

Seycove Music Parents' Association Newsletter – October 2006

Hello, and welcome to a new school year.

Who are we? - We are a group of parents of students enrolled in one or more of the music courses and groups open to our lucky children here at Seycove. Our purpose is to provide assistance with the various musical events that enhance the Seycove music programme, including field trips and performances. We generally meet once a month, check the website for dates. Please feel free to join us!

- *The next meeting is Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7PM in the Music Room.*

Stay in touch! - Thank you to those parents who provided us with their email addresses at the music parent meeting held September 12th, and to those who recently sent them in. Email addresses provide a quick and efficient way for us to keep you informed. Also, please note that this and subsequent newsletters will be included on the Seycove website, through the Music department section. Thanks go to Mr. Norm MacPhail and his students for their help.

- *Visit the **Seycove Music Website** <http://seycovemusic.moonfruit.com/>*

Groups This Year - For those of you who may be wondering, here is an explanation of Seycove musical groups and participants:

Junior Groups Groups enrolling Grades 8, 9, and sometimes 10

Senior Groups Groups predominantly made up of Grades 10 - 12

Concert Groups Larger ensembles usually performing more traditional music

Jazz Groups Usually auditioned, smaller ensembles usually performing jazz or pop music.

Chamber Choirs Medium-sized, usually auditioned choirs performing mainly classical Music.

The specific list of groups for the 2006-2007 school year includes:

Choirs -

- Chamber Choir - 80 students tried out for the chamber choir, 15 boys and 65 girls. The 2006/7 Chamber Choir includes the 15 boys and 15 of the girls.
- Women's Choir - 30 more of the girls that tried out for the Chamber Choir were asked to join this group, and will perform at the same events as the Chamber Choir.
- Senior Vocal Jazz Choir - This group will be by invitation.
- Junior Vocal Jazz Choirs - Two groups, Grade 8/9 and Grade 9/10.
- Mass Choir - Everyone is welcome to join this choir, there is no audition.

Bands -

- Senior and Junior Concert Bands - All concert band students Grade 10 and up are in the Senior Concert Band, with Grades 8 and 9 in the Junior Concert Band.
- Senior and Junior Jazz Bands - This year, there are a "sea of saxophones", but only one trumpet and one trombone eligible for the Senior Jazz Band. Mr Lee has held auditions for these groups, but final composition is still being developed.

Uniforms - Uniforms will be distributed at 6PM in the Library on the date of the Fall Concert (see 'Upcoming Dates'). The Junior uniform is a Seycove music t-shirt, Senior boys will receive a rental tie and vest. Senior girls are being fitted for a sleeveless dress. **Remember to bring \$10 when you pick up your uniform!** (Senior girls should already have submitted \$75 for their dress!)

Upcoming Dates 2006-2007:

Date	Event	Participants
September 13	Music Parent's meeting @ Seycove	All parents of Seycove music students
November 3-5	Retreat @ Jubilee	Chamber Choir
November 6	Fall Music Concert @ Seycove	All music groups
November 24	Talent Show @ Seycove	Open to interested music & drama students
December 9 (to be confirmed)	Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir Concert @ St. Andrew's Wesley	Chamber Choir
December 20	Winter Music Concert @ Seycove	Concert Bands & Concert Choirs
January 26-28	Retreat (location to be announced)	Vocal Jazz Groups
February 12	February Blues (location to be announced)	Jazz Groups
April 19-22	Nelson Festival	Junior Groups & Mass Choir
April 24-29	Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival (Banff)	Senior Music Groups
May 18-23	New York - Carnegie Hall	Chamber Choir & Women's Choir
June 2	Cabaret @ Seycove	Jazz Groups
June 4	Year-End Music Concert @ Centennial Theatre	Concert Groups

Fundraising - Fundraising helps to pay for Seycove musical events, and is either for the music department as a whole or for individual student accounts. Department fundraisers this year will mainly include revenue raised at Seycove musical events, through the sale of items including: concessions, coffee mugs and water bottles, CDs and Seycove music calendars. Student account fundraisers will include entertainment books and Purdy's chocolates. Stay tuned for more fundraising events in the New Year.

- Entertainment Books sales closed in October and all books should be in.
- ***Watch for the Purdy's chocolates sales flyers, available now!*** Flyers are being distributed through music classes, and will also be available at the Fall Concert.

Accomplishments - Congratulations go out to the Seycove choral groups for their very successful performances over the past year. At Kauthaumixw in Powell River in July 2006, which involved 30 choirs from around the world, the Chamber Choir picked up 2 awards: 1st prize Youth Choir and Best Performance of a Canadian Work. In May 2006, at the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim, California, competing against 90 musical ensembles, they won 3 gold and one silver medal.

We love to broadcast the musical accomplishments of Seycove groups and also individual Seycove students. Please forward your news to ekfagerlund@telus.net.