SCS Wind Ensemble to tour Montreal

Making a fourth performance tour in 6 years, the SCS Wind Ensemble is set to travel to Montreal on April 9-10. Students will collaborate with and perform a concert for the St. Charles School in Pierrefonds, Quebec and also perform at the world-renowned Notre-Dame Basilica. Students will attend a concert given by the McGill University Wind Ensemble, enjoy a tour of Old Montreal, take in the Musee d’Art Contemporain and the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium, and climb to the chalet on top of Mont Royal.

Bon voyage!

7th annual SCS Cabaret Night

Friday, April 3, 6:30-9:00

SCS Cabaret Night is our annual band and chorus fundraiser! We feature both curricular and student-led musical performances in our cafeteria, transformed into a festive cafe-style atmosphere. Light bites and beverages are served as kids light up the stage! Outside in our lobby is an exciting silent auction, full of goods and services from locals and area businesses.

The planning that goes into the event is great fun and we need parents to help organize and pull off such a successful event. Please come to our organizational meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 4:30pm, in the band room!
Upcoming Winter Concerts:

- Wind Ensemble will present the **Small Ensemble Recital** featuring 15 mixed quartets and quintets that have learned and refined recital pieces in their Trimester 2 lessons -- **Wednesday, March 18, 7pm in the SCS Cafeteria**.

- **Winter Band Concert:** Well, it’ll be technically Spring, but in all likelihood, winter will hold in there for a while! Concert Band (beginners) makes their debut showcase along with Stage Band’s (7/8 co-curricular jazz band) season-opening performance -- **Wednesday, March 25, 7pm in the SCS Gymnasium**

District III Music Festival

**Friday, January 31 - Saturday, February 1**

Twenty student musicians from Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir will be representing Shelburne Community School at the Champlain Valley District III Middle School Music Festival. This festival features students from all over Chittenden County. The festival will be hosted this year by the CVSD at CVU High School. The concert is 2:00pm on Saturday, February 1.

Participating in the band will be **Catherine Congalton & Lily O’Brien**, flute; **Ava Bouchard**, oboe; **Harper Riley & Sophia Comeau**, clarinet; **Theodore Rosenau**, bass clarinet; **Sonia Prada**, alto saxophone; **Emma Marden & Jacob Whitcomb**, baritone saxophone; **Gretta White & Brendan Hawko**, trumpet; **Ariel Toohey**, trombone; **Fisher Irwin**, euphonium; and **Simon Hunt**, percussion. Participating in the chorus will be **Clare Stackpole-McGrath**, **Sebastian Krementsov**, **Calvin Karlhuber**, **Leonie Schwetlick**, & **Julia Shrier**. Participating in the string orchestra will be **Stella Makay**, violin.
Trimester 2 Playing Assessments

March 3-12

SCS Band students will again perform for a solo playing assessment at the end of the trimester. Each level has different requirements with various options of choice/challenge and every student & parent/guardian receives thorough feedback through an emailed rubric.

Remember that JumpRope will report the general learning targets and our Habits of Learning in band -- the finer details are in the playing assessment rubric.

News Shorts

- **Tim Buckingham** recently performed on percussion *Amahl & The Night Visitors*, an operetta, with the Montpelier Chamber Orchestra in early January. He will also join MCO for their March concerts. Bucky will be the guest conductor for the District V Music Festival Middle School Band in Fair Haven on March 6 and will help manage winter and spring productions for *TURNmusic* (turnmusic.org) -- Anne Decker (his wife), founder and artistic director.

- **Preston Murphy**, UVM senior and student intern, started on January 13th and will be at SCS daily through early May. Outside of school, he will be performing on guitar with *Bella and the Notables* at several shows this winter and will also play for the Spring Exhibit opening at the Fleming Museum in February.

- **CVU Concert Band** (9th grade) will be visiting our SCS Wind Ensemble on Friday, January 24 for a collaborative rehearsal and Q&A about high school performance music classes. It will be great to see many SCS alumni reunite! This will coincide with some early decisions our 8th graders will make soon about course offerings for next year. *Performance music is a 4-12th grade curriculum at CVSD* -- our quality music programs prepare students for successful participation at the high school. We highly encourage kids to go on! As a reminder, research overwhelmingly shows that continued involvement in music enhances student performance across the entire curricula. Behind most high achieving public schools lie strong performance music ensemble classes.