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Happy Holidays!

Hello again and welcome back to the SHDHS Music Department Newsletter. Allow me to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

We have been making a lot of great music so far this year, and we look forward to continuing that trend in the coming months. Thank you all for supporting our musical endeavors thus far.

It is our hope that through this publication, we might better communicate with Parents and Students as to the current goings-on inside our very busy department.

The very best way to keep informed of what's happening in the department on a day-to-day basis is to check the music department website at www.mrmoore.ca. This website is full of useful information such as upcoming music events, rehearsal schedules,

information about our trip to Ottawa and many other useful tidbits of information that may be of interest to you. These newsletters will be exclusively posted in electronic form on the music website as well, in hopes of saving paper!

I ask that you check the site regularly, and while you're there please click the link in the top left corner (under Parent Zone) for "parental survey". Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey in hopes that we can stay better connected about your child's progress in music classes. It's very simple to enter and submit the survey online.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 519-235-0880 or by email at isaamoor@fc.amdsb.ca.

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Upcoming Events

- Sun. February 24 - Spring Concert (2pm, Lg Gym)
- March 3-5 Musicfest London
- April 19 & 20 Cabaret (Lg. Gym)
- May 13-16 Musicfest Nationals, Ottawa
- Tuesday, June 3 Final Concert (7pm, Lg Gym)

Music Trip Update

The SHDHS Music Trip to Ottawa this year is shaping up to be a great time away. With close to 100% student involvement, this promises to be one of the best and largest-scale trips ever by an SHDHS performing group. The full proposed itinerary is posted on the main website. Just click the link for "Music Trip Information" on the left pane and you'll find the itinerary posted there.

The total cost for students is \$550. The music department is helping to subsidize the cost of the trip, so please be aware that the actual cost measures well above that, and we are helping each student by bringing that cost down

to \$550. Almost every band student has given me a deposit of \$100, and now the rest of the payment needs to come in. I'm asking that the rest of your payment please be submitted on the following schedule:

Payment 1 - Deposit - \$100 (paid)

Payment 2 - Before Dec 21 - \$250

Payment 3 - Before March 6 - \$200

Thank you for your attention to meeting these payment deadlines. If you have any questions or concerns about this schedule, please drop me a line.

A Note About Weather Cancellations



The SHDHS Music Department has a new policy for weather cancellations.

“Weather Cancellation information will be posted to my website by 6:30am.”

I’ve had a number of students and parents request clarification on the music department’s policies surrounding weather cancellations for early-morning rehearsals, especially considering the new early start times for Wind Ensemble and Senior Band.

The system I’ve devised is very simple. If the weather looks sketchy by any means, please check the department website at www.mrmoore.ca before leaving your house for rehearsal. If we are looking at a cancellation, I will have been given word by school administration before 6:30am, which is

before anyone should be on the road en-route to rehearsal.

Once I receive the word from administration about their recommendations surrounding our rehearsal, I will immediately post a notice on my website. I even have the ability to do this from the road via text message. I will endeavor to have that notice up by 6:30am, so if you go to the site and nothing has been posted by 6:30am, rehearsal will proceed as normal. I hope this helps to clear up any confusion around this policy.

Parents and Community Support The Huron County Christmas Bureau

This is a huge thank you to those parents and community members who came out to support our annual Christmas Concert, which we ran in support of the Huron County Christmas Bureau.

This year’s show was an absolute success, as collectively we raised over \$800 in cash and filled a huge box full of canned goods and non-perishables. Your generosity and support really does exemplify the “reason for the season”,

and we thank you very much.

The Christmas Bureau Campaign continues through to just before the Christmas holidays, so please keep your ears open for more ways to get involved with supporting this very worthy cause which helps families right here in Huron County.

The SHDHS Music Department is honoured to be a part of the fundraising campaign for this event each year.

Practice!

Students are reminded of the importance of regular practice on their instrument. Our success as a group depends on the individual efforts of each of our players. Please take the time to take your instrument and music home for practice at least once a week. The difference this will make in your contribution to our group will be overwhelming. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Attendance!

This is a reminder that regular attendance at morning rehearsals is absolutely essential to our success as performing groups. If for some reason you have to miss a rehearsal, please see your section leader and speak to Mr. Moore **in advance** to ensure that we are aware that you will be away. That said, please make your attendance as regular as possible, as we cover a lot of ground each rehearsal, and missing even one can mean you will fall significantly behind.