*École secondaire Oak Park High School provides a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment which nurtures exceptional character, and inspires excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics.*

*L’École secondaire Oak Park High School se consacre à fournir un environnement d’apprentissage sécuritaire, inclusif, et engageant qui favorise un caractère moral exceptionnel et de l’excellence dans l’académique, les arts, et l’athlétisme.*

September 3rd 2019

**Dear Parents of Oak Park Band Students:**

The 2019-2020 band season has begun, and it will be an exciting year for your son or daughter! Oak Park High School has a long tradition of excellent band programs. For decades, our bands have been gold medal winners at the Winnipeg Optimist Festival and travelled across Canada and the US competing at festivals such as the Rocky Mountain Music Festival, Heritage Music, Music in the Marks and MusicFest Canada. This is your child's opportunity to learn skills and make friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. In the same fashion as last year, we are pleased to announce that we will be wearing a simple yet classy band uniform.

**Students should bring cash or a cheque for $30** **(payable to “Oak Park High School”)** to the band room to receive their scarf and tie*. If you are going to have difficulties getting the $30 in please contact Mr. Fraser and we can make alternative arrangements.* This fee has been approved by the OPHS administration and is actually quite reduced compared to fees at other schools smaller and larger band programs. Please be advised that the band fee payment does not qualify for a tax receipt; however donations in excess of the $30 band fee will be issued a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes. **Uniforms will not be issued without payment of the Uniform fee**.

The OPHS Band Uniform consists of:

* Blue tie (for the guys) or a blue scarf (for the ladies) provided upon payment of the $30 fee
* Black pants/skirt (if wearing a skirt, please also wear black tights/nylons/leggings)
* Black shoes (not skate shoes, sneakers, flip flops, etc.)
* Black socks and belt

**We need volunteers**!!! Throughout the year we run ***EIGHT*** fundraisers. If you would like to count money, organize accounts, or sort through vegetables, please email Mr. Fraser (dfraser@pembinatrails.ca)

Thank you for your support!

Derek Fraser

Director of Bands Choral Director

##### Overview of Band & Choral Programs

#### Oak Park High School

Directors: Mr. Derek Fraser, Mr. Noah Slusky

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| **Bands** | **Performances** |
| Grade 9 Band (Fraser)Grade 10 Concert Band (Slusky) | All participate in school concerts, Optimist Festival, and travelto out-of-town festivals |
| Grade 11/12 Symphonic Band (Fraser) |
| Wind Ensemble (9-12 Audition Group) (Fraser) |
| Junior Jazz Band (Grade 9’s – Fraser)Intermediate Jazz (Grade 10’s – Fraser) |
| Senior Jazz Band (11/12 Audition Group - Fraser) |
| Oak Park Jazz Combo (student run) |

Attached is cash or a cheque for **$30** payable to ***“Oak Park High School”***

# Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 For Band Department use only:

 Payment of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ received on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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