



COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

MUSIC TOUR – HALIFAX MAY 1 – 5, 2019

Who: Students enrolled in the year-long Symphonic Band (Gr. 10-12) and Choir programs at CHS

Where: [Halifax](#), Nova Scotia ([Atlantic Festival of Music](#))

When: May 1-5, 2019 (Only conflict on the calendar at this time is Provincial Badminton).

Why: Canada is an incredible country (and very, very large!) We think that exploring this wonderful nation is an incredible opportunity for our students. The Atlantic Festival of Music is a wonderful festival with an incredible reputation (and is run by Mr. Talen's middle school band teacher from PEI!). The East coast of Canada holds a contrasting culture to the bustling hub of Calgary, and also varies in musical flare – students would have the opportunity to experience elements of the diversity of Canada's landscape, people, cuisine, music, and smells (the sea salt air is perfume for the soul).

How (much): Currently we're entertaining bids from different travel companies, but we're likely going to go with Ellison Travel and Tours Limited (who planned our wonderful trip to Whistler this year). Nothing is set in stone yet, but the cost will likely be between \$1700-1900 (Flight cost is a major factor). To put this in perspective. Our NYC trip two years ago was approx \$2600 and our Whistler trip this year was \$850. Please see the end of this email for a more specific list of what the price includes.

COST WOULD INCLUDE:

- **return airfare from the Calgary International Airport to the Halifax International Airport**, including all applicable airline, airport and security fees as of this contract date
- airport check-in assistance on departure
- **transportation** via 2-56 passenger private motor coaches for the duration of your tour, including driver gratuity
- **4 nights' accommodation** at the Hampton Inn by Hilton Downtown Halifax or similar (based on students in quad and adults in twin accommodations)
- **Continental breakfast** each morning at the hotel
- **4 group dinners** including Grafton Street dinner theatre
- performance(s) in or/around Halifax (in addition to our festival performances)
- 2 step on guides service for a **day trip to Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Peggy's Cove** including guide gratuities
- participation in the **Atlantic Festivals of Music** including: **adjudication, clinic, workshops, 1 evening concert, and the DJ Dance** (based on all students in 1 ensemble)
- self-guided visit to the **Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21**
- self-guided visit to the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**
- 24-hour Ellison Travel & Tours Ltd. Emergency Contact Number while on tour
- comprehensive Tour Leader binder that includes maps, confirmation details, travel tips and more