



## **Sir Winston Churchill Band Parents' Association**

**40 years and counting...**

Members of the SWCBPA are parents of SWC Music Students

**Annual General Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at  
7:30pm in the SWC Theatre.**

**All Families are encouraged to attend**

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Webpage: <https://swcbpa.ca>

## SWC BAND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### What is SWC BAND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION?

The **SWCBPA** membership consists of **all parents** of those students who have chosen the Music program as one of their options at SWC. The SWCBPA supports the Sir Winston Churchill Bands and aims to provide enrichment opportunities to all students. To accomplish this mission, the SWCBPA relies on **every** band family to make a commitment to provide financial and personal support to the band. This includes support for:

- Clinicians
- U of Calgary Rozsa Center Concerts
- Band Trips
- Festival Performances
- Jazz Performances
- Chamber Music
- Music MIDI Lab
- Community Performances (Remembrance Day, Feeder Schools, Community Bands)
- Uniforms
- Travel Assistance Fund
- Instruments and Music Library

### **SWCBPA EXECUTIVE: (Planning with music teachers, the first Monday evening each month)**

*Executive helps all facets of the program for the WHOLE year. Executive members help with continuity and succession planning so that every year has a successful beginning, middle and end. We need PARENT LEADERSHIP from ALL grades*

- **President** Presides at all meetings and works closely with the Band Teachers
- **Vice President** Assists President in all matters, and Fundraising Portfolio
- **Secretary** Takes minutes of SWCBPA Executive and General Meetings. SWCBPA mailbox
- **Treasurer** Tracks SWCBPA financial accounts and student fundraising accounts. An Excel spreadsheet template is already set up
- **Members at Large:**
- Website and Email Monitor, Financial Auditors with Treasurer (once yearly), Band Uniform Coordinator, Fundraising Project Leaders
- **Trip Supervision:** Preference is given to executive members

### **SWCBPA Parent Support**

"As a band parent, what can I do to help?" This often-asked question has an endless number of possible answers. Bring your expertise to the table and it will be much appreciated. There are several positions available on the Executive Board.

Everyone has something to give. However, your most important contribution will always be your presence. Simply being involved sends a powerful message to your daughter / son. You become a role model of participation.

- **Truck Driver:** We need a truck driver to drive a 26-foot truck rental to transport gear for the Winter and Spring Concerts. You rent the truck, you drive the truck and we cover the expenses.
- **Distribute Band Uniforms:** TBA
- **Supervision Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Oktoberfest – Band Workshop: Saturday October 26, 2019
  - Family of Schools Concert: Thurs. November 21, 2019
- **Collect Band Uniforms:** Wednesday June 3, 2020 & Thursday June 4, 2020

**At the Annual General Meeting, you are encouraged to sign up to help in an Executive role or as a worker for a specific job. Your participation is essential to the success of the band!**

## **Sir Winston Churchill Band Program Costs 2019-2020**

Without the support of the parents, the music program would not be able to achieve all of the goals set out for the year. Our music program cannot exist without YOUR support. While costs continue to rise, educational budgets are being frozen or reduced, and everyone is required to keep expenses to a minimum. Although we are frugal in our spending, the welfare of the program is at the mercy of the economic climate; our financial salvation has been our active parent organization. While the generation of extra funds is an important function of the band parents, it is not the organization's sole purpose nor should it be seen as the reason for the group's existence. There is a much greater agenda at hand – the opportunity to create a partnership with your daughter / son and actively participate in an exciting mutual journey of success... making a dream come true. Band is a family affair.

### **SWCBPA Yearly Program Enrichment Fund \$275**

The **SWCBPA** supports program expenses that go beyond the regular scope of school fees and helps cover enrichment opportunities. This program support is not mandatory for participation in band, but is crucial for Band activities such as - Clinicians, Guest Conductors, Music Festival Registration & Travel, Performances at the Rozsa Center, Uniforms, Awards, and Extra Listening Opportunities.

The Enrichment Fund also allows the SWCBPA to present an honorarium to our Key Volunteer who provides countless hours of assistance in the band office. The Key Volunteer helps with the organization of forms, music library, fundraising and day-to-day operations of the SWCBPA.

We ask that payment for the Program Enrichment Fund be made by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Alternate payment plans may be arranged through the key volunteer.

Cheques payable to: **Sir Winston Churchill Band Parent Association** – there is a stamp available for your convenience

### **Fundraising – New This Year!**

Fundraisers occur several times throughout the year and will be sent home with the students in the band. Though fundraising is voluntary, it is also strongly encouraged that everybody does their share. Student proceeds from fundraising are tracked as travel credit and will directly go to off-set the cost of that student's trip costs. The purpose of fundraising is to help fund activities (like the band program) while taking less money from the band member's direct family. Ask extended family or friends, not just mom and dad. Students should be the main fundraising member of the family, not their parents. Encourage your child to make the phone call to their grandparents, or show the fundraiser to their friend's parents. Unused travel credits will be rolled over to the following year or transferred to a direct family member.

- ADmazing \$avings Ticket Packs – September 1 to October 31. (Coupon books in the Band Office for \$25)
- Purdy's Chocolate Gift boxes: October – November TBA
- Fundscrip – On going and available through the SWCBPA Website (goes to Travel Assistance Fund)
- Donations through PayPal (go to swcbpa.ca for more information)

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALBERTA SOCIETIES ACT, MONIES RAISED BY ANY SWCBPA FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CANNOT BE REFUNDED. YOU MAY NOT PERSONALLY PROFIT FROM A FUNDRAISER.**

## **SWC Band Trips**

New this year, fees for our planned Spring Off-Site Activity will be made through the school in accordance with school regulations. Once our trip is finalized, more information will be sent home to all families. While participation in this activity is not mandatory, we encourage all students to participate so that we can have our best possible performance.

Please note that the actual cost of this activity and many of the others we do are subsidized by the SWC School Casino Fund.