

# Music at the REC

## River East Collegiate Musical Arts Parent Association (RECMAPA)



### Music Program Updates

#### Guitar

Grade 9 Guitar assessments have gone well with students who have just started playing guitar making great strides in their playing and understanding of guitar

#### Band

Concert Band and Jazz band students are preparing for a busy performance and festival season including : The REC coffee house, Wpg and BU Jazz Festivals, Sharing sessions with the REC Family of schools and the U of M Faculty of Music Auditions.



#### Choir Vocalease Independent Skill Music and Music Production

**Choir:** Annual commercial making contest is happening during assessment week and will be passed along for voting to elementary and middle schools in our catchment. Please vote!

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZpsdEEMgc62ay6gkAx7QuFsLv7-pY4hT>

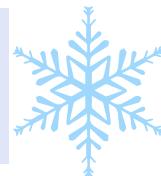


**Independent Skills Music:** playing pitched bells/chimes in class as well as encouraging solo work

**Music Production:** 10-12 wrapped up - submitting and sharing final projects during assessment week.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 50/50 Fundraiser.

Digital Sound and Wireless Mic orders have been processed and are currently ongoing



#### Look for Upcoming Fundraisers at the Beginning of February :

- Winkler Meats
- Bothwell Cheese



#### Music Fees

Thank you to all families who have sent in their music fees. For those families who have not sent in the \$25 fee, please send as soon as possible. If you have more than one student in the Music program, you only owe one \$25 fee.

#### 2025-26 EXECUTIVE

Chair - Angela Jewsbury

Treasurer - Mick Martens

Secretary - Cate Dyck

Communications - Linda Hirt

Fundraising Coordinator - Corey

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### Important Events Upcoming

Vocal Jazz - Clinician Dorothy Dyck is coming in during assessment week

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> music sharing with family of school grade 8 band students

REC Open House in evening

February 26<sup>th</sup> - 7pm - Jazz Coffee House \$10 at the door

Winnipeg Jazz Band Festival (CCFM)

March 5<sup>th</sup> 8:40pm- REC Big Band

March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:10pm - REC Jazz Orchestra

March 12-13<sup>th</sup> - Brandon Jazz Festival - tickets for Big band Concert.

Parent Permission form for BJF [link](#)

<https://forms.office.com/r/Lv3dRtp16G>

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - REC Choir hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual RETSD High School Choir Song



### Concerts

#### Spring Concert

Wednesday, April 29th, 7:00 pm

- REC Gym

All performers please wear all black clothing, suitable for performing  
\$5 at the door - no tickets

Jazz Concert - June 4<sup>th</sup>

### What Does RECMAPA Do?

The purpose of the RECMAPA is to promote, encourage and support the interests of the musical arts programs at River East Collegiate. We assist both the choir and band programs to ensure the students have what they need to excel.

NEXT MEETING FEB 11TH @6:00 pm