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Brandon East Side Band

Dear Grade 8 Band Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back to a new school year! We all know how quickly September flies by and with that comes our first band event! Your child has been invited to participate in the Brandon Middle Years Grade 8 Band Kickoff at the Westman Centennial Auditorium. The East and West Side Band programs are joining together for this two-day adventure in music education. The kickoff is designed to provide an intense individual learning experience for all students in a safe, fun atmosphere. Students have the opportunity to participate in instrument sectionals, rehearsals, and social activities, honing their skills, learning new ones, as well as growing as a band and meeting new people. **The East Side Band grade 8's will have their kickoff day at the WMCA on Thursday, September 29th.**

Part of this special event will be an evening portion on Wednesday, September 28th. Mr. Cramer and I are inviting all of the grade 8's for a pizza supper at the WMCA Grand Salon (basement). Afterwards, we will be attending a concert by the amazing Dirty Catfish Brass Band! They are a New Orleans style brass band based out of Winnipeg. The grade 8's will attend the concert for free. Tickets are available to the public as well! If you would like to join us, please email Ms. Dodds or the BWMSB (West Side) Treasurer to purchase your tickets. Tickets can be purchased in advance (cash/cheque/e-transfer bwmsbtreasurer@gmail.com) or the night of the event at the WMCA as well.

Euphonium players will be responsible for bringing their home euphonium to the WMCA. Tuba plays will have the full-size tubas brought over by Ms. Dodds. All other musicians are responsible for bringing their instrument and any extras to the WMCA.

Here is our schedule of events for the two days:

Wednesday, September 28th

6:00pm Students arrive at WMCA, pizza supper in grand salon
7:30pm Dirty Catfish Brass Band Concert at WMCA. After the concert, there will be a Q and A session with the band. We anticipate the concert being just over an hour.
9:00pm (approx.) Pick up from WMCA after the concert.

Thursday, September 29th **Students will start and end their day at their home school**

9:15am Busses pick up students from their home schools and bring them to the WMCA
9:30am Sectionals with clinicians
10:30am Full band rehearsal
11:30am Lunch in the Grand Salon (students are responsible for their own lunch, no microwaves available)
12:30pm Sectionals with clinicians
1:30pm Full band rehearsal
2:30pm Busses pick up students from WMCA and return them to their schools

Please complete the following survey to indicate whether your child will be joining us for the evening concert using either the QR code or URL.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5szfeczunT>



Chaperones are needed for throughout the two days. We are looking for parent volunteers to help supervise supper and help with tickets at the door on Wednesday, September 28th. As well as a few chaperones to help with supervision throughout the day on the 29th. If you can help with either time, please let Ms. Dodds know as soon as possible.

This band event is covered under the waiver form that was sent home at the beginning of the year. If that form has been signed and returned, your child will be able to attend the event! If you are unsure, please check with Ms. Dodds (dodds.erin@bsd.ca).

If you have any questions regarding this camp, please feel free to contact your band director at any time. Please fill out all forms and return them to school with your child as soon as possible.

Musically Yours,
Erin Dodds, East Side Band - Director