



March Band Newsletter

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to the Grade 8 Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Atelier Jazz, and Morning Jazz for their excellent performances and participation in the International Optimist Band Festival. Each ensemble performed two to three pieces and had the opportunity to work with professionals from Winnipeg, Toronto, and New Jersey to take our playing to the next level.
- Congratulations to the EVA Band Program for being awarded the prestigious George Douglas award. Each year, the Optimist Festival Committee presents this award to a school in recognition of exemplary performance, mature on and off stage presence, responsiveness to the clinics, commitment to the festival through longevity of participation, and the development of an outstanding band program.
- Congratulations to Morning Jazz and the grade 7 band students for performing at EVA's Open House. Our visitors were very impressed and encouraged to take band next year.
- Best wishes to all of the students who have submitted an audition for the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. The results will be posted Monday, March 14 on MBA website.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH/APRIL

March 17-18-Brandon Jazz Festival (Morning and Atelier Jazz)

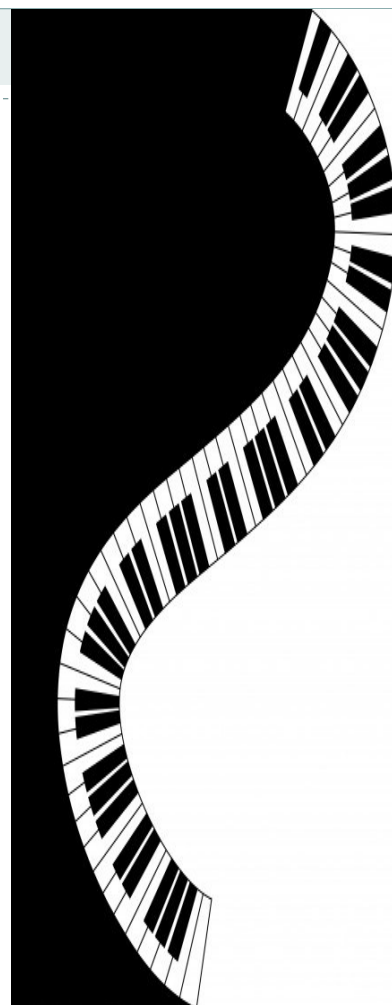
Morning and Atelier Jazz will be performing at the Brandon Jazz Festival March 17-18. Each ensemble will perform, work with professional jazz musicians, attend performances of other school's, and attend a concert featuring the Brandon University Jazz Orchestra.

Wednesday, April 13-Level One Festival (Grade 7 Concert Band)

All grade 7 band students will performing at the Level One Festival on Wednesday, April 13. The students will be performing 3 pieces and work with two clinicians on their pieces as well as fundamental skills. More information will be sent out after Spring Break.

Saturday, April 23-Bowl with the Band!

All band students and their families are invited to come out for a fun afternoon of bowling at Dakota Lanes. Bowl with the Band will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 1 pm until 3 pm. More information will be sent out after Spring Break.



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SUMMER BAND CAMP OPPORTUNITY

Starting to make plans for your summer vacation? Please consider sending your child to a summer band camp hosted by the Manitoba Band Association. Participants receive one-on-one instruction with a specialist on their instrument, full band rehearsal, jazz experience, recreational activities, and perform a concert for one week in August. As someone who has participated as both a camper and an instructor, I can speak firsthand at how great this camp is. One of the camps is at Vincent Massey and therefore in our area. Funds raised by the Band-A-Thon are used to present scholarships to students at the final band concert to assist cover the costs. For more information, please contact Mme. Nowostawski or check out the MBA website at www.mbband.org.

Did You Know...

The French horn was originally played without valves. The players had different crooks to change the key and used their hand inside the bell to change pitches, in addition to air speed and adjusting their embouchures.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all students, parents, family members and friends who continue to generously support the band program. A final total of the pledge amounts will be published in the next newsletter.

The total amount fundraised from the Band-a-Thon was just over \$2000.00! Thank you to all of the friends and family members for their support.



BAND PARENT COMMITTEE

Thank you to all parents and guardians for continuing to support our exciting program. The next Band Parent Committee Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm**. The focus of the meeting will be to plan the details of Bowl with the Band, the Spring Concert, and the Jazz Cabaret. Baked goods will be served!

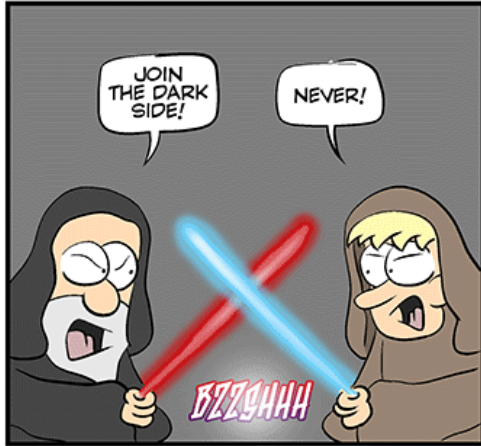


“Inspiration is an awakening, a quickening of all man’s faculties, and is manifested in all artistic achievements.”

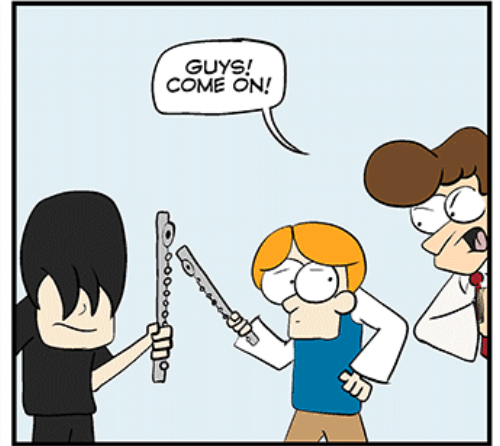
-Puccini, composer

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11	Live at Massey Hall
March 17-18	Brandon Jazz Festival
April 8	Live at Massey Hall
April 12-15	Level One Festival (Grade 7 Band Only-Date TBA)
May 5-7	Provincial Junior Honour Band
May 6	Live at Massey Hall
May 18	Spring Band Concert
May 20	Live at Massey Hall
May 30-June 3	2016-2017 Jazz Band Auditions
June 3	Live at Massey Hall
June 9	Jazz Cabaret
Thursday, June 16	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)



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