoriasoapexchange.com/product-catalog/>

CHMPA Update

Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday, November 25th
at 7 p.m. in the Music Room

Winter Concert Volunteer Meeting

If you are interested in volunteering at our winter concerts, there will be a volunteer information meeting on **Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Music Room.

If you have any questions regarding any of the music program fundraisers or about volunteering at the Winter Concerts, please email:

email.chmpa@gmail.com

or visit our webpage at:

<http://cedarhillmusic.weebly.com/chmpa>

Funds raised through the CHMPA help subsidize music students who are in financial need for their music trips, help pay for buses for field trips, and pay for music festival fees. This year, we are focusing to raise funds to buy a valve trombone and new music chairs that will be used by all music students.