



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

January 24, 2024

The Van Tech Music Program is pleased to announce our intention to travel to Osoyoos and Nelson, BC for May 2-5 (three nights) as our Senior Music Tour for 2024. **The tour is more than a visit to Osoyoos and Nelson; it is a rich learning opportunity for music students to gain educational experience through music, leadership, and self-expression.**

This tour will be comprised of the Semester 2 Senior Concert Band (Semester 1 students wanting to continue participation with Band in semester 2 are also invited) as well as the Senior String Orchestra, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band and Chamber Choir. **The maximum fee of \$700** covers all associated costs for the trip except lunches and some dinners (see itinerary), and the Grad Dinner (grads only, \$TBD per student, optional).

Bursaries are available for families experiencing financial hardship, following our successful Jazz Cabaret in November.

The tour cost includes:

- Private charter bus transfers for touring and sightseeing as per the suggested itinerary (2 x 55-seater bus).
- Two nights hotel accommodation in Nelson, BC – *Best Western Plus Baker Street*
Address: 153 Baker Street, Nelson BC. Phone: 250 352 3525
- One night hotel accommodation in Osoyoos – *Holiday Inn & Suites Osoyoos*
Address: 7906 Main St, Osoyoos, BC Phone: 250 495 7223
- 3 Breakfasts and 1 pizza dinner
- Full Day of Instrumental, Choir, Leadership, Musical Literacy and Team-Building Workshops
- Performances in Osoyoos and Nelson
- Driver's expenses and tips
- Admission to a restored streetcar in Nelson, BC
- Services of Discover Canada Tours (DC Student Adventures), including tour guides on trip and tour planning before departure
- Nelson 2024 Tour shirt

Other important details:

Students are expected to follow instructions of supervisors at all times and adhere to the Music Program and Van Tech codes of conduct. Please go over expectations with your child before committing to the trip. Supervision will mostly be visual although there will be some times during our lunch and dinner out in Nelson where students are in groups of no less than 3 and must stay within a small and specific area as outlined by teachers-in-charge.

To confirm participation and guarantee your child's space on the tour, please complete the following page of this form and return it along with an initial non-refundable deposit of \$150 by February 8, 2024 (and/or a letter or email requesting subsidy sent to akilburn@vsb.bc.ca/handed in with the amount being requested, along with a guardian's name and signature, which will be followed up with a subsidy request form). **The remaining trip balance of \$500-550 will be paid in two installments of \$250 and \$250-300 each, due respectively by February 23 and March 15.** The final amount will be determined based on the finalized number of tour participants splitting the various group costs associated with the trip, such as bus transport, clinicians, and clinic rental space.

Students will be sleeping 2 to a bed and 4 to a room, but able to request their preferred roommates. Students are not permitted to leave their room after their final room check but will be informed of chaperone room numbers and phone numbers in case of an emergency requiring contact during 'lights out' hours.

Students will be wearing lanyard itineraries with emergency contact information for teachers-in-charge, as well as the school and hotel names and addresses, in case of an emergency. Teachers-in-charge will have access at all times to emergency contact information of parents/guardians in the case of an emergency. Ms. Kilburn's phone number for emergency contact is 604-868-7868 and Ms. Riegert's is 604-928-0069. These numbers are only to be used in the case of an emergency.

With thanks,



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Orchestra and Band Director



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Band, Orchestra and Choir Director



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2024 SENIOR MUSIC FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION FORM

Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Student preferred pronouns: _____

Ensemble(s): Senior Band Senior Strings Vocal Jazz

Chamber Choir Symphony Jazz Band

Instrument(s): _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

Parent Permission & Commitment

We give permission for _____ to participate in the 2024 Senior Music Overnight Trip to Nelson, BC and have included a non-refundable payment of \$150 (or a portion thereof, with a subsidy request letter). If opting into all-inclusive travel insurance, \$39 will also be collected with the initial deposit.

PRINT Parent Name

Parent SIGNATURE

PRINT Student Name

Student SIGNATURE

Parent Email Contact (most reliably checked): _____

School use/ teacher(s) USE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE	
PAYMENTS DUE in 2024:	
\$150 due Feb. 8 (non-refundable) \$250 due Feb. 23 \$250-300 due Mar.15 Optional Travel Insurance due Feb. 8 (non-refundable) \$39	
PAPERWORK DUE:	
School Field Studies Consent Form/Acknowledgment of Risk	
Medical/Emergency Consent	
Code of Conduct	
Covid Overnight Informed Consent	