



ÉCOLE CAMILLE
J. LEROUGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Re: Band Activities 2015

Our spring season is probably the busiest time of year for the band. I am busy organizing and preparing a number of activities for the bands over the next couple of months.

In our band classes, we are currently preparing our festival repertoire in preparation for our upcoming festival performances. In keeping with the activities of the last couple of years, we will again be having a band camp this spring. To prepare for our festivals, and to expose the students to a variety of viewpoints and experiences, we will be attending River's Edge Camp near Cremona. During this band camp, each student will participate in a sectional with a professional musician, a master class on their instrument, a rehearsal with a guest conductor, a second rehearsal with me, team building activities, and some outdoor physical activities. See attached for more information.

We plan to leave about 9:00 AM, Monday, February 2 and return about 6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 3. To adequately prepare for our festivals, we really do need as many students to attend as possible and **each student's participation is very strongly encouraged**. We also require 4-6 parent chaperones to attend with us (there is no fee for chaperones). There is a special need for one or two male chaperones. Duties consist primarily of supervision of students when they are not in sessions. Chaperones are welcome to participate in the outdoor activities.

The concert bands and jazz bands will be performing at the Red Deer Kiwanis Festival again in April. As the festival approaches I will be able to provide you with more exact times and dates and at that point will send home itineraries and ask for volunteers to attend festival with us.

The festivals, workshops and band camp will cost approximately \$20,000, or about \$210/student. Support from fundraising, school budgets, and district budgets will cover the festival trips and part of the band camp costs, reducing our costs to **\$120/student**. This will cover all foreseen workshop, festival, band camp, and transportation costs for the remainder of the year for students in the concert bands. **Payments are due by January 22, 2015. Please make all cheques payable to “Red Deer Catholic Regional Division.”** If payment of fees is a concern for you, please be aware that the Red Deer Optimist Club has generously donated a number of scholarships for students in need. Please contact me for more information. No student will be denied participation due to financial difficulties.

2015 Dates are as follows:

February 2-3 **Band Camp** at River’s Edge (riversedgecamp.org)
April 20-24 **Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts** (½ day, each band)

The students and I appreciate the support you have shown all year, and we look forward to a very successful spring season. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Mr. Tim Brehaut
Band Director

BAND CAMP 2015

Band Camp is rapidly approaching, and details are being finalized. Please look over the following information with your child, and then complete and return the attached form as soon as possible.

Monday, February 2, 2015

Depart Camille School at 9:00 AM
Arrive River's Edge Camp at 11:00 AM
2 Rehearsals, 2-3 Activities, and Meals

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

1 Rehearsal with Guest Conductor, 2 Instrument Clinics, 1 Activity, and Meals
Depart River's Edge Camp at 4:00 PM
Arrive at Camille at 6:00 PM (Please arrange for pickup at this time.)

Remember:

We are representing our school and so our behavior and dress needs to reflect our values. In other words, BE GOOD! We don't want to have to send anyone home.

Emergency Contacts:

River's Edge Camp:
Phone: 403-637-2766
Website: riversedgencamp.org

Mr. Brehaut
Cell: 403-872-7830

The following forms require **2 parent signatures** and **1 student signature**.

Keep this page for your information. Please detach, sign and return the following page.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- A Positive Attitude
- Appropriate clothes for 2 days in WINTER
 - appropriate outerwear
 - warm clothes
 - boots (or second pair of shoes)
- Personal care items (toothbrush, hairbrush, etc.)
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Towel and face cloth
- Instrument (with name on case)
- Music and pencil
- Instrument accessories (cork/slide grease, reeds, valve oil, etc.)
- Water bottle
- Change for vending machines and/or snacks
- Phone card, cell phone, or ability to call collect (optional)

THE FOLLOWING ARE **NOT** RECOMMENDED:

- iPod/MP3 Players
- DVD Players
- Portable video games
- Cameras

The school and River's Edge Camp cannot be held responsible for any theft, loss, or damage to student's equipment.

**Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School
Information Sheet on Medical Concerns**

Required:

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Alberta Health Care No: _____ Age: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone): _____

My child has permission to attend the Ecole Camille J. Lerouge Band Camp at River's Edge Camp (Cremona) February 2 & 3, 2015.

Signature of Parent _____

Complete only if your child has medical concerns or food allergies/restrictions:

Medical Concern: _____

Early Symptoms or Problems _____

Treatment of early symptoms (How do you treat symptoms at home?)

Severe symptoms and treatment _____

Child's awareness of treatment and ability to proceed with treatment

Possible precipitating events, times and/or activities that create or induce symptoms:

What supplies are needed? _____

Where are supplies located? _____

Other information needed? _____

Special Dietary considerations: _____

Student Behaviour Expectations

This is a school-based activity, therefore regular school rules will apply for the duration of the trip. These are:

- No smoking
- No alcohol
- No illegal drugs
- No physical contact
- No boys in girls' rooms, No girls in boys' rooms
- School dress code still in effect

As well, there are some expectations of you as a band member:

- Band members are required at all times to maintain the highest standards of conduct.
- Band members are expected to be present and on-time for all activities.
- We are guests in the camp; you are expected to treat the camp as you would your home. Do not damage or vandalize the camp and pick up after yourself.
- You are expected to help with the loading and unloading of the bus.
- You will receive camp responsibilities and duties.

Any student who breaks the rules or refuses to comply with the wishes of any of the chaperones, teachers, or camp staff will be sent home (at the expense of the parent) and may be suspended from further band events.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read the expectations outlined and all the relevant information about this trip. I give permission for my child to participate in this trip. I am willing to have my child sent home to Red Deer, at my expense by the Ecole Camille J. Lerouge Band supervisors if he/she chooses to disobey the rules.

Parent's Signature: _____

I have read the expectations outlined and I am willing to abide by the rules.

Student's Signature: _____

CHAPERONE REQUEST

Please consider me as a chaperone(s)* for Band Camp 2015: _____ (Name)

*My criminal record check is on file with the office and is current.