



October 23, 2017

Dear Parents,

It's band trip time! As I'm sure you are aware, our junior high band students are heading to the Southern Alberta Bible Camp in October! We will have the opportunity to work with professional clinicians and a guest conductor in order to improve our musical skills and knowledge. In addition, this will be an excellent opportunity for the group to spend time together so that they may learn the value of teamwork. We went last year and it was an amazing experience. This letter contains lots of important information so please read carefully!

As you read the following itinerary you will notice that we have a very full agenda for our musicians.

Tuesday, November 14

12:30	Leave for SABC
1:00	Arrive
1:30	Free Time
3:00	Team Building
4:00	Rehearsal
5:30	Supper
6:30	Ukuleles/Handchimes
9:00	Snack
10:00	Lights out

Wednesday, November 15

8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Sectional/Masterclass
10:15	Mini Recital
10:30	Sectional/Masterclass
11:30	Tutti Jazz Rehearsal
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Tutti Jazz Rehearsal
2:00	Free Time
3:00	Laser Tag
5:00	Group Walk and Pictures
5:30	Supper
6:30	Games Room/Ukuleles/Handchimes
9:00	Snack
10:00	Lights Out

Thursday, November 16

8:30	Breakfast
9:00	Rehearsal
10:30	Team Building
11:30	Pack and free time
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Leave for Coaldale

* If there are any changes to the itinerary, you will be notified immediately.

** Written authorization must be given to me prior to the trip if you wish to make other arrangements to deliver or pick up your child from the Southern Alberta Bible Camp.

Accommodations:

We will be staying in the Travers Lodge at the Southern Alberta Bible Camp. In case of emergency, you will be able to contact me on my cell at (403) 308-8688. The number for the camp is (403) 792-3644.

Transportation:

Mr. Dan Clarke has graciously volunteered to drive us to and from the camp with his bus.

Chaperones:

We will have three chaperones for this trip.

Costs:

The cost of the entire trip is \$140 per student. This covers absolutely everything and there is no need for spending money as there's nothing there to buy!

Thank you for your patience in reading through this lengthy letter! I want to ensure that I give you as much information as possible. I look forward to sharing this incredible experience with our students. Please return the attached form with \$140 to the office before November 1, 2017. Cheques can be made payable to St. Joseph School. If there is a concern regarding the fee, please let me know. Thank you for your support and please email me at karen.christie@holyspirit.ab.ca or call me at the school at 345-3373 if you have any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

Karen Christie

Student Expectations

All students are expected to follow the student expectations as listed in your student agenda.

What to Bring:

- Music
- Instrument
- Snacks
- Clothing
- Warm clothing for outdoors
- Cards, games, MP3 players, iPods
- Toiletries
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Extra blanket (optional)

Rules:

- Students are responsible for picking up after themselves in the bus and in their cabins.
- Students are expected to be quiet after lights out. We don't want anyone falling asleep during our sessions!
- No drugs, alcohol or smoking permitted.
- Students who fail to abide by these rules will be disciplined and/or sent home at the expense and responsibility of the parents.

SABC Band Retreat Parent Authorization

Please sign this form to indicate that you are aware that these activities will take place and that you are aware that your student will be participating.

I hereby give my child _____ permission to participate in the above trip. I also give permission to have the supervisors seek necessary medical treatment for my child. The supervisors will make every effort to contact parents regarding any emergency as soon as possible.

Does your student have any medical conditions and/or medication requirements that the teachers and chaperones should be aware of: (please circle) Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Comments: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____
