



Montreal and Quebec - Senior Music and French Tour

April 23rd – April 29th, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

We are very excited to begin our work for this year's Senior Music and French Tour!

The tour will take place from **Monday, April 23rd to Sunday, April 29th**. On this tour, students will be able to take part in a number of culturally rich and exciting learning opportunities.

A tour to Quebec 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)
- Senior French 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)
- Caitlin Parr (French)
- Bruce Kroeker (Drafting)
- Andy Elias (Educational Assistant)
- 1 Administrator
- Remaining chaperones to be allotted based on final gender ratio

Costs:

As of now (before fundraising), each student attending will need to pay approximately \$900. 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:

- 1: **Non-refundable** Deposit of \$300 due November 3rd
- 2: \$300 due February 7th
- 3: Remaining balance (approx. \$300) due April 4th.

These payments cover the cost of transportation (highway coach via Fehr-way Tours), accommodations, the cost of all attractions, and more.

Please make all payments to **Mrs. Melissa Hodge**.

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. Our first fundraiser will be "Mom's Pantry", for which information and forms will be distributed this coming week.

All fundraising questions and form submissions should go through Mrs. Melanie Urichuk.

Insurance:

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

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

If you already have supplemental insurance, please 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, please purchase travel insurance that covers the above services.

Please submit a copy of your child's Manitoba Health card (front and back) and a copy of their additional coverage. This proof of insurance must be submitted directly to **Ms. Caitlin Parr** by **April 1st, 2018.**

In addition, it is important to note that some of Québec's walk-in clinics will charge for services up front and parents can seek reimbursement for this expense from Manitoba Health when their child returns to Manitoba.

Medical and Health Considerations:

We will send forms home as the date approaches, but please do let us know if your student has health concerns that will 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 by calling (204) 325-8008, or emailing Mrs. Melanie Urichuk, Mrs. Melissa Hodge, or Ms. Caitlin Parr.

Thank you for your support of the GVC Choir, Band and French programs!

Sincerely,

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