

Sir Winston Churchill Band Parents' Association

41 years and counting...

Parents of SWC Music Students are members of the SWCBPA

Annual General Meeting: Date to be Announced. Meeting will be online.

Email: info@swcbpa.ca

Webpage: <https://swcbpa.ca>

Sir Winston Churchill Music Program

The Sir Winston Churchill Music Program is a unique opportunity for students to join in an activity that helps grow them as an individual. Students learn the fundamentals of making music through playing, listening, theory, social context, and history. Music teaches students to problem solve for individual or group errors and come together to create memorable performances. Students learn how to set short- and long-term musical goals and how to reflect upon their own progress and grow in their own self-awareness and motivation. More important than this, students learn what it means to be a part of a community. The friendships students form in music, often last well beyond their high school years.

Music Education helps our students learn how to be dedicated, to persevere, and to work together. The skills learnt in music truly help shape students into stronger individuals, well beyond just the music classroom.

Sir Winston Churchill Band Parents' Association (SWCBPA)

What is SWCBPA?

The **SWCBPA** is a non-profit organization, formed by parents in 1979 under the Alberta Societies Act

What is the goal of the SWCBPA?

The SWCBPA aims to provide enrichment opportunities to all students through financial support. Membership consists of all parents of students who have chosen the Music Program as one of their options at SWC.

How do I get involved with the SWCBPA?

Parents interested in helping out the SWCBPA are encouraged to join the Parent Executive. There are several elected and unelected positions available. Typically, the parent executive meets the first Monday of each month from October through June.

What is the role of the SWCBPA Parent Executive?

Executive helps for the whole year. Executive members work with the directors to achieve enrichment opportunities, both in school and in the community. We want parent representation from each grade. Available positions:

- **President (elected)** Presides at all meetings and works closely with the Band Teachers
- **Vice President (elected)** Assists President in all matters, and Fundraising Portfolio
- **Secretary (elected)** Takes minutes of SWCBPA Executive and General Meetings. SWCBPA mailbox
- **Treasurer (elected)** Tracks SWCBPA financial accounts and student fundraising accounts. An Excel spreadsheet template is already set up
- **Members at Large (non elected):**
 - Webmaster
 - 2 X Financial Auditors with Treasurer (once yearly),
 - Band Uniform Coordinator
 - Purdy's Fundraiser Co-ordinator
- **Trip Supervision (non elected):** Preference is given to executive members

SWCBPA Yearly Program Enrichment Fund \$225/student

The SWCBPA supports program expenses that go beyond the scope of school fees and helps cover enrichment opportunities. Without the support of the parents, the music program would not be able to achieve all the goals set out for the year. Our music program cannot exist without YOUR support. Students would only be offered limited opportunities in the classroom. Thanks to the support of the SWCBPA, students have the opportunity to explore the larger music community beyond the walls of our school. This is accomplished by working with clinicians, guest conductors, participating in local and provincial festivals, and participating in other unique opportunities as they arise. Music truly is a family affair!

Enrichment fund projects:

- Annual Oktoberfest Band Workshop
- Instrumental and voice clinicians
- Guest Conductors
- Community of feeder schools Massed Band Performance
- Band Festivals – Alberta International Band Festival, ABA Festival of Bands
- Band Administrative Assistant
- Band Uniforms
- Student Assistance Fund
- Special projects - Purchase of instruments, music stands, and equipment
- Concerts – Rozsa Centre U of C

The Enrichment Fund allows the SWCBPA to present an honorarium to our Band Administrative Assistant who provides countless hours of assistance in the band office. The Band Administrative Assistant 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 31st, 2020. Alternate payment plans may be arranged through the Band Administrative Assistant.

Enrichment Fund Payment Options:

Cheques payable to: **Sir Winston Churchill Band Parent Association** – there is a stamp available for your convenience. Please make sure your student name is written in the memo section

Cash may be sent into the band office in a sealed envelope with student. Please make sure the student name is printed on the front of the envelope. Receipts will be provided.

We are currently in the process of setting up electronic payment options. More information should be available in October. Check the website for updates

Please contact the Band Administrative Assistant for applying credits towards your payment. info@swcbpa.ca

Personal Fundraising Opportunities

Personal Fundraisers occur several times throughout the year and will be sent home with the students in the Music Program. Though fundraising is voluntary, it is also strongly encouraged that everybody does their share. Student proceeds from fundraising are tracked as credit and will directly go to off-set the cost of that student's Enrichment Fund expenses and Trip Fees. 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 credits will be rolled over to the following year or transferred to a direct family member.

- Purdy's Chocolate Gift boxes: October – November TBA
- Fundscrip – On going and available through the SWCBPA Website (goes to Travel Assistance Fund)
- Keep posted for additional opportunities!!!

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.

Casino Volunteering

Once, roughly every 2 years, SWCBPA provides volunteers to the Parent Council casino through Alberta Gaming. The band receives a generous portion of the revenues that we put towards subsidizing the costs of optional Spring Off-Site Activities.

We will send out information on Casino Volunteering during Casino years only.

Final Thoughts

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 child(ren) and actively participate in an exciting mutual journey of success... making a dream come true.