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VM/CPN Report 2020-2021

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In September 2020 both VM and CPN band programs were put on hold by the BSD as part of their COVID measures.

Anna Penno and Meaghan Graham were both on parental leave for much of the school year. Meaghan distributed instruments to several Vincent Massey band students in the fall, and students had access to the VM solo instrument library. Jan Michael Bourgois distributed instruments to some CPN students in the fall and assisted students in their auditions to provincial honour bands.

In second semester, about 40 VM band students and some NH students participated in a music theory/history course at their respective schools. At CP, Clint McLachlan taught a band course to about 20 students and assisted students from CPN in preparing for honour band auditions. This course provided an opportunity for students to play wind instruments at home while playing percussion at school.

Both VM and CPN were represented in the auditioned Manitoba Senior and Intermediate Honour Bands which were held virtually for the 2020-2021 school year.

The VM and CPN band programs participated in virtual open houses in March 2021. Band students who had originally enrolled for 2020-2021 received communication about course offerings for the 2021-2022 school year from Meaghan and Anna, including three possible scenarios for making music.

Both VM and CPN music parent organizations met as needed during the school year, and VM continued their Sobeys gift card fundraiser.

We are thrilled have resumed band classes this fall. Thank you to the BSIMA for your wonderful support to music education in Brandon.

Sincerely,

Meaghan and Anna