



Rockheights MIDDLE SCHOOL music

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Grade 6 Beginning Band Festival 11:55am to 2:50pm, Thursday, May 9th, 2024, Spectrum Secondary School

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

Dear Grade 6 Beginning Band Family:

Each Spring, beginning bands from all over SD61 get together for the **Grade 6 Beginning Band Festival**, held at **Spectrum Secondary on Thursday, May 9th**, and our band is proud to perform that afternoon.

What is this event about?

This is an opportunity for students to hear the work being done by their peers around the district, and to participate in an onstage clinic with a master teacher. **This festival is non-competitive**, and the adjudicator will work with our students to improve our sound.

What will they be playing?

We intend to perform "Mechanical Monsters", "Star Wars Main Theme" and possibly "I.D.K.". Events like these help students to set clear goals for their practicing and give them a feeling of accomplishment. **You should be hearing your child practicing these pieces at home** in preparation for this event.

Is there any cost to participate?

There is no cost to students to participate to encourage everyone to attend. The cost of the bus will be paid for by music program fundraising.

Will it take place during the school day?

Yes. Students will miss the afternoon of their regular classes that day. We will be boarding a chartered SD61 school bus from Rockheights at noon that day and traveling to Spectrum Secondary. We will return to Rockheights by the end of the school day.

What should they bring and wear?

They will need to bring a bagged lunch that day, and also to bring their instrument and sheet music. They will not need to bring much else, because they can enter the school again on our return before going home.

Do they wear their uniform?

Yes. We always perform in our Rockheights Music uniform (red t-shirt, black "bottoms", and comfortable shoes).

How can we participate?

Please complete the form attached by Wednesday, May 1st. Although this experience is extra-curricular, it's important that we bring a band that is representative of our fine program and everyone's hard work.



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Therefore, **all students are asked to please participate**, if possible. If too few students opt to participate, we will not attend this year.

Do you need parents' help?

Yes, please. All parents are welcome to attend this event, and **we will need two chaperones to come with us**. If you think you can join us for the afternoon, please get in touch with me at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca. You can find information about all things Rockheights music related at www.rockheightsmusic.com.

Thank you for supporting your child's music education,

Risa McDonell, *Music Teacher, Rockheights Middle School*



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Student's Name: _____

YES! My child can participate in the Grade 6 Beginning Band Festival.

No, my child cannot participate in this field trip.

Can you help to chaperone this trip?

Yes, I can help chaperone!

No, I can't help chaperone.

Parent's Signature: _____

Please return this paper form by Wednesday, May 1st to Risa McDonell or the Main Office. Please do not return to classroom teachers.