January 20, 2016

Dear members of Inversions, Tonic, Senior Jazz Band, and Intermediate Jazz Band:

The Brandon Jazz Festival is scheduled for **Thursday, March 17 & Friday, March 18.** Garden Valley Collegiate vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles have attended this festival for many years. It is a unique and enjoyable educational experience, and a highlight of the year for these groups! Students are responsible for discussing with their other teachers in advance and completing any work that is missed due to this trip. Be sure to bring the following items:

* All-Black clothing for performance- Shirts, pants/skirt, socks, shoes
* Change of clothes, toiletries, bathing suit
* Bag lunch to eat on the bus on Thursday

Students are responsible for the cost of the following meals: Thursday dinner (food court), Friday lunch (BU Cafeteria), and Friday dinner. The total cost for transportation, hotel, and a concert by the world renowned vocal group *m-pact* is **$100**. Please address cheques to the **GVC Student Council**. **Payment is due on or before February 17th**. Here is a preliminary itinerary for our trip:

**Thursday, March 17**

10:00 am Depart GVC

12:30 pm Arrive at BJF

3:30 *Sound FX (Morden) WMCA*

4:00 *Sanford* *Band* in LWRH (non-*SJB*)

4:00 **Sr Jazz Band** Warmup LWRH

4:30 **Senior Jazz** performance

5:15 Go to Day’s Inn, check-in

5:45 Go to Mall for supper/shopping

7:00 Board bus to Day’s Inn

9:00 Board bus for concert

9:30 *m-pact* & BU Big Band!

11:00 Room check

**Friday, March 18**

9:00 am Check out, load busses

9:15 Leave hotel for BJF

10:00 *Watch groups* in WMCA or LWRH

11:00 **TONIC** warmup WMCA

11:30 **TONIC** performance WMCA

12:00 Lunch at BU cafeteria

1:00pm Clinics

2:00 **JR Jazz Band** warmup Kinsmen

2:30 **JR Jazz** performance Kinsmen

4:00 **INVERSIONS** warmup WMCA

4:30 **INVERSIONS** performance

5:00 Dinner at Wendy’s

5:45 Depart for Winkler

7:45 Arrive at GVC

Thanks so much, we are in for a wonderful trip full of music and community! Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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