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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are planning to attend the *Festival of Music* in Chicago, April 16th – 20th and will have an information meeting on **Thursday, October 23** in the library, after the Fall Band Concert.

This is a well-known festival in the United States and many schools within Manitoba attend. It will be our second band trip to Chicago. After the success of the first one in 2011 we are very excited to go again.

I have enjoyed working with the senior band so far this year and am looking forward to seeing how the group continues to develop their musical skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate with other schools, and heighten their musical awareness.

Itinerary

- Depart Thursday, April 16th
- Friday: Perform and listen to other performers
- Sat./Sun.: Site-see and visit museums
- Monday: Arrive home at 9:15 am

A detailed itinerary will be provided at an information meeting on **Thursday, October 23** after the Fall Band Concert.

The trip would cost approximately \$700 (CND) per student, plus the cost of three suppers and three lunches. With subsidies and fundraising we would hope to bring this cost down by approximately \$75 - \$100 per student. In order to bring the cost down we would require the help of all students and their parents. Our Band Parents Association will do a Poinsettia Fundraiser in December, which goes to individual accounts. Some students already have money in their accounts.

I would like to emphasize that as we have a balanced Senior Band of only 60 students it is very important that every student comes if we make the decision to go.

Sincerely,

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