



Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Band North Program
March 8th and 9th, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on having an accomplished young musician in your family. Receiving this letter means your band teacher is very pleased with the progress your child is making. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your child to develop their musical abilities.

The Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Band North Program provides an enrichment experience for exceptional band students from across Northern Saskatchewan. It is offered as a joint project between the Saskatchewan Music Educators Association and the Saskatchewan Band Association.

We warmly welcome your child's involvement in the Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Band North Program. If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the attached application form and return it to your band teacher by **January 11th, 2019**. If your child has been selected to participate, they will be notified through your band teacher in the beginning of February, once the student selection process is complete.

When:	Friday, March 8 th - 12pm – 6pm Saturday, March 9 th - 9:00am – 5:30pm (Public Concert in the afternoon)
Format:	During the two days, students will experience sectionals and full band rehearsals. The weekend will conclude with a public concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert on Saturday at 4:30pm.
Cost:	A \$65 registration fee will include a t-shirt, access to digital recordings of the concert, and meals (Friday snack, Saturday lunch, Saturday snack). Admission to the concert will be by silver collection. Parents can register and pay online by going to www.saskmea.ca or choose to have their forms submitted by mail with a cheque. Payment must be attached with the application form in order to be considered. If your student is not selected to participate, your cheque will be returned to you. Students are responsible for their own transportation, additional meals, and accommodations.
Commitment:	Students will receive their music by mid-February, and are expected to practice their music ahead of time to ensure a basic grasp of the notes and rhythms.
Selection Process:	Once all applications are received, students from each area of Northern Saskatchewan will be selected to participate in the Saskatchewan Junior Band. The organizers will be striving for a 60-piece band with balanced instrumentation. <i>This may mean that not all students who apply will be selected to participate.</i>
Accommodations:	Families will be responsible for their own accommodations and transportation during the weekend. Please note that students will be supervised during all scheduled activities.
Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please attach a \$65 cheque payable to Saskatchewan Music Educators Association. If selected, the fee is not refundable; if not selected, the cheque will be mailed back to you. Forms without payment attached will not be accepted. 2. Please ensure your child is able to attend all scheduled activities. Cancellations or missed rehearsals mean that the opportunity to play in this band is taken away from another deserving student. 3. Please ensure your child has transportation to and from the venue. The itinerary will be emailed with the music in mid-February and will provide exact times. 4. If required, please ensure your child has accommodations on March 8th and 9th.