

LV Rogers Music Department

January, 2010 Update

There are several key performance and tour dates coming up soon that students and parents need to be aware of. Most of these events have been planned for since the end of September and we are now at that point where I need to have all student/ parental commitment in place for all events to precede. These dates will be upon us quickly and as I have mentioned to the students, spring at LV Rogers tends to be a blur, as it gets very busy during this time.

Feb. 26th - Friday “LVR Presents at the Prestige”

This is the music department’s main fund-raiser, which will feature all music groups from LVR with special guests – The Playmor Junction Big Band. A similar event to this was held prior to the band going to Beijing and it was a huge success. Tickets are available now and the cost is \$50 per person. Payments made by cheque to SD8 are eligible for a tax receipt as well. Tables of 8 may be reserved for large groups.

Mar. 2&3 – Tues/Wed Okanagan Concert Band Festival – Penticton

As discussed in the fall, both the Grade 9 and Senior Concert Bands are registered to compete at the Okanagan Concert Band Festival on Tuesday, March 2nd. As both groups perform in the afternoon, we will be leaving LVR early Tuesday morning with the bands performing at 2pm and 4pm respectively. This festival is a regional qualifier for nationals (MusicFest Canada). This trip does require an overnight stay in Penticton and I will need additional parental support to assist with chaperoning. As well, a driver is needed for my vehicle to haul our luggage and instruments. **Cost is \$50 per students (excluding meals).**

Apr. 8-10 (Thurs – Sat) BC Interior Jazz Festival – Kelowna

LVR has three jazz ensembles registered to compete at this year’s BC Interior Jazz Festival. Again, this festival is a regional qualifier for nationals (MusicFest Canada) and we have enjoyed good success by participating over the years. At this time, performance times have yet to be announced. I’m currently arranging accommodations and costs will also be determined by the number of days in Kelowna.

Apr. 23/24th Fri/Sat Festival Nelson

LV Rogers is pleased in helping host what is said to be one of the top three school based music festivals in western Canada. The Festival Nelson organizing committee works hard to bring in some of the best music educators and performers to provide an excellent performance opportunity for young bands from Western Canada and the northern US. This

year, LVR will have 4 ensembles participating at the festival. Because of the size of the festival, we are always looking for volunteers to assist in this major Nelson event.

May 19 - 23

MusicFest Canada (Nationals)

As discussed both last year and in early fall of this school year, it was decided that bands from LV Rogers would be participating at nationals this year, in Ottawa. To date, we have 27 students participating in three, slightly downsized versions of their classroom ensembles; Senior Concert Band, Senior Jazz Band, and the jazz combo, "Evacuation Route". Please check the MusicFest Canada website for further information regarding this festival. As we get more information, we will update the LVR website should you have any relatives in the area who would like to see the students perform.