



Red Deer Royals BandNote

From the Podium

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Thanks to each and everyone for your part in an excellent first month.

We're presently sitting at 90 members.

The colour guard, percussion, wind sections are all looking and sounding great!

What a fantastic band camp we had at Camp Caroline!!!

Many thanks to our parent chaperones for helping make it a great success.

Upcoming Events: Our fall performance/event schedule is falling into place. Following are the details that are known at this time. More info on the following performances/events will be provided as details become available. Keep checking for updates on these performances. Meanwhile, please mark them on your calendar.

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| <p>Friday, November 3 Saturday, November 4 Sunday, November 5 Saturday, December 16</p> | <p>Colour Guard/Winterguard Camp, St. Joseph High School, Kinsmen Fieldhouse 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM Arrive 15 minutes early to warm-up. 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Arrive 15 minutes early to warm-up. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Arrive 15 minutes early to warm-up. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Arrive 15 minutes early to warm-up This camp is for the Colour Guard members to begin work on the 2017/2018 Winterguard Show. Attendance to all portions of the camp is mandatory. Due to the visual and physical nature of drill and choreography, missing a member for any portion of rehearsal can drastically impact the ability of staff and members to rehearse effectively. Please plan and schedule accordingly; it's in your best interest to learn the new material when we're teaching it! Please bring: lunch, healthy snacks, water, athletic clothes and shoes, and a pen! Chaperones are needed for this event, please sign up.</p> |
| <p>Sunday, November 5</p> | <p>"Lest We Forget" performance, The Arts Centre at Red Deer College, 2:00 - 4:30 PM We'll be having a rehearsal on the Main Stage at the Arts Centre from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This just involves concert band (i.e. no colour guard and only concert percussion). Tickets will be presold through the band, the Legion, and at the door for \$10. This is a very highly recommended performance for family members. It's always a very moving and meaningful show!! Members of the Drumline and Colour Guard are encouraged to attend as audience members.</p> |
| <p>Saturday, November 11</p> | <p>Remembrance Day Ceremonies, CROSSROADS CHURCH. Concert band only 9:45 a.m. warm-up, 10:20 start, 11:30 dismissal for lunch at Dairy Queen (optional - good fun!).</p> |
| <p>Saturday, November 18</p> | <p>Festival Lights the Night, downtown Red Deer. This event is for all members. 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. More exact details in the next BandNote.</p> |
| <p>Saturday, November 25 Saturday, December 2</p> | <p>New member marching camps 9:00 to 4:00 at St. Joseph High School, Kinsmen Fieldhouse 9:00 to 4:00 at St. Joseph High School, Kinsmen Fieldhouse These camps are for all first years. Ellie Neufeld (marching coordinator) and staff, will go over the basics you learned at Camp Caroline and move on to more complex things at the 3 marching camps. We'll get you up to speed on body position, horn positions, roll step, slides, marching backwards, horn flashes, etc. That way when we begin our Show Camps in late January you'll have the basic stuff down cold! The Drum Major Team is also to attend, as well as Section Leaders who helped out with the first years on Sunday morning at Camp Caroline.</p> |
| <p>Saturday, December 2</p> | <p>Returning member marching camp 9:00 to 4:00 at St. Joseph High School, Kinsmen Fieldhouse This camp is for all returning members to refresh your marching skills prior to the first blocking camp in January. We have a big year ahead of us and we need to be in top form.</p> |

- Sunday, November 26 **Festival of Trees**, Parkland Pavilion, Westerner.
10:00 warm-up, 10:50 performance, 12:15 dismissal All Royals members.
- Wednesday December 6 **Band Society Open House Concert**, St. Joseph High School, Kinsmen Fieldhouse, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
The 4 adult bands and the Royals will be performing.
- Sunday, December 10 **Kiwanis Carol Festival**, Gaetz United Church Concert band only
12:30 set up and warm-up, 1:40 performance, 2:20 dismissal

Board meeting of the Red Deer Community Band Society

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

Volunteer opportunity! For many years the Royals have had a strong partnership with the Downtown Rotary Club. They provide many excellent services in the community and we like to support their fundraisers. In addition, they've provided a huge amount of financial support to Royals over the years (including almost \$30,000 towards the purchase of our new marching uniforms in 2005). In return, we provide assistance with their premiere fundraising events. One of these is their **Black-Tie Bingo on Thursday, October 19 at the Sheraton Hotel**. We will be providing:

- 4 members and a parent do coat check from 5:30 to 7:00 and again from 9:30 to 11:00 (approximately).
- 1 member and 1 parent do watch the coat check from 7:00 to 9:30
- 6 members to serve as an Honour Guard at the entrance to the ballroom from 5:30 to 7:00, greeting people as they enter.

All members who volunteer will need to be in marching uniform (no hats). I'll have a sign-up sheet **this** week, so please check your schedule to see if you're available!

www.reddeerroyals.com A reminder to find all of our newsletter and other documents, go to www.reddeerroyals.com.

www.facebook.com/royals.showband Check often for updates. You don't need a Facebook account to access this page. We also have a Facebook group for the non-public announcements.

Music Memorization:

Here's your memorization schedule for October and November

- "Warm-up/Tune-up Chorale", "O Canada", and Royals Fanfare memorized by October 25.
- "I want you Back" first half by November 1 and to the end by November 15.
- "Hey Baby" first half by November 1 and to the end by November 15.
- You should have the following scales committed to memory: Concert Bb, Eb, F and Ab.

We'll work on memorization at rehearsals, but it's also your responsibility to work on it in your home practice.

It often really helps memorize a piece by listening to a recording of it.

- Audio for "I Want You Back" is at www.jwpepper.com - just enter the song title in the search window.

"First Chair" positions Auditions for 1st Chair players in each section will happen in sectionals on Wednesday, October 18!

"If you're on time, you're late!" means that we start our rehearsals at 6:30 sharp. Therefore, it's a good idea to arrive around 6:10 or 6:15. When we only have 3 hours a week together, it's really important that we make the best use of our time. Thanks for your help with this! Also, as reminder that **if you need to miss a rehearsal or to be late for a rehearsal**, you are asked to contact Mr. Mann (directorofbands@reddeerroyals.com) and your Section Leader and/or Assistant Section Leader.

We had an outstanding **Leadership Camp** a couple of Saturdays ago, with 30 people in attendance. Many thanks to the great candidates who applied for the open positions, and to our returning leadership people for your excellent participation! Congratulations to those who achieved leadership positions.

The Medical Kit is there if a medical need arises. The purpose of the kit is for the chaperones to be able to respond to any medical issue that may come up. In order to maintain a functional medical kit, members are asked kindly not go into the medical kit and help themselves to things they think they may need. If you have a pre-existing condition that requires sport/medical tape, you need to supply your own. The chaperones would be more than willing to help you apply the sport/medical tape if you require assistance.

Uniforms

TRAVEL JACKETS

Most of the fittings were completed at Camp Caroline. We will be catching the members who did not attend the retreat this Wednesday. We will be ordering the first round of travel jackets after October 11th. Any parents who wish to order a travel jacket will have the opportunity to be fitted tonight. There will be another order in Feb/March for any other members/parents who wish to order at that time. **All jackets must be pre-paid before the order will be placed.**

MEMBER UNIFORM FITTINGS

Fittings have already started. Please contact the uniform coordinator if you are still needing to arrange a time. Fittings will take place at the Royals storage facility at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. We will try to accommodate everyone as best as possible, but you may have to be flexible so that we can get everyone done. It is a big job to get everyone outfitted and takes a few volunteers to make it happen smoothly. Each fitting should take about an average of 30 minutes, so please be on time.

Guys please have on a short-sleeved t-shirt and boxer shorts. Girls, please have on a short-sleeved t-shirt and a pair of spandex style shorts or leggings. You also need to be wearing socks to try on the shoes; it is best if they are the type of socks you plan on wearing for marching.



The Official Drycleaner of the Red Deer Royals

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

Rehearsal locations & logistics:

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| Wed, October 18 | Low Brass and Horns do Stands |
| Wed, October 25 | Flutes do stands |
| Wed, November 1 | Clarinets do Stands |
| Wed, November 8 | Saxophones do Stands |
| Wed, November 15 | Trumpets do Stands |

Show Camp Dates

Between January and July we schedule a series of full day (9:00 to 5:00) “show camps”, when we learn the design or drill for the show and put “the music and the motion” together.

Here are our show camp dates for this year:

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| Jan 20 | Jan 27 | Feb 10 | Feb 24 | Mar 10 | Mar 24 | Apr 21 | Apr 28 | May 12 |
| May 26 | June 2 | June 23 | July 2 | July 3 | July 4 | July 5 (half day) | | |

Red Deer Royals

We are Central Alberta's World Class Concert & Marching Show Band Awards for 2016/17

Presented at the annual Welcome and Awards Banquet, Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Presidents' Award

Presented to members of the Red Deer Royals in recognition of interest, loyalty, attitude, and for displaying dedication, drive, and determination in the pursuit of musical excellence. These awards will be presented in recognition of the support given the Band in its formative years by former Presidents of the Red Deer Community Band Society: August (Gus) Bakke, Norm Bodtker, and Gayle McDiarmid.

*Deanna Ly
Jase Nelson*

*Sierrah Stewart
Paige Eklund*

*Gerren Hunter
Macy Lyon*

Directors' Award

Presented to outstanding members of the Colour Guard, Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion sections of the Red Deer Royals Marching Show Band. This Award is presented in recognition of the leadership provided by former Directors Vic Wright, Richard Campion, Frank Connell, Alexander (Jigger) Lee, Keith Mann, and Rob Goring.

Woodwind
Drumline

*Mackenzie Matthews
Luke Gudwer*

Brass
Front Ens.

*Haley O'Connor
Nolan Stang*

Colour Guard *Hanna Wilkins*

Leadership Award

Presented to a senior member of the Red Deer Royals in recognition of leadership through example. This award will honor that individual who, through dedication, provides the leadership which enables the band and/or a section of the band, to better reach its full potential. The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding growth and development in their own leadership skills and who has used these skills to raise the Royals membership to a higher level.

Erica Binder

Musicianship Award

This award is presented to a senior Royals member who displays an extremely high level of musicianship in concert band, marching band, and show band settings. Through the musicianship skills of this individual, the entire band is raised to a higher level of achievement.

Chloe Fischer

Marching and Showmanship Award

This award is presented to the band member who displays an extremely high level of technique and artistry in marching band, and show band settings. Through the marching and showmanship skills of this individual, the entire band is raised to a higher level of achievement of precision and excellence.

Joel Kutrowski

"Spirit of the Royals" Award

This award is presented by the Director and Band Council to a senior Royals member who does not necessarily hold a formal leadership position in the band yet who consistently demonstrates an outstanding spirit of volunteerism and unending dedication to the Royals organization. This individual, through high levels of voluntary support in tasks large and small, visible and behind the scenes, sets an unparalleled example of citizenship to which all members should aspire. This person's only motivation is to contribute toward the betterment of the band and its members.

Thomas Wooff

David Keller Memorial Award

Presented to a member of the Red Deer Royals Percussion Section for displaying a quiet but persistent work ethic. This person is always prepared to take input to heart and to strive for continuous improvement.

Joshu Wong

John Philip Sousa Award

Presented to a "senior" member of the Red Deer Royals in recognition for singular merit in loyalty, cooperation, leadership, outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music; for displaying those high qualities of conduct which band involvement strives to impart.

Liam Owen