



RED DEER ROYALS

BandNote

From the Podium

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Congratulations to everyone for our really great performances in November and December! It was a great fall concert season and you are each to be commended for your part in making the band come so far already this year!

In December, we finished a really great fall season. While we're probably focused on what'll be happening in July, the upcoming few months are always hugely exciting. They'll bring the beginning of our "Elements" field show, continuing work on colour guard technique and artistry, some new marches, and new pieces for concert band that we'll perform in the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts and our Spring Concert at the Arts Centre, both in April. I feel this is the season when things really come together for the band. With the outstanding caliber of members in the band this year and with the goals we've set for ourselves, I know it's going to be a great one!!!

Concert Master team

In the coming weeks, Concert Master Matthew Doll and our Assistant Concert Master Ayrton Chilibeck, will be starting to work with the band on their pieces. These selections will be performed at our Spring Concert in April.

"Elements" – our field show for 2017

We have the entire musical score for our show this year. This first section of drill we be ready for out camp on January 28.

Later this month all of our entire spring/summer repertoire will be posted online.

Board meeting of the Red Deer Community Band Society The next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Cam Clark Ford community boardroom. Everyone welcome!

Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts If you plan to enter into the Red Deer Music Festival with an ensemble (duet, trio, etc.) of Royals members, we will pay the entry fee if you wear your concert uniform for your performance. **(Sorry, we don't pay the entry fee for solos or for ensembles with non-Royals members or for solos.)** The deadline for entries is January 31 and the Festival is April 18 to 22.

In order to avoid being scheduled to be in two places at one time, if you're entering any other class at the Festival (ex. piano, dance, solo on your band instrument, etc.), I recommend that you indicate on your entry form that you're also participating in Class #11760. For more information, including the syllabus and the entry form, see [www. http://www.reddeerkiwanisfestival.org](http://www.reddeerkiwanisfestival.org).

I'll let you know when our concert band performance day/time is as soon as the schedule has been set.

Winter Guard

The Red Deer Royals Winter Guard will be competing several times over the next few months. The performances dates are:

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| 1. Sunday, January 29 | Alberta Winterguard Season Opener, Calgary |
| 2. Saturday, February 5 | Spirit of Alberta Winter Guard Gala, Margrath |
| 3. Saturday, March 4 | Encorps Performing Arts Showcase, Calgary |
| 4. Sunday, March 5 | Spiritus Winter Classic, Calgary |
| 5. Saturday, March 11 | Arts in Motion, Calgary |

More information will follow on a separate information package next week.

Award Plaques

If you have a large award plaque at home, please return it.

Volunteer Event

Coat Check for the Oilmen Technical Society, Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer – Saturday, January 21 (5:00 PM to 11:00 PM)
Several member and parent chaperones have volunteered for this event. More information will be provided.

Show Camp Dates (a.k.a. "Blocking Camps")

Camps are a time of hard work and good fun, and they're a great way to experience a lot of growth in our field show. For each camp a different section is asked to bring a **morning** snack to share with the whole band. That means 10 - 14 members bringing a snack for 80 people.

The camp dates (all Saturdays unless otherwise indicated) are:

• January 28	Snack: Flutes & DM	LTCHS	9:00 to 5:00
• February 11	Snack: Clarinets	Fox Run School, Sylvan Lake	9:00 to 5:00
• February 25	Snack: Saxophones & Horns	Fox Run School, Sylvan Lake	9:00 to 5:00
• March 11	Snack: Trumpets	Penhold Multiplex	9:00 to 5:00
• March 18	Snack: Low Brass	LTCHS	9:00 to 5:00
• April 8	Snack: Drumline & Front Ens.	RDR Fieldhouse	9:00 to 5:00
• April 29	Snack: Colourguard	RDR Fieldhouse	9:00 to 5:00
• May 6	Snack: Flutes & DM	RDR Fieldhouse	9:00 to 5:00 (DATE ADDED)
• May 13	Snack: Clarinets	RDR Fieldhouse	9:00 to 5:00
• June 3	Snack: Saxophones & Horns	RDR Fieldhouse	9:00 to 5:00
• June 24	Snack: Trumpets	RDR Fieldhouse	9:00 to 5:00
• July 2 (Sunday)	Snack: Low Brass	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 5:00
• July 3 (Monday)	Snack: Drumline & Front Ens.	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 5:00
• July 4 (Tuesday)	Snack: Colourguard	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 5:00
• July 5 (Wednesday)	Snack: Flutes & DM	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 5:00
• July 6 (Thursday)	Snack: Clarinets	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 2:00

The following dates will be those traveling to Europe.

• July 15 (Saturday)	Snack: Saxophones & Horns	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 5:00
• July 16 (Sunday)	Snack: Trumpets	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 5:00
• July 17 (Monday)	Snack: Low Brass	Legion Field (LTCHS)	9:00 to 2:00

If any of the above dates change, I'll let you know as soon as possible.

We'll require parent chaperones for each day camp.

It's really important that we have everyone present at every camp. If you miss one day of camp, it's like missing almost a month of Wednesday rehearsals! It makes it hard and stressful on you and on everyone else if you miss. From time to time, things do come up that may mean you have to miss a camp or part of a camp and I understand that, but I know you'll make every effort to work your other commitments around our day camps.

For all our camps make sure you bring your Drill Masters or athletic shoes with a 1cm cushion as well as a good lunch and water. Lunch breaks will be short (around 45 minutes) so it'll be pretty hard to go out for lunch and get back on time. Our lunchtime isn't always at the same time, but we'll generally have it around 12:45 or 1:00. We'll also have a break in the morning and in the afternoon.

Bandribbons In January we'll pass out this year's Bandribbons. Below is an excerpt from our Members' Manual:

Band Ribbons for wear on the travel jackets will be issued to each member in recognition of years of service, band office/position, and awards bestowed. All Bandribbons, including "Years of Service", "Award" and "Position" pins are ongoing and hence valid for "eternity". Therefore, they become the personal property of the member. Royals Bandribbons are to be worn on the right side of the travel jacket. Two and three ribbons are to be worn side-by-side, three in a row, four in two rows of two each, five in two rows (three and two) etc.

All members get a year pin and those with a position in the band such as Section Leader or Assistant, Band Council positions, etc. will get a pin for that as well. Those who received awards and scholarships at our dinner last September will get pins recognizing their outstanding achievements. All pins you receive are yours to keep. Because 1st Chair positions can be challenged for until the end of March, those Bandribbons won't be passed out until April to whoever holds the 1st chair at that time.



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Parade Kit \$0.00
Concert Jacket/Pants \$0.00
(Extra: Shirt \$5.25/Tie \$1.00)

Rehearsal locations & logistics:

Wed, January 25	Winds at Lindsay Thurber Drumline at Gateway Colour Guard at Gateway	
Wed, February 1	Winds in Salon A Drumline TBA Colour Guard in Parkland Pavilion	Flutes do stands
Wed, February 8	Winds at École Camille J. Lerouge School (across from LTCHS) <i>Use the doors on the South side next to the gym. Band room is upstairs.</i> Drumline at Gateway Colour Guard at Gateway	
Wed, February 15	Winds at Lindsay Thurber Drumline at Gateway Colour Guard at Gateway	

TOUR:

1. Please be punctual in making you tour payments to Mr. Rheaume.
2. Colour photos of your passports should be turned by now (even if they are in the process of being renewed).
3. Travel partners are now past due.
4. Dates for the Notary will be available soon.

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