



Springfield Collegiate Institute

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each year the Springfield Band Program tries to provide a variety of worthwhile musical experiences to our students. I believe that all of our activities in and out of the band room develop our students into lifelong learners, as well as developing citizenship, problem solving and teamwork skills unique to the music program.

We have concerts and trips planned for our ensembles next spring that I am very excited about, one of which is our proposed trip to Brandon to partake in the Jazz Festival at Brandon University. SCI has a great history of shared musical experiences and opportunities and it always proves to be a worthwhile venture. I feel that not only is this trip a good musical goal for our students, but is also a reward for all of the hard work and dedication each student has demonstrated towards the program. This trip this year has us leaving on the morning of March 14 and returning on March 15, 2024.

The cost of the Brandon trip this year is approximately \$225 per student. This includes festival registration, transportation, accommodation and travel insurance. It does not include food. If students wish, they may start turning money into Mr. Crowe at their earliest convenience. If any student wishes to use monies accumulated through fundraising activities, they must inform Mr. Crowe in writing.

Our goal for 2023-24 is to have every student in the Junior (Grade 9) Jazz Band attend the trip. We plan our performances on this trip under the assumption that this ensemble will have all of its members. We firmly believe that if the student has been successful in the program throughout the school year, they deserve to participate in this worthwhile event. Each year, some students do not participate for a variety of reasons. If I can try and solve any potential problems early, I hope to have all of our students participate. I would like to kindly request that the attached intent form be filled out and returned before **Monday, January 22, 2024**. Further trip details can be found on the SCI Band website (<https://sciband.wixsite.com/sciband>).

I ask that both students and parents sign the attached sheet. This sheet is NOT a permission slip; it is just for information on whether you think you are able or unable to attend. If you think at this point that the trip will be a problem for you, please give a brief indication as to why. Please be advised that all forms will be held in confidence. If you have any other thoughts or comments, please write them on the form attached, or feel free to call me at the school.

Sincerely,

Greg Crowe

