



Rockheights MIDDLE SCHOOL music

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Grade 7 & 8 Music Field Trip, April 10 – 11 Vancouver Information about payments, fundraising, and rooming

Monday, February 5th, 2024

Dear Family:

Exciting news! There was enough interest from students and families for the trip to Vancouver to go ahead! This will no doubt be a great experience for everyone. **There are currently 39 students signed up to travel, and we can fit a few more.** If you know of any grade 7 or 8 music student who is undecided about going, please encourage them to join us! Here is some important information about next steps:

Paying the balance

The cost of the trip remains \$350. By now, you should have paid the \$25 deposit (thank you). The remaining balance will be due in two payments:

**\$175 due on February 16th; and
\$150 due on March 8th**

Families are asked to **pay these any time using School Cash Online** or by **two post-dated cheques**. Please do not send cash.

Fundraising

Return-It Bottle Drive open now

Many thanks to parent Emma Ross for organizing an easy fundraiser for us. Simply bring your recycling to Return-It depots and tell the cashier that you would like to donate the funds to the Rockheights Music Trip.

At the Ellery Street location, use **account number 261 name: Rockheights 78 Band**
At the Hartland Landfill location, use **account number 250 882 9463**

You can find **more information about this at** www.rockheightsmusic.com



Other fundraisers

Thank you to students and parents for the many great suggestions about fundraisers. Raffles, bake sales, talent shows and more have been suggested. **If you are a parent who is willing to organize and execute a fundraiser, please bring your plan to Mr. Maxwell or myself.** Some jobs involved would be, for example: getting a gaming license, creating raffle tickets and letters, volunteering to supervise students and/or sell items, baking goods and selling them, etc. Mr. Maxwell and I will continue to volunteer to run the pizza fundraiser, which is generously subsidizing this trip.

Creating a rooming list

We will be staying at the Econolodge in North Vancouver. **Students will be sleeping in rooms with 4 students per room, sharing two queen-sized beds.** For safety reasons, the hotel must have an accurate manifest showing who is in which room – there will be no last-minute changes at the hotel. There will be no empty spaces in the rooms because the price of this trip is based on fully-occupied rooms.

Over the next two weeks, **students are asked to please complete the attached form (on paper) stating their name, and the names of 3 people they would ideally like to room with.** Any other thoughts or concerns are helpful at this time, and information will be kept confidential. **Mr. Maxwell and I will compile this information and create a rooming list** that is fair, so that no one feels excluded.

Ensuring your safety

Closer to the trip date, you will receive a package of forms to complete, letting us know about any dietary or health concerns you have. It will also include a final itinerary, packing list, names of chaperones, emergency contact information, and more.

Addressing concerns

We are happy to answer any questions you have about the trip. Please email Ms. McDonell at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca if you need more information. **Please note that all letters and documents, with all the pertinent information, will also be posted to www.rockheightsmusic.com.**

Warmly, Risa McDonell,
Music Teacher, Rockheights Middle School



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Roommate Request Form**

To be completed by each STUDENT. Please PRINT CAREFULLY

YOUR Name: **Aherne, Sadhbh**

Please list the names of 3 other students whom you would ideally like to room with, if possible:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- If you have any concerns, please detail them here, or send Ms. McDonell an email at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca. **Please be kind.**
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Please note:

- Return your form to Ms. McDonell directly; **please don't leave it in the red hand in bin.**
- Information provided here will be kept **confidential**.
- There will be **no last-minute changes** to roommates at the hotel.
- We will **try our best** to accommodate your wishes.