



SJMA Senior Registration & Commitment 2016-17

SJMA is committed to support children through multiple years of a high quality, creative and joyful music education. We provide them a safe, fun, challenging and aspiring place to reach their highest potential. We emphasize passion before refinement. We facilitate a music education that expresses joy and pursues excellence. Our orchestras and choirs are places of cooperative learning that encourage a shared struggle towards the common goal of harmony. Group achievement is balanced with individual attention.

To grow in their accomplishments each child, through your support, must make a firm commitment, which requires regular attendance and hard work.

To build an accomplished orchestra and choir requires many years of musical development. Our Senior Program starts in Grade 4 and runs until Grade 12, two days per week. After their first full trail year in the Senior program students are asked to make a multi-year commitment as follows: **Grades 4-7: Intermediate Program** (up to a 4 year commitment program), **Grades 8-10: Senior Program I** (3 year commitment program with high-school tutoring support), **Grades 11-12: Senior Program II** (2 year commitment program with high-school tutoring support)

Our program runs from September through June with the option of a one week summer music camp in August for existing students. If you and your child are ready to make this commitment please complete the following bursary application. Once we have confirmed that your child meets our criteria we will call you to set up an interview.

If selected, your child will receive a bursary to cover the costs of an instrument, lessons, transportation and meals while attending the program. This is valued at \$3,000 per child per year.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Walker
Executive Director



Saint James Music Academy

A Non-Profit Music School that Supports Eastside Children



Continuing Musician Bursary Application 2016-2017

Please Note: Submitting an application does not guarantee registration. SJMA will contact you to confirm registration.

****A weekly commitment of Monday & Wednesday - Thurs (optional) - Afterschool until 6:30pm is required****

Child's Name (First and Last): _____ Gender: M or F

Date of Birth (D/M/Y): _____ School _____

Grade in September: _____ Previous School Teacher's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Full Name _____ # of Dependents: _____

Apt. #/Street: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Language spoken at home: _____

Single-parent family? Yes No

Employed? Yes No

This program is primarily for low-income families. Are you a low-income family? Yes No

Total household income: (verification may be requested if low-income and a financial contribution requested if not low-income)

Under \$20,000 \$20,000 - 40,000 \$40,000 - 60,000 \$60,000 - 80,000 \$80,000-100,000 +\$100,000

Child enrolled in other after-school programs? Yes No Which days? _____

(these days must not conflict with the above program days)

Child has any after-school sports commitments? Yes No Which days? _____

(these days must not conflict with the above program days)

Do they have a sibling already enrolled at SJMA? Yes No Their name? _____

Transportation: To the Academy: Drive Walk Need Assistance (Please complete application)

From the Academy: Drive Walk Need Assistance (Please complete application)

Allergies / Dietary Restrictions: _____

Other Concerns / Conditions (ADHD, FAS, etc.) _____

Current Instrument:

Instrument your child has been learning: _____

How have they learned (private lessons, public school, etc): _____

How many years have they been playing: _____



Parent & Guardian Agreements

1. PARENT VOLUNTEERING / SUPPORT - We are committed to providing your child with a top quality music education in a community minded environment and need each parent to do their part to make this a success. Please select one or more of the following volunteer opportunities. **Circle one or more below (A - H)**

- a. **Walking School Bus** – Walking / escorting kids from Strathcona elementary to the Academy at St James Church
- b. **Carpooling** – In addition to my own child/children, I will regularly pickup from school and or drop off another child (from Seymour / MacDonald / Britannia schools) whose parents do not have access to a vehicle.
- c. **Regular volunteering at the Academy** – working one day a week at the academy (setup, cleanup, snack prep, attendance monitor, driving the van (class 4 license needed), etc)
- d. **Phone Tree** – Calling a select list of parents to inform or remind them of important information about upcoming music school events (Cantonese / Mandarin)
- e. **Recitals** – I will volunteer my time at one of the major recitals (Christmas – Dec / Spring - June)
- f. **Community Dinners** – I will help out one of the Community dinners (Oct, Feb, Apr)
- g. **Translation for school communications**– translating notices into written Chinese, or in-person communications between staff and parents (Mandarin or Cantonese)
- h. **Chaperoning / Supervising at public events** – field trips to the opera or symphony, and off-site student performances.

IF YOU CANNOT VOLUNTEER PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY:

2. AGREEMENT OF COMMITMENT –Although our music program is offered to low-income families for free, in return we expect an unwavering commitment to regular attendance by your child for the entire year. We have a three-strike system wherein after three unexplained absences (not receiving any communication within 24 hours) we will arrange a meeting with you to discuss your child’s further continuation in our program. I hereby agree to notify the Saint James Music Academy at-least 24-hours in advance when I know my child is going to be absent from class. I also agree that my child will attend regularly and perform in the Christmas & Spring Recitals, and other special events.

3. MEDIA RELEASE - In order to share what we do with those who support us, we need your permission to use your child’s photo, video footage and/or interview. I hereby give authorization to the Saint James Music Academy and their partner organizations the right and permission to photograph, film, and record me, my child(ren) and use and reuse my/their picture, video, interview and likeness, in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with visual, audio or written material in any medium (including newsletter, and web). I hereby release and discharge both parties from any and all claims and demands.

4. INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY - I, HEREBY REMISE, RELEASE, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE The Saint James Music Academy, it's employees or agents, and volunteers of and from all manner of actions, causes of actions, claims and demands of whatsoever nature which my child may have in respect of any injury, loss or expense he/she may sustain arising out of or in any way connected with his/her participation in the activities of the Saint James Music Academy or while being transported to and from the Academy or special events.

5. ACCESSING VSB STUDENT FILE -In order for our program to better support the needs of your child, we will be seeking permission from VSB schools to access your child’s student file. I, Hereby give the Saint James Music Academy permission to access to my child’s VSB student file.

I hereby agree to the above parent and guardian agreements

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Name

Print Please _____

Friday Incentive Outings & Catch-up Days

Incentive Outings – Building a healthy and happy community is as important to us at SJMA as training accomplished musicians. We want your children to have opportunities to spend time with their friends outside of regular classes. SJMA hopes to facilitate fun and engaging outings and activities 3-4 times per year. They will be invited on Fridays to participate in a variety of exciting opportunities including: movie nights, hikes, dinners out, art workshops, concerts, an outdoor adventure program, and other special events throughout the year. Regular attendance and participation in the core program is a pre-requisite for attending special events.

SJMA Registration - Additional Contact Info:

Alternate Emergency Contact (Please Print)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternative Phone Number: _____

Relation to Child: _____

Alternate Authorized Pick-up: (other individuals who may pick up this child)

	Name	Phone Number	Relation to Child
1			
2			
3			

Reference:

Please ask your reference (someone not related to your child ie a teacher, mentor, etc) to provide us with a brief endorsement as to why they believe your child is an appropriate fit for the program:

Reference Name: _____

Relation to your child: _____

Phone Number: _____

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**Please initial
each.**

Parent Commitment:

I understand that SJMA intends to provide a multi-year music education to my child in a safe afterschool environment. My child will also be provided an instrument, healthy food and a positive, rich learning experience.

I will support my child in regular attendance and will notify the Academy as early as possible if my child is unwell and unable to attend. (info@sjma.ca / 778-709-7731)

I understand that SJMA is not a drop-in program and I will not allow my child to treat it as such

I will commit to supporting my child in practicing their instrument and in having a positive attitude in their participation with the program

I will ensure that my child participates in occasional extra rehearsals and special performances that help to raise support and funds for SJMA

I will not allow my child to drop out of the program mid-year and will encourage a long term commitment to the program to help in the development of a community orchestra and choir

I will not sign my child up for other programs that interfere with their commitment to SJMA.

I will attend my child's public performances and special events unless I am unable

I will communicate to the staff at SJMA if my child, on occasion, has a conflicting activity that will interfere with their attendance.

I will support the work of SJMA by volunteering my time and abilities as often as I am able and will communicate my availability to staff (see list of help needed)

I understand that SJMA is offered at no cost to the families but that families are encouraged to donate financially if they are able and to support SJMA in non- financial ways by fully committing to the above agreements.

Student Commitment

**Please have your
child initial each.**

I am a student at the Saint James Music Academy and will commit to attend regularly unless I am sick and have to stay home

I will try to have fun while I am learning

I will respect the other students, teachers and staff

I will eat my fruits and vegetables unless I am allergic to them

I will try my best to learn my instrument and will take part in choir and orchestra

I will practice my instrument at home

I will take care of my instrument and bring it to the music school when I attend

I will have a positive attitude even when I am frustrated and struggling to learn

I understand that it is ok to make mistakes

I will not let mistakes hold me back from trying again

I will try to be a good role model and help new students. I will also try to learn about music from students who know more than me.

I will not enter the Academy without checking in and I will not leave the Academy without checking out (see door monitor)

I will attend all extra rehearsals and special performances to share what I have learned and help support the work of SJMA unless I my caregivers confirm that I am unable

When I am at SJMA I will attend all my music classes without complaint

Transportation Assistance – Van Ride Application

(Not needed for Strathcona Elementary)

I need assistance with:

- Getting my child to the Academy Getting my child home from the Academy
 Both

Child's age in September: _____ School: _____

Home Address: _____

Please explain your assistance needs as we have limited spaces.

Would you be willing to make arrangements with other parents to carpool (they transport your child)?

- Yes No

Would you be willing to let your child take transit if supplied with a bus pass / fare saver tickets?

- Yes No

Would you be willing to walk your child to SJMA if we are unable to provide assistance?

- Yes No

We make every effort to help families get their children to SJMA, but due to limited resources not all requests for assistance can be met. To be clear, an application does not guarantee transportation assistance.

We will follow up with each family and let you know if we are able to help in this way.