

January 10th 2012

Dear Band Directors

The SBA and SMEA are combining their efforts to put on the Junior Honour Band weekend. The two-day event will be taking place on Friday, March 9th and Saturday, March 10th in Saskatoon. It is designed to create an enriched musical experience for talented young musicians in our province. We are looking for students that are playing at a grade 2 level (generally grade 8 students). These students should be keen and looking for an amazing musical experience.

Communication will be taking place through email. Please forward this information to any other band directors you know who might be interested. They are welcome to join either organization in order for their students to participate.

Where: Tommy Douglas Collegiate, Saskatoon

When: Friday, March 9th and Saturday, March 10th 2012.

Who can Participate: This project is intended for band students in grade 8. Band directors in the Northern half of the province (all school divisions north of Davidson) are invited to nominate a maximum of 5 students who are in their third year (or more) of playing and show strong musical ability. Exceptional second year players (grade 7 students) can also be chosen by the band director. Please recommend students from all instrumental families to help achieve a balanced band.

Student Commitment: We ask that the students you select take the responsibility to learn the basics of their music (correct rhythms and notes) with your assistance and professional guidance, prior to the event. **It is important that you speak with the students prior to recommending them to see if they can participate in the weekend. Students that are accepted must participate in the entire weekend. A student dropping out at the last minute leaves a vacancy that could have been filled by another student.**

Format: During the two days the students will experience sectionals and full band rehearsals. The weekend will conclude with a public concert on Saturday at 3:00pm.

Cost: All students that are recommended need to send a cheque for \$50 to register for the event. This includes a T-shirt, CD of the concert, and two lunches. Concert admission will be by silver collection. Students are responsible for their own transportation, other meals and accommodation. **IF A STUDENT IS NOT ACCEPTED THEIR CHEQUE WILL BE VOIDED AND SENT BACK TO THEM.**

Accommodations: Accommodations will be the responsibility of the student and their parents. Please note that students will be supervised during all Junior Band activities during the day. There will not be chaperones during the night. If a child is residing in a hotel overnight, a parent is required to stay with the child.

Student Selection Process: After February 1st, the organizational committee will meet and work to create a 60-piece balanced band with as much representation from across northern Saskatchewan as possible. Please note that this may mean not all of the students you recommend will participate in Saskatchewan Junior Band. Band directors will be notified of the student participation list in early February.

Band Director Involvement:

1. Please distribute the forms that are attached to the students you have selected as soon as possible. Please select a maximum of 5 students. Please select only one student per instrument.
2. Physically mail all of your student's forms with cheques attached. Please have them post marked by January 31st.

Please mail to:

**Ecole Sister O'Brien School
c/o Lee Adams
451 Silverwood Rd.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
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We look forward to receiving your list of students and having them participate in Saskatchewan Junior Band. Please feel free to contact Lee Adams should you have further questions or concerns about registrations (306-244-5333 or LAdams@gscs.sk.ca).

Sincerely,

The Saskatchewan Junior Band NORTH committee

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