

SWIFT CURRENT BAND PARENTS AUXILIARY

MUSIC MILES INFORMATION

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WHAT THE SCBPA DOES

We support the music program in any way we can to ensure the best band program possible. Our most visible task is coordinating fundraisers throughout the year that families can participate in. These fundraising opportunities allow families to offset the costs of the band trips, uniforms and fees. (As your student moves through the band programs, the costs for trips, uniforms and fees increase).

MUSIC MILES

Families with students in the band program are also automatically set up to participate in the Music Miles program. This program turns your selling efforts into a dollar amount in which you can put towards the cost of your trips or uniforms. Families who volunteer at an event will earn music miles that can be later put towards trip costs. For example, last year a family with a driver and two collectors doing a bottle drive route will earn 8 music miles. Twice a year, total profits from a group of fundraisers are calculated and music miles earned in those fundraisers are given a value. This dollar value then becomes available for the participants to spend on trip fees. I.e. bottle drive music miles might be calculated to be worth \$10/ea. So the family who did the bottle drive route now had \$80 to put toward their trips.

Opportunities to earn music miles can be from selling and/or volunteering at Fruit and Cookie Dough and Grilling Meats fundraisers, and from volunteering at Beef and Band Blast, Jazz Night, Bottle Drives and Gift Wrap. Task Leaders (coordinators of an event or fundraiser) and Board Members can also earn music miles.

Participation in fundraisers and volunteering at events is optional for families, but the **more your family participates in fundraising events, the more music miles you earn.**

HOW TO SIGN UP

To volunteer at any or all events, please watch for emails from SCBPA asking for help. Sign up sheets are also available at the AGM and Beef and Band Blast. You can also email the president as well.

Open positions that need filling for 2018-19 year:

Member at Large

Jazz Night Task Leader

Newsletter Task Leader

Annual General Meeting October 2018

Any parent/guardian of a band student is a member and eligible to vote. Our annual general meeting will be held at the All Saints Band Room. This meeting starts at 7pm, please watch your school newsletter for the date in the fall.

Parents are strongly urged to attend as the information presented will help you and your child make the most of the Band program.

DATES TO NOTE

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| Gr 6 Beginner Band Clinic | September 2018 |
| AGM | October 2018 |
| Beef and Band Blast | October 2018 |
| Fruit and Cookie Dough Fundraiser | October- November 2018 |
| Bottle Drive Fundraiser | December 2018 |
| Gift Wrap Fundraiser | Mid December 2018 |
| Christmas Concerts | December 2018 |
| Music Mile Calculation | December 2018 |
| Bottle Drive Fundraiser | January 2019 |
| Rotary Club Jazz Retreat | February 2019 |
| Music Festivals | March 2019 |
| Summer Grilling Meat Packs Fundraising | April 2019 |
| High School Band Trips | April or May 2019 |
| Music Miles Calculation | May 2019 |
| Jazz Night | May 2019 |
| Gr 6 Band Trip | End of May 2019 |
| Year End Concerts | June 2019 |
| Middle Year End Band Trips | June 2019 |
| Gr 6 Kiddies Day Parade | End of June 2019 |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I know how many music miles I have earned?

Twice a year, the Music Miles coordinator emails out an updated statement. In December the fundraisers from the previous year's Jazz Night, Beef and Band Blast, Fruit and Cookie Dough and the December bottle drive are calculated. In May the fundraiser from the gift wrap, the January bottle drive and the Summer Meats fundraiser are calculated. You receive an email twice a year.

Please make sure you are receiving emails from us!!! Make sure it is an email that you check regularly. Information confirmations forms for the Music Miles program are sent out at the beginning of each school year. Be sure to check over this form and let us know if any changes are needed. Please contact the president at scband.president@gmail.com to be put on the list if you are not receiving emails.

2. How do I use the music miles to pay for a trip?

On the band permission forms, sent home from the band directors, there will be a place on the form regarding the finances of the trip. There is a spot there to put in music miles earned if you so wish. You may also save up your music miles for larger trips in a year or two down the road.

3. How do I divide the music miles up if I have more than one child in band?

You are allowed allocate your music miles to which ever child you would like, or divide it however you would like. You have only one music miles account – by family.

4. What is a music miles account number?

At the beginning of the year your child will receive a card with your family's music miles number on it. It will remain the same from year to year. Your number must be written on order forms, trip forms, etc. So please make sure you keep your card safe or know your number. If you do happen to lose it please contact the coordinator at scbands.musicmiles@gmail.com.

5. How much does a band trip cost?

Each trip each year varies! Here are a few **examples** from the last couple years: Grade 6 trip to Westbank \$110, Grade 7-8 trip to Calgary \$300, Grade 9-10 trip to Red Deer \$350, Grade 11-12 trip to Banff \$650.

There are also uniform fees, SLC fees, and possibly other related costs.

The SCPBA does not set the trip dates, places or costs. Those are all determined from the directors and their schools. Please contact your director and/or school if you have questions regarding the trip itself.