



Red Deer Royals BandNote

From the Podium – Michael Mann, Director

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*A very warm welcome / welcome back to a new ROYALS year!!
We had a fantastic start-up last week – already sounding and looking great.
Based on those initial impressions . . .
WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR!!!*

We've had another really successful **new member recruiting campaign** in June and September and I'm happy to say we have 44 new members! A very, very special welcome to each of you!! With some of last year's members moving on, we're presently sitting at 108 members. Our instrumentation (numbers in each section) is very good in most cases – other than we could still use some more, flutes, tenor saxes, horns, tubas, drumline, and guard!! All in all, we sounded and looked great last week!

First year members and parents, we have a **website**, www.reddeerroyals.com. We have a members' page where we post our newsletters (BandNote) and other documents like schedules, fundraising notices, etc. We also have a facebook page, which is <http://www.facebook.com/royals.showband>, and a twitter account (@RedDeerRoyals). Check back often for updates!

This year I will again be using "Remind" to pass information on to the members and parents who sign-up for the service. "Remind" is a FREE SERVICE which allows me to send a group text/email with important information, reminders, etc. "Remind" is a one-way text; it allows me to send but not receive any replies. Members and parents who need to get a hold of me can still contact me at the phone number above or by email. Please see the attached instruction sheet for more information and sign up ASAP.

The BandNote will also be posted on the website each month.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, Sept. 20 **PERFORMANCE!** 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., St. Joseph High School
The Opening Ceremony for St. Joseph High School, the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, and the Home of the Red Deer Royals. **This is for returning member ONLY!** We will meet at the storage room entrance at 12:00 to quickly change and warm-up. The performance will begin at 12:45 with our parade tunes as the people arrive. We will then perform O'Canada. During the ribbon cutting, we will perform "Water" from our field show. We should be done by 2:00. Thank you for being out this event as many of you will need to get out of school for it.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20 **Parent Meeting,** 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph High School
This meeting is for all first-year parents and returning parents on important information regarding the Red Deer Royals. All your questions will be answered at this time.
- Saturday, Sept. 23 **Leadership Camp,** 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Joseph High School
This event is for all applicants to the openings on our Leadership Team as well as to all current Leadership Team members (Concert Master, Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Assistant Section Leaders). Please see the separate handout (Leadership Position application form) for details.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 **The 23rd Annual Band Family "Welcome and Awards" Potluck Dinner,** 6:15 - 9:30 p.m., Festival Hall located next to the Memorial Centre (4214 58 Street). For **all new members and families of this year's band and all member and families of the 2016 – 17 season.**
Each family is asked to bring a main course for ten people and either a salad or dessert. You will need to **bring your own plate, cup, and cutlery.** This is a semi-dress up occasion for band members!
6:15 p.m. set-up; 6:30 dinner; 7:15 presentations; 8:15 program; 9:30 event ends
New members and families, please be sure to attend. It's a great way to join the Royals family.

Fri Sept 29 - Sun Oct 1 Annual Fall **Band Camp at Camp Caroline** for all members. We load the buses at St. Joseph High School at 4:00 and depart at 4:30 on Friday. We return to St. Joseph High School at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please see the separate handout for more details. The cost to each member is \$200 and chaperones are free. Cheques should be made payable to Red Deer Community Band Society (RDCBS). Camp Caroline fees are due by Wednesday, September 27.

Parents: Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to chaperone this event. We also need a couple of parents with passenger vans for transporting baggage to Camp Caroline and transporting band members while we're at camp.

Our **Band Council** executive will be elected at Camp Caroline on Saturday evening. Think about running for a position!!

Board meeting of the Red Deer Community Band Society

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, October 16 at 7:00 at the Central Alberta Co-op Office. Everyone is welcome. These are enjoyable meetings and a great way for parents to become better informed about the Royals!

A few points to remember

We've had another really great start to the band year! As information to First Year members and as a reminder to everyone:

- Attend all rehearsals unless it's absolutely impossible. A team effort requires the whole team.
- In the case of an unavoidable conflict with another activity, it's better to come late than not at all.
- You must contact both the Director (Mr. Mann) by phone (403-346-3911), text (403-391-0514) or email (directorofbands@reddeerroys.com), as well as your Section Leader if you are unable to attend a rehearsal or if you'll be unavoidably late.
- "If you're on time, you're late!" means you should arrive at rehearsal no later than 6:15 so you can have a seat and be ready to rehearse on time. By 6:30 you should have done your own warm-up and be ready to go. This goes for Winds, Guard and Drumline.
- Be patient, focused, & quiet even when you have to wait and listen to another section work on a part.
- Always have your equipment, music, black **Royals** folder and a pencil at every rehearsal. A pencil is a must! Make sure you have your own copy of each of our pieces; if you're missing one just notify your Section Leader or Assistant Section Leader.
- After rehearsal, everyone looks after putting their own chair and music stand on the racks. For music stands, we use a rotation system in which a particular section sets them up and puts the trolleys away in the trailer at the end of the night. When it's your section's turn, please be at rehearsal by 6:00 or 6:10 and be prepared to stay an extra five or ten minutes at the end of rehearsal. Percussion and Colour Guard are not in the rotation because they have their own equipment to look after.
- When it comes to chores, please help out and share the load; it's the **Royals** way!

Rehearsal Dates & Logistics:

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| Wed, September 20 | Clarinets do stands |
| Wed, September 27 Festival Hall, Memorial Centre | No rehearsal tonight! It's the evening of our Potluck Dinner , a time when we welcome our new members, present some awards from last year, and enjoy the program! |
| Wed, October 4 | Saxophones do stands |
| Wed, October 11 | Trumpets do stands |

Uniforms

All First Year Members

As soon as the finalized new members list is complete a fitting schedule for both Musicians and Colour Guard will be set up..

Travel Jackets

Members will be fitted for their Travel Jackets at Camp Caroline. If you are not attending, please make arrangements to be fitted on a Wednesday evening. All parents wishing travel jackets may be fitted on a Wednesday evening. The date will be announced shortly.

There will be more information on uniforms and a chance to ask related questions at our 1st Year Parent Meeting.



The Official Drycleaner of the Red Deer Royals

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

The Adult Bands of our Band Society start soon! Please help spread the word! Parents: consider joining!!

- **Introductory/Novice Band**, Lil Traquair, Director. Phone 403-896-9675 for more info.
 For the “never-evers” or the “long, long agos”. Usually has ten to twenty members.
 Meets Mondays (beginning September 18), 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Location: St. Joseph High School.
- **Tuesday Night Band**, Greg Wheeler, Director. Phone 403-346-5868 for more info.
 For intermediate players with about 2+ years experience. Usually has twenty-five to thirty members.
 Meets Tuesdays (beginning September 17), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Location: Hunting Hills High School.
- **Monday Night Band**, Glen Traquair, Director. Phone 403-896-8789 for more info.
 For more advanced players. Usually has twenty-five to thirty members.
 Meets Mondays (beginning September 16), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Location: Notre Dame High School
- **Jazz Big Band**, Steve Sherman, Director. Phone 403-341-9094 for more info.
 For more advanced players on sax, trumpet, trombone, drum set, piano, electric bass. Has 20 members.
 Meets Wednesdays (beginning September 18), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Location: Notre Dame High School
- **Red Deer Regents Marching Band**, Sherry Delaurier, Director. Phone 887-5376 for more info.
 For alumni and adult players. The marching band experience, performing at parades around Alberta.
 Rehearsals start in the early spring. There will be more information to follow.

Royals Band Staff

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| Michael Mann | Director |
| Calista Lonsdale-Pangle | Assistant Director |
| Ellie Anderson | Marching Coordinator |
| Megan MacKenzie | Colour Guard Coordinator |
| Lynsey Neufeld | Colour Guard Coordinator/Leadership Facilitator |
| Dani Heap | Colour Guard Instructor |
| Leith Kresowaty | Percussion Coordinator |
| Riley Parker | Percussion Instructor |
| Colin Bildfell | Percussion Instructor |
| Emily Strang | Front Ensemble Instructor |
| Thomas Golczyk | Brass/Marching Instructor |
| Vanessa Pastor | Woodwind/Marching Instructor/Recruiting |
| Spencer Purnell | Marching Instructor/Leadership Facilitator |

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