



POI CHING SCHOOL

Brass Band

10 January 2020

Dear Parents,

1. A very warm welcome to all of you. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We do recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need the support from both the home and school. We do acknowledge that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's band involvement.

2. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she attends practice regularly. Please refer to the appended schedule for Band afternoon practices. Kindly ensure that your child/ward attends Band practices as attendance will be taken. The attendance rates will be one of the major considerations when selecting our students to perform at events, where restriction on number of performers may apply.

3) Attendance

We really hope that all Band members could give their full commitment to attend all scheduled practices as they are crucial for them to polish up their band skills. Please note that attendance is compulsory for all events unless accompanied with valid reason(s).

4) Teachers in-charge of Brass Band this year

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5) If your child needs transportation arrangement for after school practice sessions on every Monday and Thursday, please contact Bus Operator, Auntie May @ 97345155 to check on the cost and availability. Kindly inform us if your child is taking the school bus.

6) Band Performances in Term 1

We are proud to announce that we have an invitation for external performance and an internal performance in Term 1. Our P4, 5 and 6 Band members would be performing in the above 2 events.

Details are as stated below.

Internal Performance

| No. | When? | Remarks | Venue | Time |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Friday, 24 January 2020 | Attire: Band Uniform Please ensure that your child's hair is neat and tidy. | School Hall (CNY Concert) | Reporting Time: 6.45 a.m. @ Band Room Dismissal Time: Pupils will be dismissed together with their respective classes. |

External Performance

| No. | When? | Remarks | Venue | Time |
|-----|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. | Saturday, 1 February 2020 | Dinner will be provided by People's Association for our performers Attire: Band Uniform | Tampines Central Park | Reporting Time: 3 p.m. @ Band Room Leaving PCS: 4.30 p.m. Rehearsal: 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Performance: 7.50 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bus to PCS: 8.15 p.m. Dismissal Time: (from school) 9.00 p.m. |

7) Please take note that for any external performances, our students need to return to school to safe-keep their musical instruments in the Band Room. Parents are **not allowed** to fetch them directly from the performance venues.

8) School Band Exchange

At the present, we are in the midst of planning for 2 sessions of school band exchanges. The 1st band exchange will take place in February and the other session will be scheduled in March. These exchanges are crucial prior to our preparations for the upcoming SYF Arts Presentation. We will update you once we have firmed up the details.

9) Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation

In reference to the above event, we will be selecting students from the P4, 5 and 6 levels. We really hope that all members from the 3 levels would be able to participate.

We will be assessing your child in the following areas:

- ability on his / her playing techniques of musicianship,
- ability to play as an ensemble,
- enthusiasm in learning the assigned musical pieces and
- commitment in attending the Band Practice Sessions.

| SYF | When? | Venue | Time |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Rehearsal | Friday, 28 February 2020 | Singapore Conference Hall (SCH) | Reporting Time: 4.30 p.m. @ Band Room Leaving PCS to SCH: 5.15 p.m. Rehearsal: 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Leaving SCH to PCS: 7.45 p.m. Dismissal from PCS: 8.45 p.m. |
| Arts Presentation | (between 6 to 9 April 2020) <i>To be confirmed</i> | <i>To be confirmed</i> | <i>To be confirmed</i> |

10) Band Uniform

Please ensure that your child can fit into the Band Uniform. If your child has outgrown his / her Band Uniform, kindly bring it to school for an exchange during their Band Practice sessions.

Prior to the Performances, please provide for your child

- a pair of **white knee high socks**
- a pair of **formal black shoes with shoe laces**



11) Band Practice in March Holidays for selected SYF participants.

| No. | When? | Time | Remarks |
|------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | <i>Saturday, 14 March 2020 (tentative)</i> | 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. | School Band Exchange |
| 2. | Monday, 16 March 2020 | 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. | |
| 3. | Tuesday, 17 March 2020 | 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. | |

12) **Parent Volunteers Needed**

We need parent volunteers to help us out when we are having external performances, including our SYF Band Rehearsal and SYF Arts Presentation.

We will need help in the following areas:

- Simple hairstyling for band girls (e.g. simple plaits)
- Simple hairstyling for band boys
- Providing assistance in carrying bulky band instruments

Please let us know your availability. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

13) Schedule of Brass Band Practices (Term 1 2020)

Level: Primary 4, 5 and 6 students

Venue: Band Room

| Day | Monday (2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.) | Thursday (2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.) | Friday (8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.) |
|------------|---|--|--|
| Week 1 | 6 Jan No Practice | 9 Jan No Practice | 10 Jan Practice 1 |
| Week 2 | 13 Jan Practice 2 | 16 Jan Practice 3 | 17 Jan Practice 4 |
| Week 3 | 20 Jan Practice 5 | 23 Jan Practice 6 | 24 Jan (CNY Performance @ PCS School Hall) |
| Week 4 | 27 Jan No Practice (Chinese New Year) | 30 Jan Practice 7 | 31 Jan Practice 8 |
| | 1 Feb (Saturday) Performance @ Tampines Central Park | | |
| Week 5 | 3 Feb Practice 9 | 6 Feb Practice 10 | 7 Feb Practice 11 |
| Week 6 | 10 Feb Practice 12 | 13 Feb Practice 13 | 14 Feb Practice 14 |
| Week 7 | 17 Feb Practice 15 | 20 Feb Practice 16 | 21 Feb Practice 17 |
| Week 8 | 24 Feb Practice 18 | 27 Feb Practice 19 | 28 Feb Practice 20 SYF Rehearsal @ SCH |
| Week 9 | 2 March No Practice (P3 – P5 WA, P6 CA) | 5 March No Practice (P3- P5 WA, P6 CA) | 6 March No Practice (P6 CA) |
| Week 10 | 9 March Practice 21 | 12 March Practice 22 | 13 March Practice 23 |

****Kindly note that if your child is required to attend any remedial lesson on every Monday and Thursday, he / she will join the practice session immediately after his remedial lesson.****