

Band Fest at the University of Victoria
February 27, 2013

Dear Symphonic Band Parents,

I am very excited to be taking the Symphonic Band to the University of Victoria Band Fest at the end of February. This is a very fun day trip traveling via the Victoria Clipper with performance and adjudication in a wonderful hall at the University of Victoria. This initial letter has a brief itinerary, cost, payment deadlines and attached permission slips.

Itinerary and cost:

Wednesday, February 27

- 6:30am – Depart International for Clipper dock
- 7:00 - Check in/board Victoria Clipper
- 8:00 - Depart Seattle
- 10:45 - Arrive in Victoria, lunch and performances at University of Victoria
- 4:00pm – Check in/board Victoria Clipper
- 5:00 - Depart Victoria
- 7:45 - Arrive in Seattle
- 8:30 - Approximate arrival back at International

The cost is \$83.50 per person. This includes travel on the Clipper, transportation in Victoria, festival registration, luggage fees. Breakfast, dinner and snacks are available on the Clipper with pre-paid vouchers or debit/credit card on board. (Breakfast \$6.50, dinner \$7.00, snack/drink \$2.00) We will take orders for vouchers in January. Students will also want to bring money for lunch at the University of Victoria (cafeteria lunch, \$10 recommended. US funds are accepted). Payment is due in the IS office January 24.

The Clipper has a specific ratio of chaperones to students for school groups, so we will need 4 adults to go with us. Chaperone cost is \$71.50. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to chaperone.

Permission Slips, Health Form and Waiver:

BSD Permission Slips and Waiver are due by January 24 with payment. Paperwork can be turned into the office with payment, or to me directly.

Please note, since this is an international trip, the permission slip needs to be notarized. Fortunately our office manager, Liz VandenBerghe, is a Notary Public and is happy to notarize permission slips for free. You can stop in any time that the International Office is open to have the permission slip notarized. The slip needs to be signed in her presence and please bring your photo ID (driver's license, etc.) with you.

Travel Documentation:

All students crossing the US/Canada border are required to carry proof of citizenship with them. For students with US citizenship, this can be a passport or certified birth certificate. A list of necessary types of documentation is listed on the back of this page.

As middle school students sometimes have trouble hanging on to paperwork, I will carry all of the border documentation with me on the trip. Please have your child (or yourself) turn in the passport/birth certificate to me by Thursday, February 14.

Due to IS Office January 24: \$83.50 with permission slip, health form and waiver.

Due to Band Room February 14: Passport or Birth Certificate

Please let me know if you have any questions about the Victoria trip.

Thank you,
Andy Rubesch
Band Director, International School

Below is a list what documents are currently required to cross the US/Canadian border as per the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The Victoria Clipper web site also has good information about required documents. <http://www.clippervacations.com/faq/crossingtheusborder>

All adults who are US citizens must have a passport or enhanced driver's license.

All students under the age of 19 who are US citizens are required to have proof of citizenship in the form of a passport or original certified birth certificate. It is recommended that the students traveling with birth certificates carry their ASB cards with them as photo identification.

Students who are naturalized citizens are required to have their naturalization papers as proof of citizenship.

Students who are not US citizens are required to have their green card, resident card or passport and visitor's card depending on status and country of citizenship. Please contact the customs office in Victoria B.C. if you have any questions regarding individual situations. Their phone number is 250-363-3339.