



# May Band Newsletter

## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the Grade 7 Concert Band for their participation in the Level One Festival. They performed three pieces and worked with two clinicians: Doug Breckman from Springfield Collegiate and Ginny Helmer from Lindenmeadows. The ensemble played really well and were very responsive to the clinicians. Bravo!

Thank you to the students and families that came out to Bowl with the Band! We had about 60 people in total and great fun was had by all.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY/JUNE

### Friday, May 6-Band Scholarship Applications Due

A reminder that those interested in applying for a scholarship for attending a summer band camp, the applications are due on Friday, May 6.

### May 5-7-Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band

Best wishes to Joseph Nardella, Josh Atayan, Sarah Bell, and Olivia Ballantine-Todd who will be participating and performing with the MB Provincial Honour Band this coming weekend. They will be rehearsing with Taylor Schmidt from Dauphin Collegiate for three days and then performing a concert.

### Sunday, May 15- Winnipeg Wind Ensemble Concert

Best wishes to Jordie Ouellet, Joseph Nardella, Josh Atayan, Annie Jiang, Conor Anderson, and Sarah Bell who will be performing with the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble at its final concert of the season on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm at MBCI.

### Wednesday, May 18-Final Band Concert

All band students will be performing at the spring concert on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm. The concert will include performances by both concert bands, all three jazz bands, the Symphonic Band, and the percussion ensemble. The concert will be at Vincent Massey at 7 pm. Free ice cream sundaes will be served following the concert. We are looking for volunteers to help serve the ice cream and help with other jobs. If you are available to help out, you can sign up at: <http://vols.pt/mTSTkb>

### Thursday, June 9-Jazz Cabaret

We are looking forward to the upcoming Jazz Cabaret on Thursday, June 9. Tickets will be on sale starting June 1. Cake and coffee will be served. Junior, Morning, and Atelier Jazz will perform. We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with the evening. Please visit the following link to sign up: <http://vols.pt/yEof77>.



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## Did You Know...

*The average trumpet is made of approximately 6 1/2 feet of tubing.*



# SPRING CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

7 PM

VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE

We are so excited to be having a school-wide spring concert on Wednesday, May 18! It will take place at Vincent Massey Collegiate at 7 pm. The concert will feature:

- Grade 7 Concert Band
- Grade 8 Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Grade 5/6 Choirs
- Percussion Ensemble
- Junior, Morning, and Atelier Jazz Bands

Free ice cream sundaes will be served following the concert to all students and their families!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with serving the ice cream sundaes and a few other small tasks. To sign up, please visit:

<http://vols.pt/mTSTkb>

We appreciate any help that you are able to offer!





JAZZ CABARET  
THURSDAY, JUNE 9  
7 PM  
EVA GYMNASIUM

Our annual Jazz Cabaret will take place on Thursday, June 9 at 7 pm in the EVA gymnasium. Junior, Morning, and Atelier Jazz will perform as well as a jazz ensemble from Vincent Massey.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and each ticketholder will receive a piece of cake and coffee/tea/juice. Tickets may be pre-ordered will be on sale starting Monday, June 1.

We are looking for parents who can help serve cake, sell tickets, and help with a few other jobs. If you are able to help out, you may sign up at:

<http://vols.pt/yEof77>

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time!



# 2016-2017 JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS

Assuming that the teacher who replaces me continues teaching Morning and Atelier Jazz, the following process will occur for the jazz band auditions:

Auditions for the grade 7 students to be part of jazz band during the 2016-2017 school year will take place the week of May 30-June 3 at lunch. All students must audition but the auditions are to determine placement and everyone will have an opportunity to be a part of a jazz band if they are willing to be a part of either jazz ensemble. There are two jazz ensembles to audition for:

- **Morning Jazz:** This ensemble rehearses Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am for an hour. Students receive a grade for this class in addition to their band mark. Any instrument will be accepted. This ensemble will learn and perform music slightly easier than Atelier Jazz.
- **Atelier Jazz:** This ensemble rehearses during the grade 8 atelier periods all year round. Students will receive a grade for this class in addition to their band mark. Only traditional jazz instruments will be accepted into this ensemble: saxophone, trombone, trumpet, piano, drum set, auxiliary percussion, bass guitar, and electric guitar. Atelier Jazz performs music that is a little more advanced than Morning Jazz.

Students who successfully audition for Atelier Jazz and who decide to also participate in Morning Jazz will automatically receive 100% as their jazz mark as they will be going over and above the expectations.

The auditions will consist of two components: one solo piece and two full ensemble pieces. Each student will need to prepare a solo piece to perform for Mme. Nowostawski on his/her own. Students will then need to prepare the full band pieces for last day and will be put in different arrangements so that Mme. Nowostawski can hear the best arrangements of students to create the bands. The students will have one week to prepare the audition material. The audition schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, May 30 at 11:30 am: Saxophones/Flutes
- Tuesday, May 31 at 11:30 am: Trumpets/Clarinets
- Wednesday, June 1 at 11:30 am: Trombones
- Thursday, June 2 at 11:30 am: Piano/Drums/Bass Guitar/Electric Guitar
- Friday, June 3 at 11:30 am: All students

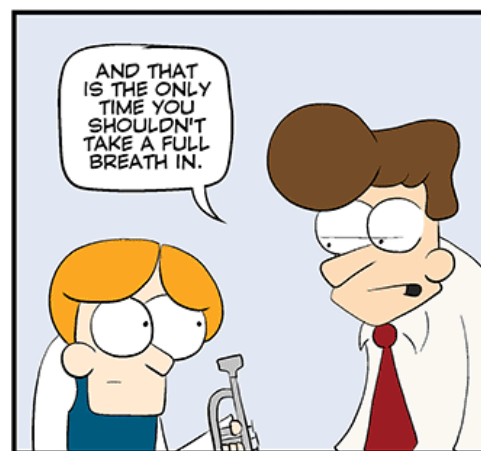
If students are auditioning to play an instrument different than the one that they play in concert band, they may choose to audition either on their concert band instrument or on the new jazz instrument. Students may be asked to play their secondary instrument if possible. Results will be posted by the end of the day on Friday, June 3.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 6	Summer Band Camp Scholarship Applications Due
Friday, May 6	Live at Massey Hall
Wednesday, May 18	Final Band Concert (7 pm at Vincent Massey)
May 30-June 3	2016-2017 Jazz Auditions
Wednesday, June 1	Jazz Cabaret Tickets go on sale
Thursday, June 9	Jazz Cabaret (7 pm)
Thursday, June 16	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)



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