



Georges P. Vanier Secondary School

4830 Headquarters Road, Courtenay, BC V9J 1P2

Monday, February 14, 2022

Dear Music Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to announce that the Vanier Music Department will be celebrating the return of Educational Music Festivals with our “Back in Action” two-night trip to Victoria at the end of April. Music students from all grades are invited to participate in this exciting opportunity to experience a music festival performance/adjudication, sight-seeing, group activities, and overnight stay with their music friends. The Grade 8 Band, Jazz Band, and Jr/Sr Concert Bands will be participating in the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival on April 21 and 22, 2022. Each group will perform once and be in the audience for the other performances. Festival Registration Fees for each group are paid for by the Vanier Music Department. ***Parent/Guardian Chaperones are required!*** Please contact Mrs. Livingstone ASAP to claim your spot on the trip: we require 4 parent/guardians to join us in order for the trip to happen. Chaperones do not pay trip fees but are required to provide proof of vaccination and complete a CRC check (completed online). Duties include hotel/bus patrol, attendance checks, general cat herding at all venues (aka ‘parent’ duties). Bonus points if you have first aid certification!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is a co-curricular opportunity for students. Participation is voluntary and marks for music classes will not be impacted should they choose to not travel with us. Proof of vaccination is *currently* required for entrance of participants and chaperones at the music festival, restaurants, and other group activities. All plans have been created with the most current information available regarding Public Health Orders in British Columbia (see date above), and as these are subject to change, adjustments to student participation requirements are also subject to change accordingly.

Eligibility for Participation:

Students must meet the following requirements:

1. Proof of Vaccination – always carried on their person (see above)
2. Ability to wear a mask properly without reminders while travelling on bus (tour bus company requirement) and in all indoor areas as designated.
3. Be in good standing in all other courses and have obtained teacher permission (see attached form). The trip takes place on the last two days on Quarter 3 so students must plan ahead!
4. Adhere to Comox Valley School District, GP Vanier, and Music Department regulations at all times. This includes polite and respectful conduct. Students who have demonstrated their inability to adhere to these standards prior to travel may only be eligible to travel at the discretion of school administration and the music teacher. While on the trip, if a student is in violation of these rules, the student and an accompanying chaperone will return to G.P. Vanier at the student’s expense and school administration will follow up with appropriate actions.

Individual Fundraising Opportunities

Completed: Purdy’s Chocolate Sales (November 2021)

Poinsettia Sales (November 2021)

World’s Finest Chocolates (February 2022) – students earn \$45.90 (51% profit) per case of chocolates (30 items)

Dairy Queen Coupons (February 2022) – each coupon is \$10, students earn \$10 per coupon (yes, 100% profit!)

Chocolate Sales begin this week! Two ways to participate – bring in a cheque or \$90 to pick up a case or sign a case out and have the \$90 returned to the Music Department by March 4th. Sell as many cases as you wish! We have 60 arriving this week and are available on a first come first served basis.



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Total Fee: \$325 with final payment due April 6th

Payments are required at the following intervals. Full payment is welcome should you wish to pay the fee in full at the beginning or complete final payments earlier than the final date. Payments can be made by cash, cheque (made out to GP Vanier), and/or using fundraising money.

Payment Schedule

Monday, February 28	\$75	Deposit with Parent/Guardian Permission Forms (see itinerary regarding WildPlay waiver)
Wednesday, March 16	\$125	Second Payment
Wednesday, April 6	\$125	Final Payment and Teacher Permission Forms

Included in Trip Fee:

Accommodation (2 nights): Accent Inn, 3233 Maple St, Victoria, BC Phone: (250) 475-7500

Transportation: Vancouver Island Coach Lines, two 56 passenger buses (Grade 8 Bus, Sr/Jr/Jazz Bus)

Meals: Red Robin, Old Spaghetti Factory (options for dietary restrictions available, meals will be pre-ordered)

Activities: Saanich Commonwealth Pool, WildPlay Victoria

What to Bring

All bags and cases must be clearly labelled: *First Name Lastname - GP Vanier Secondary, Courtenay, BC*
Students are permitted to bring one piece of standard sized luggage for personal items, one small backpack (daypack), and a sleeping roll (sleeping bag/sleeping pad or single air mattress). The day pack can be on the bus during travel or daytime outings. Larger luggage pieces will be stowed under the bus during travel and will not be accessible until we reach the hotel. It will remain in the hotel until final departure.

Items to bring in luggage: extra change of clothing (including socks and underwear!), swim suit and towel (deck shoes optional), jacket, uniform pieces (black pants, shirt, socks, shoes), toiletries, extra masks

Items to bring in day pack: reading material/card games for bus, homework, wallet, proof of vaccination, extra masks.

Food: lunch for Thursday, breakfast and snack items. Each room has a mini fridge, microwave, coffee/pot and kettle. Students are welcome to coordinate breakfasts with their roommates in advance of the trip for more efficient packing and preparation.

REQUIRED: Instrument, music folder with music, musician mask/uniform pieces

Music Uniform

Grade 9-12: Black long sleeved collared shirt, Black Dress Pants (no jeans), Black shoes and socks (no white on the shoes).

Grade 8: Green Music Department T-Shirt (~\$20.00) orders going in before Spring Break – stay tuned.

Current Overnight Regulations for Student Overnight Field Trips

Sleeping arrangements are currently one per bed even though each room has two queen beds. Students must therefore bring a sleeping roll with them for the night that they are not on the bed. As there are four students to a room, each student will be able to sleep on a bed for one night and the other night they can use their sleeping roll so that we are following the current regulations.

Students choose their own roommates on March 1st (following the deposit due date). Your student's roommate list will be shared with you in advance of the trip. Please share any concerns or questions that you have asap.



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THIS IS A FIRST DRAFT **A final itinerary will be shared prior to the trip.**

PROPOSED TOUR INTINERARY (Subject to Change)

Thursday, April 21

- 7:30 a.m. Attendance/Load Equipment & Luggage
- 8:00 a.m. Bus leaves G.P. Vanier –pick up Denman/Hornby Island students at Buckley Bay
Eat bag lunch on the bus.
- TBD** **Grade 9-12 Concert Band performance/adjudication at GVPAF**
- 4:30 p.m. Group Dinner at Red Robin* (burger, side, fountain drink) (800 Tolmie Ave)
- 6:50 p.m. Meet at Buses (swim gear, towel)
- 7:00 p.m. Depart for Saanich Commonwealth Pool (7:30 – 9:00 swim)
- 9:30 p.m. Bus departs for Hotel
- 10:30p.m. Room Check
- 11:00p.m. **LIGHTS OUT!** (you have performances tomorrow!)

Friday, April 22

- 7:30 a.m. Rise and Shine! **Eat Breakfast** and plan for the day! Get all the gear you need.
- 8:30 a.m. Room Check and Load Bus – **BE IN UNIFORM** for your performance
- 9:00 a.m.** **Grade 8 Band and Jazz Band performances and workshops at GVPAF**
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Old Spaghetti Factory (703 Douglas St)
- 2:30 p.m. WildPlay (1767 Island Hwy #15, Victoria) = bring snacks and water bottle

Participation Waivers for Wildplay will be completed electronically. A link will be sent to you after February 28th (trip deposit due date) as I must provide WildPlay with a list of all participants names.

- 5:00 p.m. Back to Hotel
- 5:30 p.m. Meet in parking lot – head to Mayfair mall for shopping and food court supper.
- 8:00 p.m. Meet at the Clock (outside of Starbucks and Toys R Us entrance) Walk back to Hotel
- 10:30 p.m. Room Check
- 11:00 p.m. **LIGHTS OUT!**

Saturday, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. Rise and Shine! Eat Breakfast and clean the room.
- 9:00 a.m. Final Room check – must be in **PRISTINE** Condition!
- 9:30 a.m. Load Bus – head back to Courtenay
- 1:00 p.m. Arrive at Vanier – **UNLOAD EQUIPMENT** and luggage