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SPRING 2012

COOL Notes

THE ARGYLE MUSIC ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS AND PROMOTE MUSIC AT ARGYLE.

Good evening!

Thank you everyone for attending the concert. The Argyle Music Association is proud to support the students and promote music at Argyle. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work and dedication these past few months and as they prepare for the big trip to Finland and Estonia. These students will have an amazing time away and performing in a new area of the world. The AMA is happy to support the students as they have earned travel money through the many fundraisers over the years. Thank you Monica Molag for staging all the fundraisers to make this happen and Tracy Xu for managing the student travel accounts.

Cabaret Planning is starting up. Our committee is calling out to parents to come and help especially the jazz parents. Please see the inside of CoolNotes for details!! Cabaret proceeds go toward funding student scholarships and bursaries. All music students benefit from a successful Cabaret. Plus this event is showcasing student talent in a fun and entertaining way. Please buy tickets!!! Watch for all details for Cabaret.

Thank you everyone and enjoy the concert

Leslie Uhlenbruck

EVENTS 11-12

Feb 29	Spring Band Concert
Mar 7	Spring Choral Concert Mt. Seymour United
Mar 10-21	Senior Music Tour - Finland, Estonia, Latvia
Apr 12-13	Kiwanis Choral Festival
Apr 18	7:00PM Zone Concert, Large Gym
May 11	7PM Cabaret, Large Gym
May 22	AMA General Meeting
May 29	7:30PM Final Junior Concert, Large Gym
May 30	7:30 PM Final Senior Concert, Large Gym

SPRING FUNDRAISER

All funds raised by this campaign by Senior music students can be applied to the Baltics trip.

- Pies & Cookies… our perennial favourite
- Coffee… from JJ Bean
- Purdy's Chocolates
- Smoked Salmon
- Pizza (NEW PRODUCT!)
- Shopping cards (Including GardenWorks… with 20% profit! Just in time for Spring!)

All orders must be in the school drop boxes on March 9th ….the last day before Spring Break…

ARGYLE CABARET REACHES 30!

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION

It is time once again for the event of the year...Argyle Music's Annual Cabaret. May 11, 2012 marks our 30th year and this year's theme is "30 and Counting". This adult oriented evening not only showcases the exceptional talents of our own Argyle music students, it also raises money for scholarships to honour the achievements of grade 12 students in the Argyle Music program. The Argyle gym is transformed into a "dinner club" and the evening includes a catered dinner and a great show. Beverages may be purchased at reasonable prices. Try your luck at the exciting balloon pop or bid on silent auction items. Make plans now to attend this fantastic evening of fun.

We Need Your Help!

1.) Buy tickets: invite your friends to a great evening of music, dinner and dancing. Tickets will be available for purchase in April. Details coming soon.

2.) Spread the word: tell others about this event and encourage them to support the AMA

3.) Donate:

- **Financial**:- if you have a business that could benefit from some advertising, please consider a financial donation to the AMA Cabaret Event
- **Time:** volunteer. There are many jobs available in the time leading up to the event or on the night. There are many jobs available from small to large...contact Nonie Medcalf at nmedcalf @telus.net
- **Silent auction items or services**: new, stand alone items or items that can be combined to create a nice basket, gift certificates or gift cards are also welcome.

Drop off donations of small new items in the music room or email nmedcalf@telus.net to arrange pick up

Thank you in advance for your participation in this event. Hope to see you there.

Argyle Music Association-Cabaret Committee

SAVE A TREE...
BURN ELECTRONS

If you would ike to receive AMA emails please use the Link to get on our AMA list. Leslieuhlenbruck@shaw.ca

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Orders can be made on www.QSP.ca in the music student's name and he/she will get credit for it. Use group order # 3084

Questions can be directed to Monica at monicamolag@gmail.com

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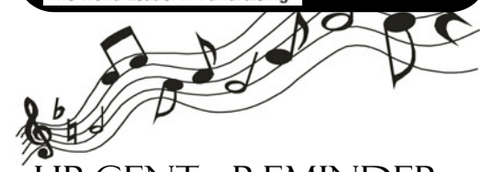

URGENT - REMINDER ABOUT MAINTENANCE FEES

Just a quick reminder that we still have about 35% of our students with outstanding instrument maintenance and percussion fees. This money goes directly to repairing and maintaining the instruments that your child plays on and the money is running out!

The fees were due at the end of September and multiple reminders have been sent out. Please speak to your child about making arrangements to have this cleared up so no students have to perform on broken equipment.

These fees are set to cover basic maintenance. If an instrument is damaged due to misuse there will be an additional charge assessed to cover the cost of repair/ replacement. Please take great care of your instrument

THE FIRST ANNUAL "ARGYLE MUSIC HOLIDAY CHALLENGE" WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

When I rolled out the "Argyle Music Holiday Challenge" I knew that our community would respond positively but I had no idea to what heights we could reach!

By the time Dec 16th had rolled around we had truly ***filled a practice room*** for the folks in need in our community. We ended up with 80 x 25lb boxes of food and $20 in cash donations that went to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society and the Harvest Project.

I am so proud of our students, parents, and community members for embracing the giving spirit of music and the holidays and I am truly lucky to be working in such a caring school.

For a color picture of our success go to the main page of the North Vancouver School District and find the Superintendent 's blog. Scroll back to December and there is this nice picture of the students with our packed practice room. It can also be found on the AMA webpage.

Chad Smith

SMITH NOTES

Introducing Ms. Eilers

I hope you will all join me in welcoming my student teacher this year - Ms. Laura Eilers. Ms. Eilers is a fabulous flute player and budding educator who grew up on the North Shore, is NVYB alumni, and graduated from Handsworth. She comes to us this year by way of UVIC and will be here from January until May. She holds the music community in North Vancouver in high regard and sought out Argyle as her potential placement. She brings a lot of enthusiasm to our program and will be working with all levels of band and one choir with Mrs. Roberts. I am very excited to have her with us and I hope you will take the time to get to know her during her stay.

Grade 9 Vernon Tour 2012

From January 11-13, Mrs. Roberts and I took the Gr. 8/9 choir and the Gr. 9 band on our annual tour of elementary schools in the Vernon school district. We were welcomed with open arms once again and performed 5 successful shows over two days.

It is always wonderful to see how much social and musical development takes place in such a short period of time. We truly appreciate all of the hard work and practicing the students do and they represented our school and community very well once again.

We also could not have done a trip like this without our wonderful chaperones: Mrs. Bastien, Mrs. Heer, Ms. Eilers, Mr. Royer, and Mr. Green. Thank you for all your help!

ARGYLE MUSIC TAKES YOU PLACES....

March 10 the Baltic trip takes off. Are you ready?

Euros and Lats? Music stand? Toque and gloves?

Concert gear? Music? Camera?

Check Mr. Smith's Blog for updates and reminders

http://argylebandteacher.blogspot.com/

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR VSO HONOUR BAND PERFORMERS!

Out of the 18 Argyle band students selected to perform with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra we have 14 performers confirmed! What an amazing opportunity for these wonderful musicians. (and there are more from strings!)

Amanda Rowlands, Alanna Jones, Liam Lazenby, Shoma Miyanabe, Emma Lee, Megan Patrick, Cody Hubbard, Suji Lee, Nathaniel Hartley, Jiwon Jeong, Daiki Miyanabe, Jonah Wiig, Daniel Young, and David Lee.

Good Luck on your performance and I hope many parents and community members will support them by buying tickets for the performance at

7:30pm on Wednesday, April 11th at the Centennial Theatre.

THE TEN RULES OF CONCERT ETIQUETTE

(for Adults)

1) **Refrain from talking**
This is the first and greatest rule. This rule includes whispering to or disciplining your other children.

2) **Refrain from unwrapping noisy candy wrappers during the performance**

3) **Turn off pagers, cell phones, and watch alarms**
Texting should be avoided as the bright screen is very distracting.

4) **Do not wave to your child during the concert**

5) **Do not take flash photography**

6) **Please do not walk down the aisles with your video camera**
Take care holding up your video record, when in your seat, to not block the view of those behind you.

7) **Do not leave as soon as your child's portion of the concert is over.** All of the students deserve a full audience for their performance.

8) **Applaud at appropriate times**
The conductor will drop his/her arms when the piece is concluded.

9) **Do not leave the auditorium during the music**
Wait for a break in the concert, during a change over, to visit the restroom, unless you are carrying a screaming child, in which case please leave quietly and quickly.

10) **Go to the concert expecting the best**

Concert Etiquette Quiz

1. You should enter the auditorium/cafeteria
- a. As loudly as possible
- b. Quietly
- c. Walking backwards

2. It is always a good idea to arrive
- a. A bit early
- b. Just as the performance is beginning
- c. Only in time to catch your child's performance

3. If you must arrive late, it is best to enter
- a. Whenever you arrive
- b. During your child's performance
- c. Between musical selections

4. During the concert, it is a good idea to
- a. Discuss the performance
- b. Sit quietly and listen
- c. Eat dinner

5. For mobile phone usage during a performance it is best to
- a. Answer your phone quickly and speak quietly
- b. Leave the room to use the phone
- c. Turn the phone off, or better yet, leave it in the car

6. Applause should be given when
- a. The performance is completed and the conductor drops his/her arms
- b. Your child has completed his or her part
- c. Any time something is done well

7. After the performance is over
- a. You should leave your seat and rush up to the stage to find your child
- b. Exclaim loudly how tired you are
- c. Sit and wait until all the children have cleared the stage

8. On the way home it's a good idea to
- a. Critique the performance
- b. Offer your praise
- c. Offer your sympathy

CAP Choral Intensive

On January 28th members from the Argyle Choir 10 & Sr. Concert Choir were able to participate in the annual Cap Choral Intensive at Capilano University for a wonderful day of music, food, and friendship.

The legendary Richard Nace directed us, he is known for educating music all over Canada and the U.S.A. He is an active, creative and delightful person. We began the day sight reading music which we performed that very night with a sound of confidence and brought tears to the audience's eyes. We spent approximately 6 hours in the lovely Birch Theatre singing through the music donated to us by Long and McQuade. The group began to share thoughts, creative ideas, emotion and so much more. Richard worked individually with participants on parts. He made each of us feel more confident and professional. The levels of the choir individuals ranged from high school student to Cap Singer to Music educators but we all worked together and learned from each other.

This was my third time participating in this event. I would do it again in a second. It was a dream day. We got to work all day on music, sing, meet new people and improve tremendously. If only this could happen more the once a year! We even got to sing in a choir with our choir teacher Mrs. Roberts, when does that ever happen?

Another amazing bonus is the food; besides the 6 hours of singing we get to spend 3 hours eating. The food provided for us is phenomenal! We get lunch options of a variety of soup, sandwiches, and salad; and dinner options such as ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad, lasagna, steamed vegetables and many desserts.

I would recommend this intensive to any individual who is in choir and loves music, learning and great food. It is an unforgettable day! I plan to even continue participating when I have graduated.

Brittany Ayton

This picture is quite special as it has current Argyle students/ past Argyle student and former Argyle Student Teachers:

From L- R - top CAP U students, 2nd Matt Barrie (Argyle Grad '98?) Nicola Coulthard gr 11
From L-R - front Johnson Luii & Natassja Alder (both former Argyle Teacher's in Training with Mrs Roberts) Andrea Teevan gr 11

Concert Etiquette Quiz Answers

1. b	5. c
2. a	6. a
3 c	7. c
4. b	8. b

1–2 Correct: Please re-take test to improve your etiquette.
3–4 Correct: You are learning; room for improvement.
5–6 Correct: You are on your way to good etiquette.
7–8 Correct: Bravo! You are a true concert etiquette pro!
Visit www.menc.org/resources for more information about concert etiquette.