



JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE BAND NORTH

Dear Band Teachers,

This year's SBA/SMEA Junior and Intermediate Band North will be held on **Friday, March 8th** and **Saturday, March 9th, 2019** at Sacred Heart Cathedral (Junior) and École St. Mary High School (Intermediate) in **Prince Albert**. The Junior and Intermediate Band program is designed to provide an enrichment experience for accomplished young musicians in our province. Students recommended for this program should be motivated and looking to achieve a new level of musical excellence. The north bands include students from the northern half of the province (all school divisions north of Davidson).

Recommendation criteria for 2018-2019:

Junior Band (Grade 7 & 8):

- Each band program area may recommend **up to five (5) students** for participation.
- Each band program area may recommend a **maximum of one (1) student per instrument**.
- Although the planning committee will make every effort to accommodate all students recommended, due to space constraints and in consideration for balanced instrumentation, all students recommended may not be selected to participate.
- A recall will be issued if additional participants on certain instruments are required.

Intermediate Band (Grade 9 & 10):

- Each band program area may recommend **up to five (5) students** for participation.
- Please recommend students from a variety of instrument sections.
- Although the planning committee will make every effort to accommodate all students recommended, due to space constraints and in consideration for balanced instrumentation, all students recommended may not be selected to participate.
- A recall will be issued if additional participants on certain instruments are required.

Band Teacher Instructions:

1. Please distribute the attached parent/guardian letter and parent/guardian registration form to the students you have selected for recommendation. * It is advisable that completed student forms are collected prior to Christmas break. This is why the deadline for students' forms to be turned in is earlier than the deadline for teachers' submissions.
2. Please complete the attached teacher registration form (one for each student being recommended).
OR: Please complete the teacher registration form online (one for each student being recommended) at <https://saskmea.ca/programs/saskatchewan-junior-bands/teachers/>
3. Mail all hard copies of the parent/guardian registration form, teacher registration form, and cheques to **St. Philip School, attn: Lee Adams, 1901 Haultain Ave, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 1P4**
postmarked no later than January 15, 2019. Students will be considered only if both forms are complete, have a cheque attached, and are mailed by January 15, 2019.
For those choosing to register and pay on line –Have the students and parents fill in the participant form at <https://saskmea.ca/programs/saskatchewan-junior-bands/participants/>
4. If you have students who may not be able to participate due to financial considerations and you do not have access to scholarship funds through your school or division, please contact Val Kuemper at the SMEA office to inquire about scholarship possibilities (smea@sasktel.net).

Please feel free to contact Lee Adams (ladams@gscs.sk.ca) should you have any further questions or concerns about registrations. We look forward to receiving your student recommendations and having your students participate in the Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Band North program.

Sincerely,
The Saskatchewan Junior and Intermediate Band North Planning Committee