



Staccato

Canterbury High School Music Parent Support Group (MPSG)

The Canterbury High School Music Parents Support Group plays a vital role in assisting students and teachers with many of the logistical aspects of running a very busy and successful music program.

Every parent/guardian of a Canterbury Music student is a member of the group and is invited to all monthly meetings.

Information is updated regularly at our website www.chsmusic.ca/parents. You will find a calendar of events, copies of the meeting minutes, and our newsletter, Staccato. You can access a multitude of websites from there, including the Music Department and the Music Council websites.

Opportunities to volunteer and support the group are shared by email and through our monthly newsletter. You may also send an email to volunteer@chsmusic.ca for more information.

Upcoming Events

- * September 18 - Music Social (*see next page*)
- * October 2 – Coffee House
- * November 14 – Concerts for area elementary schools
- * December 5 and 6 – Fall Music Nights

Looking ahead at 2014:

- * February 19-23 - Capital Regional Music Festival (Concert Bands)
- * February 28 – March 2 - Capital Regional Music Festival (Jazz Ensembles)
- * April 23 - Chamber Ensembles Showcase Night
- * March 31 – May 3 - Kiwanis Music Festival
- * April 2 – Grade 11 recital
- * May 8 and 9 – Spring Music Nights
- * June 1 – Grade 12 Graduation Recital/Luncheon

MPSG Meetings

Meetings are held at Canterbury High School in room 160 at 7 p.m. Please check the Music Parents website to confirm times and dates.

- * September 9, 2013
- * Sept. 16 –
MPSG Annual General Meeting (Auditorium – 7 p.m.)
- * October 10, 2013
- * November 7, 2013
- * December 12, 2013
- * January 9, 2014
- * February 6, 2014
- * (no March meeting)
- * April 3, 2014
- * May 1, 2014
- * June 5, 2014



Fundraising!

The Canterbury Music Parents Support Group works throughout the year to fundraise to support the needs of the program. Fundraisers such as the ones listed below offer a percentage of profit to the individual student account and a percentage to the Music Department. You can find more information about this at www.chsmusic.ca/parents/fundraising.php.

- **Norcard:** Norcard offers both a jewellery catalogue and a stationery/gift catalogue, with over 125 quality items available from \$9-\$35. The campaign will run in **September and early October**. Shop early for Christmas and support our music program and your sons and daughters.
- **FundScrip:** An easy way to make money for students. Purchase gift cards online for the retailers where you already shop. FundScrip pays you a percentage of the value of the card, which is deposited into the student's account at Canterbury. Orders are placed every other week on Monday and the cards are delivered to the school for pickup in the office on Friday. The next two FundScrip order dates are **September 23** and **October 7**.
- **Citrus:** This fundraiser is offered in **October and November**. We offer a 20-pound or 40-pound box of either Florida oranges or pink grapefruit.

Canterbury Music Parents work with the **Grad committee** of the Music Council to raise funds to offset the cost of the Grad Recital for our Grade 12 students. These fundraisers do not contribute to individual student accounts but instead reduce the cost of tickets for families for the Grad Recital. Some initiatives include:

- **SPC:** Our first grad fundraiser is underway. Parent volunteers and students have been selling SPC cards (Canada's most popular student loyalty program - \$9.00 each).
- **LaserQuest: (October)** The cost will be \$40.00 per person and will include admission, food, and drink. A minimum number is needed before booking is confirmed. Participation is entirely voluntary.
- **Music Clothing:** There will be an opportunity for students to order music clothing (sweat pants, hoodies, etc.) in the fall.

Music Social

The students will be having their Music Social on **Wednesday, September 18** at lunch time, on the back field (weather permitting) The Music Social is a welcome to this fantastic program for our new Grade 9 students and an opportunity to have some fun. One of our parent volunteers will order wraps for lunch. Each student should bring \$2.00, due before first period on Tuesday September 17.





Performances in the Community

Sept. 28 - Chamber Choir performance on Parliament Hill for the annual National Peace Officers Memorial

Oct. 3 - Chamber Choir performance at the Chateau Laurier for the Korean National Day celebrations

Oct. 20 - Chamber Choir performance at the annual CHEO memorial

Oct. 27 - Male Chorus (including Graduates from last year) perform at Kiwanis Gala Concert featuring National award winners (St. Thomas Anglican Church)

New to the Music Department

With your support of our fundraising efforts, the Music Department has been able to purchase:

- * Three pianos
- * Two trumpets
- * Two iPads (to be used by teachers and accompanists to replace traditional sheet music)

Music Student Council

We congratulate and welcome the new music student council co-chairs:

Kayleigh Pink and **Simon Au Yeung!**

They will be supported by other students and the Music Parents Support Group in various fundraising and social events throughout the coming year.

Did You Know?

- While your annual \$250 cheque towards the Music Program provides crucial financial support, the Music Program does not receive any additional funding from the school board for instruments, sheet music, repairs, transportation to events, and the many other ongoing requirements that make the Canterbury Music Program a success.
- Fundraising events (large and small) raise over \$40,000 each year.
- Over 250 volunteers are involved with over 40 fundraising and musical events throughout the year.
- Music Nights are our largest fundraisers and involve over 400 hours of volunteer efforts (before, during and after).

