



FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Welcome back to another school year and finally another year of band activities!

The SCBPA's mandate is to: assist the band program by providing publicity, and assistance with local engagements and tours; to bolster band morale; to help the musical well-being of the bands by encouraging adequate home practice; to provide for band uniforms; to assist in raising funds to help finance the enrichment aspects of the band program (i.e. travel, uniforms, scholarships, etc.)

The Swift Current Band Parents Auxiliary held its Annual General Meeting on October 26, 2022 at École Centennial/All Saints School. Please look at the website www.scbands.ca for the latest meeting minutes.

Thank you to the outgoing board executive members and task leaders! Their time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

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WEBSITE

Please see the Band Parent's Auxiliary website www.scbands.ca for information regarding upcoming performances, fundraisers, trips, etc. All band auxiliary contacts are also given on the website.



FACEBOOK

We are on Facebook! Please join us anytime. Here you will find information regarding fundraising activities and photos. Just go to Facebook and type in scbands in the SEARCH box and send us a friend request.



EMAIL LIST

Are you on our email list? Keeping an up-to-date email list is an ongoing and often challenging task. To be included in all Band Parent Auxiliary communications, please send your current email address to Wendy Tuchscherer at scbands.communication@gmail.com

POPCORN AND COOKIE DOUGH



The Band Parents Auxiliary is now holding a fall Sweet Treats Fundraiser. Sale forms have been sent out and the delivery of the product is expected at the beginning of December. This fundraiser is an easy way for students to earn music miles, which offset the cost of trips. Product is also a great idea for Christmas gifts for bus drivers, coaches, etc. If parents would like more information, please contact Amanda Bussiere at scbands.popcorn@gmail.com

Moving forward, all families that have an NSF cheque will be charged the \$7.50 banking fee.

BOTTLE DRIVE



The dates for this year's bottle drives are Saturday, November 26th and Saturday, January 7th.

Drivers and walkers should arrive between 9-9:30 am to sign in and receive a route. You will be provided bags for collecting and a hot drink and goodies will be waiting when you return. We need approximately 37 drivers with walkers to cover all the routes. Kevin Murray, owner of Kevin's Ultimate Detail located at 630B Cheadle St. W has generously donated the use of his shop to meet and sort the days treasures. Please remember to bring your Music Miles number to get credit for your work. If you have forgotten or misplaced your number, contact Pauline Saemann and she will send it to you. There is a requirement of 1 driver and at least 2 walkers per route. It would be helpful to have your team arranged prior to the morning of the bottle drives. Contact Jeaninne Pelletier at scbands.bottledrive@gmail.com to volunteer or to get more information.

For those participating in the bottle drives, Music Miles are awarded as follows:

Walker: 2 Music Miles Driver: 4 Music Miles Sorter: 4 Music Miles.

GRILLING MEATS



In early spring we will once again be selling Treens Meats & Prairie Field Honey. Music Miles earned during this fundraiser are based on individual sales. Further details will be sent out early in the new year. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions contact Stephaine Steinley at scbands.springfund@gmail.com

BEEF AND BAND BLAST



Our “Beef and Band Blast” supper is to be held in the spring 2023. Further details will be sent out in the new year. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Marianne Murray at scbands.beefblast@gmail.com

MUSIC MILES



Welcome back to a new school year! Students' information has now been entered into the music miles database and parents should be receiving a letter home via email with their current contact info and music miles balance in the next few weeks. Please review these letters and let me know if there is any info that needs to be updated. It is very important to be as accurate as possible.

If you did not receive a letter by the end of November, or have any questions regarding the Music Miles program, please contact Pauline at scbands.musicmiles@gmail.com

Music Miles Guidelines

Swift Current Band Parents' Auxiliary

The Music Mile system provides all band families with a variety of ways to offset the complete or partial cost of band trips.

How are Music Miles earned? Music Miles can be earned through fundraising projects, which will be placed into one of three categories:

1. **Participation Projects** - by volunteering their time to assist with these fundraisers, workers will receive an established number of MUSIC MILES according to the following schedule:
 - Beef and Band Blast: All volunteers – 1 Music Mile per 45min shift
 - Bottle Drive:
 - Drivers – 4 Music Miles per route (completed with minimum 2 route walkers)
 - Sorters – 4 Music Miles for a complete shift (3 – 4 hrs)
 - Walkers – 2 Music Miles per route (completed)
 - Sweet Treats: 1 Music Mile per shift (2 hrs)
 - Grilling Meats: 1 Music Mile per shift (2 hrs)

** From time to time, individuals not involved with the Comp Band may work at “participation” fundraisers. One example of this would be Bottle Drives, when a student may enlist relatives or graduated siblings to assist with a route. In these situations, the worker(s) must clearly indicate the surname of the family that will receive their Music Miles. This information is collected by the Fundraiser Task Leader.*

2. **Profit Unit Projects** – Students will receive a cash value amount based on a calculation of profit units generated, less any fundraiser expenses. Our profit unit fundraisers for this year are Sweet Treats and Grilling Meats.

3. **Administration** - Music Miles can also be earned through parent participation on the Band Auxiliary Executive, or by being a Fundraiser Task Leader or Administrative Task Leader. Workers will receive an established number of Music Miles for participating, according to the following schedule:

- **President, Treasurer and Music Miles** **10 MM per year**
- **Vice President and Secretary** **8 MM per year**
- **Members-at-Large (max 3 per Executive)** **5 MM per year**
- **Fundraiser Task Leaders will receive Music Miles as follows:**
 - **Beef & Band Blast Task Leader** 8 MM per year
 - **Sweet Treats Task Leader** 8 MM per year
 - **Bottle Drive Task Leader** 8 MM per year
 - **Grilling Meats** 8 MM per year
 - **Other Task Leaders** 5 MM per year



The SCCHS Music Department has a busy year ahead of them with winter concerts in December, the Rotary Cypress Jazz Retreat in February, the Provincial Optimist Music Festival in Regina in March, and spring tours (Gr 9s to the ABA Festival in Red Deer, GR 10-12 to Whistler for the Cantando Festival) in April-May. The band and choir are consolidating their high school uniforms and will be fitting students during the month of November. Uniforms will be rented yearly for a cost of \$30/student. We are excited to be working with Rittengers as our new provider.

Each band/choir student has access to their Google Classroom. Please have them check it regularly for announcements and updates. If you have any questions about the program or upcoming events, please contact the band office at 306-773-2801, ext 345 or by email athingelstad16@chinooksd.ca

When	What	Where	Who
December 13, 2022 (7 PM)	Band & Choir Winter Concert	SCCHS Cafetorium	ALL band & choir students
December 15, 2022 (7 PM)	Jazz In The Lounge	SCCHS Student Lounge	7 O'Clock Jazz, 9 O'Clock Jazz, Vocal Jazz

***Other performance opportunities may arise during the school year, such as benefit concerts for fundraising opportunities, joint performances with other ensembles, etc.*

CENTRAL/FAIRVIEW/IRWIN

Central		Fairview		Irwin	
December 8	Winter Band Concert	December 1	Winter Band Concert	December 7	Winter Band Concert

ALL SAINTS/ÉCOLE CENTENNIAL

Welcome to a fabulous, re-opened/post covid year in band! Our school bands are progressing marvellously and are now ready for concerts and presentations. Our Senior Jazz Combo rehearses every Thursday morning at 7:20am and cannot wait to perform! Junior Jazz begins in January on Wednesday mornings before school. The Grade 8 Combined Band performed for ASC students at the Halloween Parade on Oct31. They will also perform at two Remembrance Day Ceremonies on Nov10. Band parents are welcome to attend.

Band Performance Schedule 2022/2023

November 10, 2022	Remembrance Day Ceremony	All Saints, 10:30am, ASC gym
November 10, 2022	Remembrance Day ceremony	Centennial, 1:30pm, ECS gym
December 15, 2022	Christmas Concert	The Grade 6 Band, Grade 7 Band, Grade 8 Band, and Sr Jazz will perform fabulous Christmas music, 7:00pm, ASC gym
March 20-23, 2023	Regina Downtowners Band Festival	The Grade 6-8 Concert Bands and Sr Jazz will perform in Regina. Cost approx. \$60
Spring 2023	Beef and Band Blast	A supper concert at SCCHS for Grade 7 and Grade 8 Concert Bands.
May 15-18, 2023	Moose Jaw Band Festival	Grade 8 Concert Band and Sr Jazz will perform in Moose Jaw. Cost approx. \$50
May TBA 2023	Westbank Band Camp	Grade 6 sleep over band camp. Chaperones needed. Cost approx. \$100
June TBA, 2023	Year End Band Trip	The Grade 7 & 8 Bands will be travelling to Calgary. Chaperones needed. Cost approx. \$30
June TBA, 2023	Year End Concert	The final concert of the year for all bands.
End of June, 2023	Let's Go Band!	Kiddies Day Parade in downtown Swift Current – all Gr 6 Band students from the five Middle Years Band Programs perform together as one large marching band.

Please note: The above schedule is a minimum of what the various bands will perform this year. All bands could perform at school assemblies and special functions throughout the year. Parents are always welcome to support their child by enjoying all performances.

****Band students are expected to attend all scheduled trips and performances****

SCBPA 2022/2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gr 6 Beginner Band Clinic	September 9-10, 2022
AGM	October 26, 2022
Fruit and Cookie Dough Fundraiser	October- November 2022
Remembrance Day Ceremony (ASC, ECS)	November 10, 2022
Bottle Drive Fundraiser	November 26, 2022
Christmas Concerts (Middle)	December 1, 7, 8, 15, 2022
Jazz Winter Concert (SCCHS)	December 15, 2022
Band Winter Concert (SCCHS)	December 13, 2022
Music Mile Calculation	December 2022
Bottle Drive Fundraiser	January 7, 2023
Music Festivals	March & May 2023
Summer Grilling Meat Packs Fundraiser	April 2023
Beef and Band Blast	Spring 2023
High School Band Trip	May 2023
Music Miles Calculation	May 2023
Gr 6 Westbank Band Camp	May, 2023
Year End Concerts (Middle)	June 2023
Middle School Year End Band Trips	May-June 2023
Final Band Concert (SCCHS)	June 2023
Gr 6 Kiddies Day Parade	End of June, 2023

Please note some of our fundraisers and events have changed this year.