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Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Honor Band South
March 15 & 16, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on having an accomplished young musician in your family. Receiving this letter means your band director is very pleased with the progress your child is making. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your child to develop their musical abilities.

The Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Honour Band South Program provides an enrichment experience for exceptional band students from across Southern Saskatchewan. It is offered as a joint project between the Saskatchewan Band Association and the Saskatchewan Music Educators Association.

If you are interested in having your child participate, you are asked to visit the Saskatchewan Band Association's website: <https://www.saskband.org/Honour-Bands> to complete the online application form & payment. **The Participant Application deadline is December 21, 2018.**

If your child is selected to participate, they will be notified through your band teacher by the beginning of February, once the student selection process is complete.

When:	Friday, March 15 - 3:30pm – 8:30pm Saturday, March 16 - 9:00am – 8:30pm (Public Concert in the evening)
Where:	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School, 2330 – 25 th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan
Format:	During the two days, students will experience sectionals and full band rehearsals. The weekend will conclude with a public concert on Saturday at 7:00pm.
Cost:	A \$65 registration fee which includes a t-shirt as well as supper on both Friday and Saturday. Admission to the concert will be by silver collection. Payment must be made as part of the online application process. If your child is not selected to participate, your payment will be refunded in full. Students are responsible for their own transportation, additional meals, and accommodations.
Commitment:	Students will receive their music by mid-February, and are expected to practice their music ahead of time to ensure a basic grasp of the notes and rhythms.
Selection Process:	Once all applications are received, students from across Southern Saskatchewan will be selected to participate in the Saskatchewan Junior & Intermediate Honour Bands. The organizers will be striving for a 75-piece band with balanced instrumentation. <i>Unfortunately this may mean that not all students who apply will be selected to participate.</i>

Accommodations:	Families will be responsible for their own accommodations and transportation during the weekend. Please note - students will be supervised during all scheduled activities.
Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:	1. Please visit https://www.saskband.org/Honour-Bands . Select the correct Participant Application link (Junior for grade 7 & 8 students, Intermediate for students in grade 9 & 10) for your child. Payment of \$65 fee will be required at the time of the application. If selected, the fee is not refundable; if <u>not</u> selected, the fee will be fully refunded. Applications without payment will not be accepted.
	2. Please ensure your child is able to attend all scheduled activities . Cancellations or missed rehearsals mean that the opportunity to play in this band is taken away from another deserving student.
	3. Please ensure your child has transportation to and from the venue. The itinerary will be emailed with the music in mid-February and will provide exact times.
	4. Your child will need to bring a reusable water bottle for the weekend as well as a bag lunch and other snacks for Saturday.

Thank you for your support of band music development! We look forward to welcoming as many wonderful young musicians as part of the Junior and Intermediate Honour Bands as possible. Year after year students and Band Directors comment on how positive the experience is for all involved, we are confident 2019 will be another successful year.

If you need assistance completing the Participant Application please contact us at admin@saskband.org.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Gorman
 CEO
 Saskatchewan Band Association