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To the Parents/Guardians of students in the Regional Arts Program,

Earlier this semester it came to our attention that we are unable to continue using auditions as an entrance requirement to credit granting courses. Specifically, we were auditioning for credit bearing courses that current legislation states cannot have auditions. As such, we have had to make some changes to the way in which we deliver some of the courses and programs at Cawthra Park for the 2017/18 school year.

Please note that the core courses for students in music and dance remain the same, and they will continue to take two courses (one each semester) each year. The changes have been made to our focus courses, which have typically been offered outside of the school day. There are no changes to any drama or visual arts courses.

With respect to **music** courses, the following focus courses (credit granting) will be offered next year:



During regular school day	Outside of the regular school day (before and/or after school)
AMJ3M0 and AMJ4M0: Vocal Jazz Course	AMO3M0 and AMO4M0: Senior Concert Band
AMH3M0 and AMH4M0: Instrumental Jazz Course	AMR3M0 and AMR4M0: Senior Concert Choir

Students are able to select these courses provided they have the appropriate pre-requisite (i.e. AMU20). It is expected that all senior music students will participate in Senior Concert Band and/or Senior Concert Choir.

The following ensembles will be running next year, but they are extracurricular:

- Junior Concert Band (gr 9 & 10 music students, open to others by audition)
- Junior Concert Choir (gr 9 & 10 music students, and open to all)
- Guitar Ensemble (all guitar students, open to others by audition)
- Tranzzit (audition)
- Jazz Lab (audition)
- Senior Wind Orchestra (audition)

With respect to **dance** courses the only change is that ATP3M0 and ATP4M0 are open to any student during option selection who has the appropriate pre-requisite (ATC/ATB/ATM 20).

While we understand that some of these changes may impact on a student's anticipated course selections, we felt that this combination of credits and extra-curricular ensembles allowed us to continue to highlight the incredible hard work, dedication and talent of our staff and students over the years while meeting Ministry of Education requirements with respect to pre-requisites.

Thank-you for your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Ablett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Ablett
Acting Principal
Cawthra Park SS