



# Rockheights MIDDLE SCHOOL music

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## Concert Tour of Victoria West and Macaulay Elementary Schools All Day, Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Friday, February 21, 2025

Dear Rockheights Music Family:

This term, we have been focused on taking our show “on the road” by preparing for a **Concert Tour of Victoria West and Macaulay Elementary Schools, all day, Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>**. The goal is to entertain and inspire our future students, and to give Rockheights students an opportunity to perform in front of such a reactive and young audience.

### Who is performing?

Students in **grade 6, 7 & 8 Choir, Grade 7 & 8 Band and Jazz Band, and Grade 6, 7 & 8 Intermediate Strings** will perform. (Sorry, Band 6 and Beginning Strings are not performing this time, but they will get that opportunity next year.)

### Can parents watch? Do you need any extra help?

**Yes! We will need one more parent with a large vehicle, such as a truck or a van or an SUV, to help transport cellos.** If you are a parent with such a vehicle and can help for the whole day, we would be so grateful for the help. We could also use at least two parent chaperones to join on the bus to help with supervision. It’s a really fun day! If you would like to watch, but can’t chaperone, there should be room for a few spectators. Please contact each elementary school directly to ask if they’ll have room. The concerts are at **Macaulay at 10:35am** and **Victoria West at 12:40pm**.

### What do we wear?

We always perform in the **Rockheights Music T-Shirt Uniform**, along with something comfortable on the bottom, which is not distracting, and ideally dark-coloured. Comfortable shoes are important (they will be lugging equipment).

### When should students arrive at school and when will they be back?

Please make sure your child arrives for school at the usual time, **8:35am**. They should go directly to the large music room, NOT their advisory classrooms. We will be back before the end of the school day, **2:50pm**.



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## What about lunch?

Students are asked to please bring a water bottle, labeled with their name, and a cold, bagged lunch that day. We will bring with us any lunches for students who are enrolled in the lunch program.

## Can my child arrive at or depart from the elementary school?

**I'm sorry, no, they can't.** It is school policy that all field trips begin and end at the school, for safety reasons. We also anticipate finishing before the end of the school day, so that students can check in with their advisory teachers about missed work.

## Is this optional?

All field trips are optional, however it is hoped that **all students in these ensembles participate**. It's a **ton of fun**, a highlight of the year, and the culmination of a term's worth of working together in their ensembles. This date was chosen because it is *after* marks are decided for term 2, but before Spring Break, to minimize the impact of missing instruction.

## How do we participate?

Although there are expenses involved in this trip, there is **no cost to your family to participate**. Because we will be taking a chartered school bus, **parent permission is required**. Please **complete the form attached by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, or RSVP by email at [rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca)**. Please **let me know if your child *can't* participate**, so that your decision can be counted, and I can plan for this trip.

## Any other news?

Here are a few bits of exciting news!

- Several students attended **Musical Discoveries at UVIC** on the January Pro D Day!
- **We won a grant!** The Jazz Band will be working with Louis Rudner, from Universal Jazz Artists and Mentors (U-JAM), this term thanks to a generous grant from ArtStarts.
- There are three major performances coming in term 3. Please mark your calendars.
  - **6-9pm Fri Apr 11 COOL STUFF SHOW (and Market!) a showcase of talent!** (Volunteers, vendors, and student performers needed! See our website for more info!)
  - **7pm, Tue May 27 District-Wide Strings Finale Concert at UVIC**
  - **7pm, Wed May 28 Final Concert for Rockheights Bands and Jazz Band**
  - **7pm, Wed June 4, Final Concert for Rockheights Strings and Choir**

Please note that a paper copy of this letter will be sent home, and you can find this and any other notice which is sent home at [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com). If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me at [rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca).

Thank you, Risa McDonell, Music Teacher, Rockheights Middle School



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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES!** My child can participate in the concert tour of the elementary schools on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

If you can chaperone, do you have a large vehicle that you can help us transport equipment with?

**Yes,** I have a large vehicle and can help transport equipment.

**No,** I can't help transport equipment, but I can ride the bus with you.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this paper form, or RSVP by email to [rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca)  
by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.