

The Beat Goes ON....

St. John Paul II Collegiate Band Newsletter November 2017

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Band Concert Attire

With our first concerts around the corner (*October 25 for Concert 9, November 29 for Jazz 8/9 and Dec. 5 for everyone...!*) it is time to start looking in your closet for performance attire. St. JP II band performance attire includes white top (preferably long sleeve, collared for boys), black bottoms (skirts must be appropriate for instrument played, and must have tights or leggings underneath), black socks and black shoes. *Please stay away from high heeled shoes for concerts for safety reasons.*

Assessment Marks on Powerschool

Please encourage your child (ren) to check their PowerSchool accounts on a regular basis! Students will receive feedback for their playing assessments right on Powerschool in the form of personalized comments! These comments are written for each student to help them improve and grow as a musician. Parents are encouraged to read these comments as well!

'Home Instruments'

Repeat reminder from October! There are still home instruments in the band room! Does your child play baritone, baritone saxophone or tuba? If so, they should have already brought their instrument home! Please ensure your child has an instrument at home to practice. Baritone, bari sax and tuba players should only bring bringing their mouthpieces and supplies (oil, reeds, grease etc.) to school on a daily basis.



October Practice Minutes Due Nov. 1

Your child's first practice assignment is due November 1 - they received an October calendar weeks ago! Minimum 40 mins. Per week of practice is required to receive 100 % on this assignment. Students taking lessons outside of school (ex. piano) may use up to 60 minutes per month of their practice on that instrument for their assignments. *Jazz band rehearsal and concert band class DO NOT count towards practice minutes...that is a rehearsal.*

Cookie Dough 59'r Fundraiser - FINAL UPDATE

A continued thank you to all who participated in our cookie dough fundraiser - our final profit was just under \$9000!!!! We are in the midst of ordering our band jackets right now and look forward to receiving them. Forms will not be sent home for this, as we are taking care of sizing during class time.

Instrument Supplies

Repeat announcement! Please help your child ensure that they have the correct supplies to make their instrument function properly! Brass players require their own bottle of valve oil and slide grease. Woodwind players require reeds (at least 4 at all times, broken ones don't count!) along with cork grease and a cleaning swab. Percussionists are responsible for their own mallet bag. *If taken care of and not lost, oils and greases should last a LONG time!*

Supplies can be purchased from me before/after school or at lunch time. Supplies **are not** sold during class time.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR REMIND 101??

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to sign up for this free service - more information is available in the band handbook, and on Google Classroom!

Google Classroom Codes & Smart Music

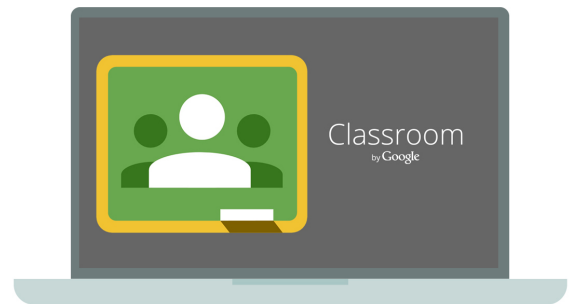
It is imperative that your child is signed up for both Google Classroom and Smart Music. Codes are below should you require them (they are case sensitive. Google Classroom will **only work** with your child's Isidore Redeemer account):

Concert Band 7A: ns0qek **Concert Band 7B:** qpulemj **Concert Band 7C:** d6fnjqv **Concert Band 7D:** q62sj6

Concert Band 8C: is243x **Concert Band 8D:** 6kir7z **Concert Band 9C:** 3gh2p3r **Concert Band 9D:** 2pqn70h

Jazz 7: rqbm09 **Jazz 8:** gqx499c **Jazz 9:** dwhlgk

Smart Music codes were emailed to parents some time ago, and are posted on Google Classroom with sign up instructions. **Did you know...parents can sign up for Google Classroom as well!**



Upcoming Band Dates

Wed. October 25

- Percussion Wednesday practice (all grade 7 & 8 percussion)
 - 3:06-3:45 PM
- Concert Band 9 Performance @ HTA *Chinook Concert Band Festival*

Fri. October 27

- No Jazz 8 (Miss. Gruber attending conference!)

Wed. November 8

- Percussion Wednesday practice (all grade 7 & 8 percussion)
 - 3:06-3:45 PM

Wed. November 15

- Jazz 7 and Jazz 8 to Mount Royal University for jazz day!

Wed. November 29

- Jazz 8 and Jazz 9 to perform at HTA's Chinook jazz concert.

Tuesday, December 5

- St. JPII Christmas Concert & Bake Sale, 7 PM

Please reference your band handbook for dates past this point!

ST. JPII BAND HANDBOOK

For course information, expectations, jazz information, concert dates, class codes and more...

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HzQL43PHcRLEkl4-9IJUBVdS-F5zf9Ntx7PPgIPT_98/edit?usp=sharing

