

Band Parent's Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2009
7 pm – 8 pm

MEETING NOTES

1. **Review of Trips (Vancouver and SunPeaks)** – Vancouver trip went very well, kids played well. It was a long trip though. SunPeaks also went well though there were a small number of kids. They also played well.
2. **Musical Report** – Grease was very well received. The pit band played and organized themselves very independently. Next year Mr. McEvoy is taking a leave so unsure if there will be one or two musicals offered. It will depend on the replacement teacher.
3. **Fund Raising** – Easter chocolates still wrapping up.
4. **Upcoming** – Likely to get more Westjet tickets to raffle off. Hope to hear soon and get tickets printed to sell prior to the final concert. All money received will go into the general band account versus the individual kid fundraising account.
5. **Graduation May 22** – Grade 10's and 11's will play at the ceremonies at the Round Up Centre. Leaving the school by bus at 530 and arriving back around 8 pm.
6. **June 4 Final Concert** – will hopefully raffle off the Westjet tickets, 50/50 tickets and sell any leftover coffee or chocolate. We will have refreshments as usual.
7. **June 11 GEMS** – looking to make this a little more fun this year. Maybe have it in the courtyard and include a BBQ. Parents have volunteered to do the volunteering. Lael to check out the status of the courtyard and the BBQ's and see how this idea is received by the kids.
8. **Next Year 2009/2010** –
 - There are only 24 grade 9's advancing in the band - hope to get a few more.
 - Plan is to focus more on product based fundraising like entertainment books, Purdy's orders, Party-lite orders and magazine subscriptions.
 - Potential trip to San Hose next year including workshops at the university. Will not book it against the Travel Group but will try to minimize how much school is missed.
 - Hoping to be able to offer Drumline as a credit course next year. There would be 2 days for after school concert band; one for winds/brass and one for percussion. Would need maximum of 20 for drumline to proceed. Waiting for final approval.
 - Hoping to apply for a music grant to offset some new instrument costs.
9. **2010/2011** – Grade 9's moving back to the middle schools. CHS will only have grade 10, 11, and 12.
10. **Final meeting for the year is June 15 at 7 pm in the Chestermere Landing Bar. Hope to see you there.**

All Band Parents information, meeting notes, pictures, schedule can be found at
CHSbandparents.com