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September 17th, 2024

Dear Band Students and Parents,

Please read this letter carefully as it outlines the Jumpstart Field Trip. This field trip is for all students in 6E, 6L. Students should take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!

On **Friday, October 4th** (Day 4 for Namao) students new to their chosen brass or woodwind instrument(s) are scheduled for a trip to St. Albert to meet professional musicians! Our main focus will be to learn proper instrument set up, posture for playing, breathing to play a wind instrument, mouth set up, and how to make a characteristic sound all alongside many Sturgeon Students. If you're available to chaperone, have a valid RCMP criminal record check and would like to volunteer, please let me know. We also could use a couple of parent drivers to transport instruments and equipment in their own truck / SUV / trailer / minivan.

Having eaten a good breakfast, students need to meet in the gym at Namao School on Monday, October 4th at 8:30 am. Students will be transported by school bus to and from **St. Albert Alliance Church (SAAC) 200 Villeneuve Rd, St. Albert, AB**. We are scheduled to return to Namao School at approximately 2:40 pm. Students will be required to follow all school rules. The schedule is on the following page.

The risks associated with these activities include tripping / falling, spraining an ankle, injuries associated with playing indoor and outdoor games, and injuries associated with traveling in a motor vehicle. Personal coverage is encouraged. Details are available at the school or from Industrial Alliance Pacific Life at 1-800-556-7411.

A reasonable but **non-refundable fee of \$10** - payable on PowerSchool that includes everything. NAMPA will cover school bus transportation to and from SAAC. Students will play in instrument groups and as a large band with many other Sturgeon Public Schools students, receive instruction with professional musicians, have a Question & Answer time, play a Showcase of Progress for chaperones and hear performances by professional musicians!

Consent for your child and payments may be completed through PowerSchool starting September 20th and will be due **September 26th**. See [GUIDE TO COMPLETING ONLINE CONSENT](#) if you need help. Please contact me ASAP should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours musically,

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JUMPSTART SCHEDULE at St. Albert Alliance Church 200 Villeneuve Rd, St. Albert, AB

Friday October 4th, 2024 - [Directions to SAAC](#)

- 8:25 am - Meet in Music Room with instrument and backpack (lunch, band folder, pencil, water bottle)
- 8:35 am - Reminders, instructions and students help load parent vehicles
- 8:45 - Board school bus area & take Attendance
- 9:00 am - Depart Namao School
- 9:30 am - Arrive St. Albert Alliance Church (SAAC), unload south east side
- 9:45 am - Each school will have a corner in the Gym for their own, labeled equipment - see [GYM MAP](#)
 - Students proceed to their clinic room with instrument in its case, folder & music stand
- 9:55 am - Adults can help students find their room - see the instrument clinic room / [Building MAP](#)
- 10:00 am - Students to Sectionals (Clinicians to lead kids to rooms every session)
- 11:00 am - Washroom / Snack Break
- 11:15 pm - Students return to instrument clinic rooms
- 12:15 pm - Students put away instruments into cases, leave equipment in rooms & go to the Gym
- 12:20 pm - Clinicians Perform for Students (~1 to 2 minutes max per clinician) in the Gym
- 12:30 pm - Clinicians depart, then eat a “no-microwave lunch” lunch (outside edge of Gym or in the Atrium)
- 12:35 pm - Adults set up chairs & stands in the Gym for Full Band
 - Adults supervise and remind students that garbage goes in the bins, not on the floor
- 12:55 pm - Students move instruments (in cases), folders & stands from clinic rooms to GYM
 - Check posted Seating Chart, students setup music stands first, then their instruments - Adult help
- 1:00 pm - Showcase of Progress for Chaperones - Play Looking Down and First Blues as a full band
- 1:15 pm - Instruments into cases carefully and then everyone helps to stack chairs
- 1:30 pm - Everyone gathers their own school’s equipment & load vehicles
- 1:45 pm - Check for school equipment left behind in rooms + throw away any leftover garbage
- 2:00 pm - Board Bus at south east entrance of SAAC & take Attendance
- 2:10 pm - Take attendance & Depart SAAC
- 2:40 pm - Arrive School, Students unload parent vehicles, put all equipment away & return to timetable