

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

The B.R Xpression/The Celtic Fusion/The Celtic Groove/The Celtic Beat

**2018 Nashville, TN Heritage Music Festival**

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year our performing groups, The BR Xpression Vocal Ensemble, The Celtic Fusion Concert Band, The Celtic Groove Jazz Band and Celtic Beat Drumline will be participating in the Heritage Music Festival in Nashville, TN. With over 25 years of experience travelling with student music groups, I can assure you that your son/daughter will enjoy this festival and the experience will undoubtedly be the highlight of their academic school year. Having travelled to Nashville multiple times, I can declare wholeheartedly that this festival to America's "Music City" will be rewarding and the memories will last a life time. Bishop Ryan music ensembles have won multiple gold medals, spirit awards, adjudicator awards and maestro awards in cities such as NYC, Boston, Chicago, Myrtle Beach, Washington DC and Montreal.

At this time we are estimating the trip will cost **\$799 Canadian dollars** and will include the following:

- Non-stop motorcoach transportation to and from Nashville in state of the art luxury coaches equipped with DVD and washroom facilities
- Three night accommodations in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Resort. This hotel is simply breathtaking. Check it out yourself on-line.
- ALL breakfasts included
- Travel to Memphis and admission to the Elvis Graceland tour of mansion and planes.
- Dinner and awards banquet at the famous Wildhorse Saloon complete with live entertainment
- More dinners and activities TBA
- Full adjudicated performance and clinic including trophies and awards

We will be travelling as follows; **Tuesday, April 17 to Sunday, April 22, 2018.**

Please be aware that we will be fundraising to offset the final balance of the trip so we are hoping the total cost will be lower than the estimated \$799. We have suffered financially because of the poor exchange rate and it has created the need to estimate the cost above. Students will be provided with many opportunities to fundraise for this event. Details to follow. Please note that we have a current roster of over 350 students enrolled in our music ensembles. We will be taking the first 200 students who register for this trip.

In order to secure your son/daughters participation in this Nashville trip we ask that all students provide a non-refundable deposit of \$200 dollars by using our schoolCASH ON-LINE system found under [www.hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com).

**Non-refundable deposits are due on or before Wednesday, Nov 22, 2017.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [taboned@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:taboned@hwcdsb.ca) or 905-573-2151x3337 should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in the Interest of Music Education,

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