

Westmount Wolves Band Handbook 2016-17

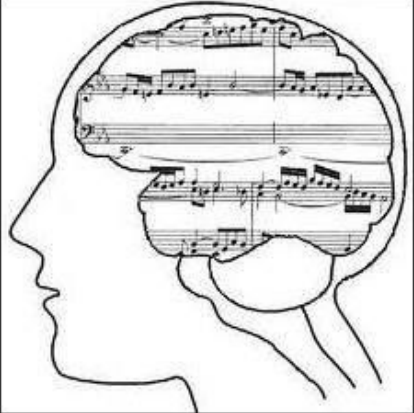
Westmount Wolves Grade 8/9 Concert Band: there are separate Gr 8 and Gr 9 band classes where we will work on technique, theory and general musicianship. Before performances extra rehearsals will be scheduled in the timetable and perhaps a few times outside the regular class time. Music performed by the 8/9 Concert Band will be at the grade II-III level. In addition to concerts and festivals, the 8/9 Concert Band is planning a trip to Camp Caroline March 7-9, 2016 and Edmonton March 13-14, 2016

Westmount Wolves Grade 7 Concert Band: Gr 7 band class where we will work on technique, theory and general musicianship. Music performed by the 7 Concert Band will be at the grade I level. In addition to concerts and festivals, the 7 Concert Band is planning a trip to Camp Caroline March 7-9, 2016.

Westmount Wolves Gr 6 Concert Band: The Gr 6 Concert Band will be made up of the Gr 6 Band Classes. It is an exploratory class where students will be able to try band instruments. Our first performance will be our Christmas Concert on December 14, 2015. The Gr 6 Concert band will also participate in the Foothills School Division Gr 6 beginning band festival in April. TBA

Westmount Wolves Jazz Ensemble: The 8/9 Jazz Ensemble meets regularly in the time table all year. Various performances are listed in the important dates. This group will perform at a high level and requires dedication from its members. The Gr 7 Jazz Class is an exploratory of Jazz music second semester.

Children in school band...



score 19% higher in English, 17% higher in mathematics, and use more of their brain than those without music education

Band Fees and Trip Costs

A fee of \$100 for instrument rental was already collected in your school fees. This is an amazing price and we are so lucky to have FSD#38 be supportive and offer students such a low price for instrument rental.

Westmount School has already established itself as one the most outstanding Music Programs in Alberta. We provide students with excellent classroom instruction and take the next step to ensure students reach their potential.

The school option fees program has been developed which will greatly enhance the music program at Westmount. This will help cover the cost of what is **NOT funded in the regular classroom by the Alberta Government**. This would include professional clinicians, world renown Guest Conductors, up keep of uniforms, awards, summer camp scholarships, festival registrations, bussing and numerous other expenses incurred with the Band Program.

Band - \$75 included in school fees

Jazz Band- \$20 included in school fees

******Trips to Camp Caroline and Edmonton are not included in the regular school fees.******

TRIPS

The 7's, 8's and 9's will travel March 6 to 8 to Camp Caroline.

The 8/9 Concert band will also go to Edmonton for a one-night trip March 13/14.

Camp Caroline is located just outside Caroline, Alberta in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is completely self-contained (large fenced property) facility which boasts walking trails, 4 foot deep full size pool, gym, amazing rehearsal space, great kid friendly food and sleeping arrangements in the heated main lodge. There are also many break out rooms and plenty of room to rehearse a large ensemble! Included is a sample itinerary.

Grade 8/9 Band students will be charged **\$350**, which will cover a trip to Camp Caroline all meals and lodging, bussing and guest conductor and a one night trip to Edmonton, two meals, bussing and festival registration. ***Extra costs will include three meals and optional passes to Galaxy Land or the Water Park at West Edmonton Mall.** We will be staying in a hotel in Edmonton*

Gr 7 Band students will pay **\$250**, which will cover a trip to Camp Caroline all meals and lodging, bussing and guest conductor.

Families who cannot afford this fee are asked to contact Mr. Graham or someone in the front office to discuss, in complete confidence, alternative payment plans or waving of the fee completely.

We are also planning day trips to various festivals;

AIBF Edmonton – Gr 8/9 Concert Band– March 13-14 – one day only unless there is big support to stay overnight one night. This would be an extra cost and we will revisit.

AIBF Calgary – Gr 7 Band – March 16 – day trip to Calgary

FSD#38 Gr 6 Festival – Grade 6 Band – April TBA –

Alberta Band Association Provincial Festival May 10 Gr 7 and 8/9 Bands

ACHIEVING MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Westmount School has already developed a tradition and a reputation for outstanding Music students. The most important factor in improving a student's performance is private practice. This should consist of at least 1 hour a week. This can be done alone or with a few friends, at home or at school. Band members not willing to make this minimal commitment will restrict the progress of the entire group. ***Like a chain, an ensemble is only as strong as its weakest link.*** It is more effective to practice every day, if possible. Practice sessions of less than 20 minutes have very little positive effect.

Parent Volunteers

An active and high quality junior high band program requires help from volunteers. Such things as fundraising, uniform management, trip planning, chaperoning, etc

*** Permission forms and more detailed information on trips will come home in the New Year***

If you have any questions or concerns please email Mr. Graham
grahamj@fsd38.ab.ca

Westmount 2016 - 2017 Band
Calendar of Events

October 13	Band Concert – 7/8/9 Camp Caroline Information Session - Westmount Gym
November 1-4	Chinook Band Festival
November 9	Westmount Remembrance Day Service
November 22	Jazz Night - Westmount Gym
December 14	Christmas Concert I WES. Gym – 6/7 Band (1,3,5 A&B)
December 15	Christmas Concert II WES. Gym - 8/9 Band (2,4,5 C)
March 6-8	Camp Caroline Grade 7/8/9 Bands
March 16(tentative)	Grade 7 Band – Alberta International Festival of Bands
March 13-14	Alberta International Festival of Bands, Edmonton Gr.8/9
March 24	Jazz and Java FCHS – <i>this a Friday night!!</i>
April TBA	Gr 6 Beginner Band Festival
May 2	Spring Band Concert – All Bands WES. GYM
May 10 (tentative)	Alberta Band Association Provincial Festival – Red Deer 7/8/9 Bands
June 6	Year End BBQ Outdoor Band Concert – 6 to 9 (June 7 Rain day)

Westmount Wolves Band Volunteers

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ or _____

Please check what you would like to help with;

Band forms and Trip Fees Collection;

October 26 at lunch: _____

October 27 at lunch: _____

Jazz Night November 22 - _____

Fundraising - _____

Trip Planning/Coordinator - _____

Chaperoning Day Trips – _____

Chaperoning Camp Caroline - _____

Chaperoning Edmonton - _____

Sample Itinerary for Camp Caroline:

Monday

10:00am – Board Bus
12:00pm – Bag Lunch on Bus
1:00pm – Arrive at Camp Caroline – unload and find rooms
2:00pm – Rehearsal
4:00pm – free time
5:00pm – Supper
6:00pm – Rehearsal
7:30pm - Free Time
8:30pm – snack
9:30pm – in rooms
10:00pm – lights out

Tuesday

6:30am – Early pool time
7:30am – Breakfast
8:30am – Clinics with professionals
10:00am – Free time
10:30am – Clinics
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Rehearsal with Guest Conductor
3:00pm – Free Time
4:00 pm – Rehearsal Guest Conductor
5:30pm – Supper
6:30pm – Rehearsal Guest Conductor
7:30pm - Free Time
8:30pm – snack and variety show
9:30pm – in rooms
10:00pm – lights out

Wednesday

6:30am – Early Pool Time
7:30am – Breakfast
8:30am – Rehearsal
10:00am – Clean Rooms and Pack
12:00pm - Lunch
3:30pm – Back to Westmount School

Westmount School Band FEES FORM

**Please in forms and fees to the band during lunch
Wednesday, October 26 OR Thursday, October 27**

We have read the Westmount newsletter attached to this form. We have discussed the band responsibilities and expectations with our child and we agree to support them.

_____	_____
Student's Name	Grade
_____	_____
Parent Signature	Student Signature

Gr 8/9 Camp Caroline and Edmonton - \$350.00
Gr 7 Camp Caroline - \$250.00

The Westmount Music fees can be paid in one of 4 ways:

- 1.) In one cheque payable to **Westmount School** dated November 1, 2016, or;
- 2.) In 3 postdated cheques, payable to **Westmount School** dated November 1, 2016, December 1, 2016, and February 1, 2017
- 3.) Cash
- 4.) Pay online via Maplewood

****We want all music students to be able to participate. Parents who may have some difficulty paying these fees are asked to contact Mr. Graham. Our conversations will be kept in utmost confidence*****

Please check the applicable places and complete the following form.

_____ **Gr 8/9** 1 cheque @ \$350.00 Camp Caroline and Edmonton

_____ **Gr 8/9** 3 cheques @ \$100.00, 100.00, 150.00

_____ **Gr 7** 1 cheques @ \$250.00 Camp Caroline

_____ **Gr 7** 3 cheques @ \$100.00, \$100.00, \$50.00

_____ cash _____

Received by: _____ **Date:** _____