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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter serves to provide information on the proposed Opus Band, Coda Band and Stage Band performing tour and cultural exchange trip for the 2019-2020 school year. We are happy to offer an amazing educational exchange and tour of Cuba. The tour is offered through the KoSA Music tour company. More information about the trip and tour company is available on their website at: <https://www.kosamusic.com/kosa-cuba/kosa-cuba-travel/>

Dates:

The dates are from April 10th to April 18th over the Easter long weekend to reduce the number of school days to 4 calendar days.

Cost Breakdown:

The cost for the trip will be approximately \$2250 and includes round trip airfare from Ottawa to Cuba, 7 nights hotel accommodation based on double occupancy in air-conditioned rooms with private bathroom, breakfast and dinner daily, coordination and entrance/participation fees for visits, performances, workshops, tours, translator/guide services, local facilitators, ground transportation via modern air-conditioned bus, Cuban visa, and the Cuban airport tax.

Supply teacher coverage will be approximately \$40.

Travel & Cancellation insurance must be purchased to ensure refunds in the event of a labour dispute at a cost of \$55.08.

Additional Costs may include spending money and lunches.

Deposit Structure:

There will be 3 deposits. All payments will be made via School Cash Online in the "Cuba Trip" account:

1. \$500 due November 11, 2019 (\$400 if you have already paid the \$100 deposit)
2. \$800 due January 13, 2020
3. Remaining Balance due March 6, 2020

The remaining balance will be communicated after the first deposit as flight costs are subject to minor changes based on the number of participating students.

Itinerary:

Please see the attached pages for itinerary. We may also take the opportunity to participate in some service activities to help out less privileged school children in Cuba.





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Safety and Security:

We will be checking the Canadian travel advisories in regards to Cuba on a regular basis. We have no reason to believe that there will be any added risk at this time. We encourage you to check the following site regularly in the event of any unexpected updates: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/cuba>

Permission Form:

We would ask you to please fill out the permission form as completely as possible. If you need to renew a passport, please indicate that and begin the process as soon as possible.

On-line Registration:

You must also register on-line by November 11th, 2019. The Google Form for on-line registration can be found on the Band Trip website: <https://colonelbybandtrip.weebly.com/cuba-2020.html>

Regards,

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