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Welcome Back Students!

Although it may seem like we just left for summer holidays, we are all back at South Huron and the music department is back into full swing.

We have a lot of new and exciting things planned for this year, one of which is this newly minted newsletter! Our hope as a department is to have these letters available to be sent home or viewed online periodically to update students and parents alike on upcoming events, fundraising opportunities and general news about what's happening in the music department.

The SHDHS Music department has traditionally been a very busy and exciting place to learn, and this year will be no exception. We have added two new student ensembles to our already busy rehearsal schedule this year, bringing the grand total number of ensembles to nine: Intermediate Band, Senior Band, Red Jazz, Black Jazz,

Choir, Saxophone Quartet, Percussion Ensemble, and our two new ensembles, the Wind Ensemble and the White Jazz combo.

With all of the opportunity for student involvement in the music department at SHDHS, I am very excited about the possibilities for musical and personal growth that lie within our grasp this year and I look forward to working with you on a continuous basis towards these goals.

If at any time you have questions, or concerns, please feel free to come and see me. I have an open-door policy and will do my best to make myself available to discuss whatever is on your mind. If you prefer to email, you may contact me at mrmoore@mrmoore.ca or by phone at 519-235-0880. My website is also full of useful information, and can be found at www.mrmoore.ca

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov 6 - CHSS Huron Musicfest
- ◆ Nov 18 - SHDHS Pops Concert
- ◆ Dec 5 - SHDHS Christmas Concert

Dear Parents

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep parents and students alike informed of what's happening in the department and to celebrate some of the great things that your kids are doing in the school and for their community.

The 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 like upcoming music events, rehearsal schedules, payment schedules for our trip to

Ottawa (more about this inside) and many other useful tidbits of information that may be of interest to you. These newsletters will be posted in electronic form on the music website as well.

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 isaamoore@fc.amdsb.ca. I look forward to an exciting year of making music and working with you all.

SHDHS invited to attend Musicfest Canada



MusicFest Canada will be held in Ottawa this year. SHDHS has been invited to perform.

“Our intermediate groups remain open to any student currently enrolled in grade 10 or 11 music.”

Every year, Musicfest Canada holds a National festival to celebrate and foster the best of music education in Canada. This year, because of their stellar performances last year at the London regional, both the Senior Concert Band and the Percussion Ensemble have been invited to attend this prestigious festival that features only the best young musicians in Canada. We are thrilled and honoured to accept the invitation, and are currently planning our trip. The trip will run from May 12-16 and will carry a cost of \$550 per student.

Our current itinerary is shaping up to be an exciting and educational trip for the band members. We will be visiting both musical, historical and cultural sites while in Ottawa, as well as perform for a panel of adjudicators.

A \$100 deposit is now due for any student who wishes to participate in this trip. Two more payments will be due to complete the cost of the trip before March Break (\$250 before Christmas and the last \$200 in late February).

More information will follow about this exciting trip. Stay tuned!

Intermediate Band and Red Jazz

if you are not yet involved extra-curricular with the music department, what are you waiting for? If you are currently enrolled in grade 10 or 11 music - either this semester or next - you are eligible to join these groups.

The intermediate band rehearses on Friday mornings at 7:15am. Please see myself or Ms. Milner-Hollestelle for more information.

We would like as many students as possible to get involved in these groups, so if you want to come out, play some music, and have some fun, please don't hesitate to do so.

The rehearsal schedule for Red Jazz is forthcoming. Stay tuned!

We look forward to having you in the bands!

Check the Board!

Students are reminded to regularly check the blackboard in the music room for a detailed listing of coming events, rehearsals and commitments related to the performing groups they are a part of. Please make a habit of checking this board for updated information. This information will be very useful when booking time off work and planning around your other school commitments.

Looking to Volunteer?

The department is always looking for parent and student volunteers to complete a variety of jobs at concerts and events. If you are interested in getting involved with the music program at SHDHS in a non-performing capacity, please contact Mr. Moore or Ms. Milner-Hollestelle.