Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I am very excited to be back for another year at N.A.C.I.! Teaching and music are my two greatest passions in life and there is no better place to teach music than an outstanding community like Neepawa. I look forward to another successful year of learning, growing, playing, performing, laughing, traveling, and fun.

The 2018-2019 school year is a very exciting one for the N.A.C.I. band program. All of our ensembles will be traveling again this year to various festivals, performances, and clinics. For a full list of important dates, please see the reverse side of this document.

I would like to remind everyone about our band program webpage (click *Band Program* under the *Students* tab on the N.A.C.I. website). I keep the page updated regularly to ensure that all staff, students, and parents remain informed about what is going on with the N.A.C.I. band program. The page includes information about concerts, trips, awards, fundraising, honour bands, and more. There is also a *Forms You May Have Missed* section to the webpage where I will post electronic copies of every form that I send home over the course of the year. This way parents can stay informed even if documents get lost on the way home.

I would also like to formally invite you to attend the **Annual General Band Boosters Parent Meeting on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 PM in the N.A.C.I. Band Room.** This meeting will serve as an opportunity to learn about volunteer opportunities, fundraising opportunities, and ask any questions you may have about the N.A.C.I. band program. **Parents and students who wish to take advantage of fundraising opportunities this school year are strongly encouraged to attend.**

Please know that I am always available to be contacted by any parent or guardian with questions, comments or concerns about any and all things related the N.A.C.I. band program. I consider it an honour to serve this community and look forward to another great year of music-making!

Sincerely,

John Hodge

Band Director

Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute

**Grade 6**

December 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
December 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert **Snow Date**, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM - Spring Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium

**Grade 7**

December 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
December 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert **Snow Date**, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
April (Date TBD), 2019 - Level One Festival, Westman Centennial Auditorium (Brandon, MB)
May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM - Spring Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium

**Grade 8**

December 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
December 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert **Snow Date**, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
February (Date TBD), 2019 - Optimist Festival, RBC Convention Centre (Winnipeg)
May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM - Spring Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium

**Senior Band**

November 9, 2018 - Remembrance Day Performance, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
December 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
December 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert **Snow Date**, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
February (Date TBD), 2019 - Dessert Fundraiser, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
February (Date TBD), 2019 - Optimist Band Festival, RBC Convention Centre (Winnipeg)
May (Date TBD), 2019 at 7:00 PM - Music Monday Event at MCI
May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM - Spring Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium

**Jazz Band**

December 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
December 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Winter Concert **Snow Date**, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
February (Date TBD), 2019 - Dessert Fundraiser, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
March (Date TBD), 2019 - Brandon Jazz Festival, Brandon University
May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM - Spring Concert, N.A.C.I. Gymnasium
June (Date TBD), 2019 - HMK Outreach Concert