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Brandon East Side Band

Greetings East Side Band Parents/Guardians,

The grade 8 band students have been working very hard to prepare for their first evening concert of the year. We are very excited to join the Crocus Plains / Neelin Bands and Choirs for their winter concert. The concert is on **Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm at the Westman Centennial Auditorium**. Here are some details/reminders before the big performance.

Tuesday, December 6th, Day 4, Schedule

- 12:45pm Bus pick-up at schools
1:00pm Dress Rehearsal at WMCA
- Please be sure to bring your instrument, all your music, your music folder, and a pencil. Instruments can be left at the WMCA in between the dress rehearsal and evening concert.
 - Euphonium and String Bass need to bring their home instrument to the dress rehearsal and concert. We will bring full size tubas from the school for the tuba players.
- 2:30pm Buses return grade 8 students to school

Evening Arrival Times

- 6:30pm All grade 8 band students will meet Ms. Dodds downstairs to set up, line up and warm up. Please do not be late. We begin our warmup at 6:40pm.

Students will be staying until the end of the concert to show support for the other musicians performing that evening.

Performers must enter from the Stage Door at the back on the WMCA, NOT THE FRONT DOORS.

Tickets prices are as follows:	\$5 - 1 person	\$18 - 4 people
	\$10 - 2 people	\$21 - 5 people
	\$15 - 3 people	\$24 - 6 people

Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office before the concert. This allows families to purchase their tickets before the concert and to choose the exact seats you would like. Tickets can still be purchased the night of the concert, but will be cash only at the door. There will be limited choice available for seating. Please visit www.wmca.ca and choose the Crocus / Neelin Band Concert or <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=153915> to book tickets in advance.

Concert dress is the black East Side Band shirt with black pants (or longer skirt) and black shoes and socks. Please no logos or colours on pants, shirts, or shoes as this draws attention away from the band and their performance.

We will also require 2-3 parent chaperones to help at the concert. Chaperones are needed to help with transitions on and off the stage, as well as sit with the students once they've performed. Chaperones will receive free admission. If you are able to help, please contact Ms. Dodds.

If you have any questions, you can send me an email at dodds.erin@bsd.ca or call the East Side Band Room at 204-729-3277. If you require financial support to attend the concert, please contact me as well, as we have some assistance we can offer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the concert.

Yours Musically,
Erin Dodds - East Side Band Director