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Brandon East Side Band

Dear East Side Band Parent / Guardian,

The **East Side Band Winter Concert** is on **Thursday, February 9th** at the **Westman Centennial Auditorium at 7:00 pm**. We will also be having a concert run through on Thursday, February 9th at the Westman Centennial Auditorium and all transportation will be provided. Please make sure that your child has their home instrument (if your child has one at school and one at home) and their sheet music/folder at school that day, as they will not be coming to Earl Oxford beforehand. The rehearsal schedule will be:

Thursday, February 9th (Day 3)

Grade 7 Band Students (CH/VV/BG/JR/MP)

9:15am	Bus pick-up at schools
9:30am—10:45am	Rehearsal at WMCA
10:45am	Busses return grade 7 students to school

Grade 7 Band Students (EO/NE/SA/ME)

10:30am	Bus Pick-up at schools
10:45am—12:00pm	Rehearsal at WMCA
12:00pm	Busses return grade 7 students to school

Grade 8 Band Students (EO/KG/EH/GF/KH/GA/MP/SA)

12:45pm	Bus pick-up at schools
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Rehearsal at WMCA
2:30pm	Busses return grade 8 students to school

**** Tuba, euphonium, and string bass players need to bring their home instruments for the concert. Instruments can be dropped off at the WMCA any time beginning at 8:45am on Thursday, Feb. 9th.**

Evening arrival times:

- **Betty Gibson / Christian Heritage / JR Reid / Maryland Park / Valleyview Grade 7 Students** will meet Ms. Dodds and Ms. Friesen downstairs at **6:15pm** to set up, line up and warm up. You will then be taken upstairs to reserved seating in the audience. Please enter the WMCA by the back doors and proceed downstairs.
- **Earl Oxford / Meadows / New Era / St. Augustine Grade 7 Students** will meet Ms. Dodds and Ms. Friesen downstairs at **6:30pm** to set up, line up and warm up. You will then be taken upstairs to reserved seating in the audience. Please enter the WMCA by the back doors and proceed downstairs.

- **All Grade 8 Band Students** will meet Ms. Dodds downstairs at **6:45pm** to set up, line up and warm up. You will then be taken upstairs to reserved seating in the audience. Please enter the WMCA by the back doors and proceed downstairs. (Wind Ensemble students will arrive and line up separately.)

The East Side Band Parent council will have Sobeys' Gift Cards in the front lobby from 6:15 pm to 7:00pm. Cards are available in \$50 denominations with 5% going directly to the students fundraising accounts. Money in this account can be used towards any East Side Band fee: band supplies, the Gr. 8 Band Camp and the Gr. 8 Moose Jaw trip. This money can stay with the students for as long as they are in band and can be used in high schools for band trips there, but cannot be redeemed for cash.

****Performer Entrance****

**Performers must enter from the Stage Door at the back of the WMCA,
NOT THE FRONT DOORS**

Tickets for the band concert can be purchased at the door the evening of the concert. Ticket prices are \$5/Adult, \$2/child (17 and under). Performers do not need to pay. Tickets will **ONLY** be available at the door, no advance ticket options. **Tickets are not available online for this concert.**

The uniform for all performances by East Side Band students is as follows:

Grade 8 Band Uniform

- East Side Band Sweater
- Black dress pants
- Black dress shoes
- Black socks/nylons

Grade 7 Band Uniform

- Black Shirt (no logos or colours)
- Black pants
- Black shoes
- Black socks/nylons

If you have any questions, you can contact us at dodds.erin@bsd.ca or friesen.brooklyn@bsd.ca or call the band room at 204-729-3277.

We are very much looking forward to our first full program concert of the year!

Erin Dodds and Brooklyn Friesen
Directors - Brandon East Side Bands