

SCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY & MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

The first semester proved to be very exciting as the music department celebrated a successful evening at the Dow Center in Fort Saskatchewan along with Bomba and the Spanish program. Congratulations to all! But wait, we still have several events scheduled for this semester! **We are in need of parent participation in order to make SCAMPA a successful partner with the Music Program.** Fund raising events are **essential** for SCAMPA. Not only does it provide opportunity to add to individual student accounts but enables SCAMPA to purchase new instruments, pay clinicians and reduce costs of retreats. Everyone's involvement in fund raising is truly appreciated. If your student is graduating and has funds in their account, they can pass it over to another student or to SCAMPA.

Bingo

Bingo dates are: March 13 (10:30am- 4:00pm), April 8 (4:30 pm-9:30 pm), May 8 (4:30 pm-9:30 pm), September 18 (10:30 am- 4:00 pm) and November 7 (4:30 pm-9:30 pm). The evening Bingo includes a meal. Please call Gina at 780 458-9055 if interested in working a Bingo. Each bingo worked will contribute \$50 to your students account. We still need workers and also appreciate having an emergency call list available. **Bingo Sign-up sheets will be available at the Spring Concert March 2nd.**

Casino

May 7 and 8th we are booked to work the Campbell Park Gold Dust Casino. You can sign up for one of three shifts. The day shift runs from 11:00 am- 7:00 pm, a short shift runs from 11pm to 02:30 am. The long shift is from 6:30 pm to 2:30 am. A short shift pays \$50 to your student's account, while the long shift provides \$75. This is a great way to add funds to your child account. Please contact Carol Arnold at 780-939-5943 or more information and to sign up. **There are still several positions available for the casino.**

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is at the end of May. If you are thinking about joining the executive please contact Trish @ 780-459-5245 as there are positions opening up. The executive is a wonderful way to help the music program continue to be a great success.

Dates to Mark on your Calendar

Congratulations to the following groups for great performances at Choralfest North and the Alberta International Band Festival. Here are the ratings they received:

Vocal Jazz: Silver plus award
Choir: a Gold and Silver rating
Jazz Band: an Excellent rating
Concert Band: an Excellent rating

Wednesday, April 14: Concert band performs at the Rotary Music Festival in St. Albert. Students will leave at 9 AM, perform at 10 AM at the Arden Theatre and return at 11:30 AM.

Wednesday, April 14: Jazz band performs at the Rotary Music Festival in St. Albert. Students will leave the school at 3 PM, perform at 4 PM at the Arden Theatre and return by 5:15 PM. (if the festival is not running late!) **THIS IS EARLY DISMISSAL DAY, SO STUDENTS EITHER STAY AT SCHOOL OR LEAVE AND COME BACK BY 3 PM.**

Friday, April 16: Choir sings at the Rotary Music Festival in St. Albert. Students will leave the school at 12:30 PM, sing at 1:40 PM at the United Church and return by 3 PM.

April 22nd to 25th: Nelson Tour

April 29: Sturgeon Night of Music. Band and choir are involved.

June 2 or 3rd: Final Concert and Awards Night

Grocery Gift Cards

The grocery gift card program is ongoing and always a great way to add to your students individual account. Orders can be placed by filling out a Grocery Gift Certificate Order Form (payment must accompany form) and sending it to school for filling of the order. Please call Terri with any questions 780-458-6277 and just as a reminder: no 3rd party cheques are accepted.

Other Fundraising Activities

The remaining Pizza Sales dates are: April 22nd and May 20th. Anyone interested in helping out please call Trish at 780-459-5245. Your assistance would be required from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm. It's amazing how fast the pizza's sell! It is well supported by the students and we'd like to thank all the students and parent volunteers that help on Pizza Days.