

Band Parent's Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2009
7 pm – 8 pm

MEETING NOTES

1. **Big Band Valentines Dance February 12** – unfortunate that more kids did not attend but we still broke even for costs. Discussion about doing it again next year...may be too much if we do venues like Prince of Peace (See below). If we do another Valentines dance it might work better if the jazz band played for some and a DJ played more mainstream music to get the kids up dancing. Discussion about the need for better advertising of such events – should we be putting notes in the local newspapers. For next school year we will discuss the need for a parent volunteer for Public Relations.
2. **Prince of Peace** – February 26. The Jazz Band played for the seniors living there. It was well received. The Band made \$500 (put into fundraising accounts of kids).
3. **University of Lethbridge Brass Choir** – came to the school today and played for the grade 10 band class and many senior band members.
4. **Honour Band** – This coming weekend (March 20/21). The concert is at 230 in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend.
5. **Senior Band Trip to Vancouver – March 25/28-** An itinerary sent home today. Plans to include Encounter Series with the Vancouver Symphony. Wind ensemble clinic cancelled and replaced by a different concert. Increased costs offset through band account and individual fundraising accounts.
6. **Rocky View Music Festival – April 8** – at Bert Church High School in Airdrie. Bus leaving around lunch. Concert band plays at 1350 hours.
7. **Yahama Drum Line – April 22** – no concert band this day but a presentation by Yahama. All concert bands members welcome.
8. **Sun Peaks – April 24/26** – Enough parent volunteers. Only 25 out of 40 Grade 9 band kids are attending.
9. **Musical – “Grease” May 5 – 7** – pit band doing well.
10. **May 14 Hosting Coalhurst Middle School Band** – a couple of volunteers to help with hot dogs would be appreciated. Connect with Lael.
11. **Grade 12 Grad May 22/23** – still working on details of whether it's over 1 or 2 days but it will be at the Round Up Centre. Concert band usually plays “Pomp and Circumstance”
12. **Final Concert – June 4**
13. **Gem Awards June 11** – hoping to do something a little different like an evening reception in the courtyard.

- 14. Fundraising** – only Easter chocolate bars to come. Next year we won't sell coffee. We will focus on pre ordered fundraising like magazines and Purdy's versus sending things home and trying to get the money or the product back to the school. Donna offered a different pre order to consider. We will discuss this again at the beginning of the next school year.
- 15. Music Tournament** – 3 RVSD schools discussing a more competitive "Battle of the Bands" concept to liven things up. All bands would have the same repertoires and be adjudicated and medals or trophies would be awarded.

All Band Parents information, meeting notes, pictures, schedule can be found at <http://chsbandparents.com>

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Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month.

Next Meeting: May 11

***** No meeting in April*****