



EDMONTON - Senior Music Tour

April 20th – April 25th, 2020

Dear Families,

This year's tour will take place from **Monday, April 20th to Sunday, April 25th**. On this tour, students will be able to take part in a number of culturally rich and exciting learning opportunities.

A tour to Edmonton requires important considerations and careful planning by teachers, parents and students in making a smooth and successful event. We have created a brief summary of the trip in order to help you have an idea of what will be happening. A formal itinerary will follow as our trip approaches.

Groups Participating:

- Senior Choir & Band students (Grade 11 & 12)
- Grade 10 Jazz students (Tonic & Jazz Band)

If additional spots are open, there will be a selection process to determine additional members. All students participating in this trip must be in good standing.

Teacher Chaperones:

- Melanie Urichuk (Choir)
- Melissa Hodge (Band)
- Staci Parker (Math)
- Bruce Kroeker (Drafting)
- Andy Elias (Educational Assistant)
- Palmer Toews (Choral Accompanist)
- 1 Administrator
- Remaining chaperones to be allotted

Costs:

As of now (before fundraising), each student attending will need to pay approximately \$760 (that includes the deposit they've already provided). We will provide a final cost once tour details are finalized. We will also provide updates on money owing as the tour approaches.

Each student will make payment in 3 installments, plus the initial \$50 deposit:

- 1: **Non-refundable** Deposit of \$50 was due September 27th.
- 2: \$280 due November 7th
- 3: \$280 due February 6th
- 4: Remaining balance (approx. \$140 plus adjustments) due April 6th.

These payments cover the cost of transportation (highway coach via Kemnay Travel), accommodations, the cost of all attractions, and more.

Please hand in all payments to **Mrs. Melissa Hodge** or **Mrs. Melanie Urichuk**. All cheques should be made out to **GVC Student Council**. Your student's name should be on the memo line.

Meals on Tour:

Many meals have been built into the cost of the trip this year. Students should anticipate covering:

- 5 lunches
- 1 breakfast
- 1 dinner

We suggest you budget at least \$10 per meal, or more if you plan to opt for more costly options along the way. We certainly encourage you to bring more food money than you expect to need. Tour is very active, and you may eat more than you anticipate!

Students are also asked to pack a bag lunch for the first day of tour, just as they would on a regular school day. Students are encouraged to pack snacks for the bus, though please be conscientious of others and consider allergies as well as simply avoiding strong smelling foods.

Fundraising:

There will be 3 primary fundraisers: *Mom's Pantry*, *Co-op Gift Cards*, & *Spent Gift Cards/Pizza*. Information will be distributed as each fundraiser approaches. Each fundraiser has been designed to occur before each major installment of payment for the trip.

Insurance:

Albert's healthcare coverage is slightly different from Manitoba's and, as a result, we encourage all students to ensure they have out-of-province coverage for the following services:

- **Ambulance costs**
- **Dental costs**

If you already have supplemental insurance, you can verify with your insurance company that your child is covered for the above services. If you do not have insurance over and above Manitoba Health's coverage, you can purchase travel insurance that covers the above services.

Medical and Health Considerations:

We will send forms home as the date approaches, but please let us know if your student has health concerns that require special arrangements to be made. This will allow us to be as proactive as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us! Thank you for your support of the GVC Music programs! We are so proud of our students and look forward to this learning adventure together.

Sincerely,

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