



**VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

January 23, 2023

The Van Tech Music Band Program is pleased to announce our intention to travel to Victoria, BC, for two nights as our Junior Music Tour for 2022-23. **The tour is more than a visit to Victoria, 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 Beginner and Intermediate Concert Bands (Semester 1 students are also invited) as well as the Junior Strings Programs including both Beginner and Intermediate Strings and a small handful of Senior Leaders chosen through anonymous applications. The maximum fee of \$450 covers all associated costs for the trip except lunches.

Bursaries are available for families in need, following our successful Jazz Cabaret in November.

Our proposed itinerary includes two nights' accommodation at:

**Best Western Plus - Carleton Plaza**

642 Johnson Street, Victoria BC, V8W 1M6  
250-388-5513

**THURSDAY – May 11** (Travel Day, School Performance and Group Dinner)

**8:15am** – Senior Leaders and Large Instrumentalists arrive at VanTech

**8:30am** – Small instrumentalists arrive at VanTech

-- Tshirts and Lanyards Handed out

-- Combined ensemble rehearsal

**9:20am** – Busses arrive at VanTech to be loaded

**9:30am** – Busses depart for Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal

**11:00am** – Ferries depart Tsawwassen for Victoria via Schwartz Bay

-- Lunch on the ferry (at own cost) OR pack a lunch from home

**12:40pm** – Ferry arrives in Schwartz Bay

**1:30pm** – School Performance (location tba – either Strawberry Vale or John Muir Elementary)

**5:30pm** – Group Dinner (included in cost) at the Old Spaghetti Factory (G.F. & Veg. options available)

**8:00pm** – Return to Hotel

-- Evening at hotel in rooms, rest and relax or option for supervised pool time (lifeguard on duty)

-- Early bedtime, as we have an early morning tomorrow!

**FRIDAY – May 12** (Clinics, Parliament Tour, Historic 'Ghost' Tour)

**7:00am** – Wake up calls

**8:00am** – Depart Hotel for UVic Campus

**8:30am** – breakfast at UVic Campus (included in cost)

**All morning/early afternoon** – 90 minute music clinics with professional clinicians at UVic (with Dr. Steven Capaldo, band; Strings tbc), leadership and team work clinics (with Stephanie Feng), tours of UVic Campus (with Mr. Van lersel)

**12:00pm** – Lunch at UVic Campus (included in cost)

**3:00pm** – Tour of BC Parliament Building

**5:00pm** – Dinner in Senior Leader groups at Fisherman's Wharf (not included in cost)

**6:30pm** – Walking Historic 'Ghost' Tour

**8:00pm** – Return to Hotel

-- Evening at hotel in rooms, tidy rooms and pack up for tomorrow morning

-- Early bedtime, as we have an early morning tomorrow!

**SATURDAY – May 13** (Public Performance, Travel Day)

**7:30am** – Breakfast at Hotel

**8:45am** – Depart Hotel for Parliament Building

**9:30am** – Performance at the Parliament Building

**11:30am** – Depart Victoria for Schwartz Bay Ferry Terminal

**12:15pm** – Lunch at Ferry Terminal OR Wait until on the Ferry (not included in cost)

**1:30pm** – Ferry Departs for Vancouver via Tsawwassen

**5:40pm** – Arrive back at VanTech for Load in and pickup!

**Other important details:**

Students are expected to follow instructions of supervisors at all times and adhere to the Music Program and VanTech 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 Victoria where students are in groups of no less than 3 lead by a Senior Student Leader, 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 deposit of \$150 by March 1** (and/or a letter or email requesting subsidy sent to [eariegert@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:eariegert@vsb.bc.ca)/handed in with the amount being requested, along with a guardian's name and signature). **The remaining trip balance of \$300 will be paid in two installments of \$150 each due respectively by March 15 and April 5**, and the final amount 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.

There is a "Covid Overnight Informed Consent" form for parents and students to read over and sign. This form outlines what will happen if your child develops covid while on the trip. Students will be sleeping 3 to 6 to a room, so in most cases, 2 to a bed, but able to request their preferred roommates. Students sharing beds are asked to sleep "head to toe" as per VSB COVID guidelines. 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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**2023 SEM 2 JUNIOR MUSIC FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION FORM**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student preferred pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Ensemble(s): Beginner Band  Intermediate Band   
 Junior Strings  Senior Leader

Instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Parent Permission & Commitment***

We give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the  
**2023 Sem 2 Junior Music Overnight Trip to Victoria, BC and have included a non-  
 refundable payment of \$150 (or a portion thereof, with a subsidy request letter).**

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 PRINT Parent Name Parent SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT Student Name Student SIGNATURE

Parent Email Contact (most reliably checked): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>School use/ teacher(s) USE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS DUE:</b>	
\$150 due <b>March 1, 2023</b>	\$150 due <b>March 15, 2023</b>   \$150 due <b>April 5, 2023</b>
<b>PAPERWORK DUE:</b>	
School Field Studies Consent Form/Acknowledgment of Risk	
Medical/Emergency Consent	
Code of Conduct	
Covid Overnight Informed Consent	