

# Music Department Newsletter

## January 2009

Hello students and parents/guardians!

We are BUSY as usual in the music department! Here is a summary of some of main events and some important information for parents.

### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT RAFFLE**

Big thank-you to Cheryl Chan for all her hard work in organizing our raffle! We will be signing out tickets to students later this week. There are 5 gift baskets of prizes. Prizes are on display in the display case in the main foyer. Pictures of the prizes are also posted on the main page of our Moscrop Website. Students sell the tickets for \$1 each. All profit goes to the individual fundraising account for each student participating. All students are welcome to participate.

For those students going to Disneyland - all your profits will be counted against your final payment if you SUBMIT THE MONEY by FEB. 9. Any money submitted after Feb. 9 can be used towards your uniform cost but you cannot use it towards your final payment as we cannot issue refunds for your last payment.

Junior Students can use the money they make towards their retreat at Timberline Ranch in March. Students who are not going on a trip this year will have their money kept in their individual account until they use it or graduate from Moscrop.

### **INSTRUMENT INSPECTIONS**

Over the next week we are taking the time to make sure that all students have the proper equipment for caring for their instrument and that they are aware of the correct procedures for instrument care. Some students may be missing necessary equipment. Please purchase the items they need, either through us or directly from a music store. Proper maintenance ensures that the instrument play wells and helps avoid major instrument repairs.

### **ELEMENTARY CONCERTS**

Over the last few weeks we took our junior jazz band to Inman and Cascade Heights Elementary schools, and our senior jazz band and our choir to Marlborough and Chaffey-Burke elementary. Students missed a morning of school to perform in these concerts. The concerts were a great success and very well received by all the elementary schools we played for. Well done students!

### **NEW CLASS METHOD BOOKS**

In the next week or two the grade 8 classes will be finished with their book 1 method book. Students must return the book in good shape (erase all markings etc) to receive

book 2. If the book is damaged please send \$8 as we will have to replace the book for next years' grade 8 classes.

### **DISNEYLAND**

We will be holding a Parents' Meeting in Mid February. By then we will have a draft itinerary, contact numbers, and a students' behavior contract to give you. Date will be announced ASAP so you can make arrangements to attend. We are still in process of sizing and selecting shirts and pants for our uniform. Thanks to Maggie Richards for all her work researching the best shirts and pants for our group!

### **OPERA**

This Thursday we will be taking 70 students to see Carman. This is the largest number of students from any school in the lower mainland and we are proud that so many Moscropians are interested in attending an opera. Students must make their own transportation arrangements. We meet at the Queen Elizabeth theatre at 5:00 for a back-stage tour. Students then go for dinner in small groups and return to the theatre at 7:15 for a 7:30 start.

### **COURSE SELECTION**

Big thanks to Richard, Chloe, Anthony Blackman, Jun and Braedon for providing music for the elementary and secondary course selection nights. We received many compliments on their performances. BRAVO.

### **COURSE SELECTION CHOICES**

Students will be making their choices for next years' courses very soon. Please note that Jazz Band is an APPLICATION course. All students interested in joining jazz band next year must obtain an application form from their counsellor and submit it to the music teachers. Applying does not guarantee acceptance as we have only limited jazz classes so be sure to select concert band as a second choice.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Rundell and Mr. Shier