



# Rockheights MIDDLE SCHOOL music

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## Parent Information Meeting Regarding the Proposed Grade 7 & 8 Music Field Trip to Vancouver 7pm, Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Rockheights Library

Thursday, January 10, 2024

Dear Rockheights Music Family:

Prior to COVID, students in the music program at Rockheights had the opportunity to go on an overnight field trip to somewhere within BC with their classmates. Field trips are one of the many rewards of being in music classes. They are amazing opportunities for students to form lasting friendships, to work with a master music teacher, to experience the responsibility and thrill of travel, and to celebrate all their hard work and contributions to the music program. Due to Covid, an overnight trip has not happened since the 2018-2019 school year. I would like to offer this opportunity to Rockheights students once again this Spring.

**I am proposing to take grade 7 and 8 students in band, strings or choir, on a trip to Vancouver for the night of Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and return on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** All grade 7 & 8 students in band, strings and choir are eligible to attend (between 40 to 50 students). We would travel by chartered coach bus, and take part in two full days of fun, meaningful, and educational activities. Other than a bagged lunch on the first day, all meals and activities will be included in the price, and accommodation will be in a basic, (but clean and safe) hotel, in a suburban area (North Vancouver or Burnaby). Students will be supervised by myself, another staff member, and three parent chaperones (TBA).

I appreciate the high costs of raising children. To help manage the costs, the school has agreed to use some of the money we have fundraised from pizza sales to defray the cost of this trip. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to travel in *either* their grade 7 year, *or* their grade 8 year, but *not both*. On the alternate years, a one-day, celebratory excursion will be offered (last year we went to Wild Play, for example). This is an optional and extra-curricular trip, and students are not required to attend. If there is not enough interest in an overnight trip for this year, a simpler, one-day excursion will be planned instead. As always, the year will end with a concert and in-class celebration as well.

To find out more about this proposed trip, please plan to join us for

**Parent Information Meeting Regarding the Grade 7 & 8 Music Trip to Vancouver  
7-8pm, Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Library Learning Commons**



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**At this meeting, information will be presented, including:**

- **A draft itinerary**
- **Information about the hotel, charter bus and activities**
- **Itemized list of costs and payment deadlines**
- **Other details about supervision, contingency and safety plans**
- **Time for feedback, questions and answers**

If you are not able to attend in person, please consider listening in via [this Zoom link](#). Documents with all the pertinent information will also be posted to [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com) during the meeting. While I'm sure you will have many questions, please contact me with these *at or after the meeting*.

Warmly,

Risa McDonell,  
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