



Bluesettes & Co.



All Saints Vocal Jazz Group– INFORMATION

What is the Bluesettes & Co. group?

It is a small ensemble that is focused on a capella music of all genres. It is made up of musicians from grades 9 to 12. Students will explore vocal techniques, including improvising, scatting, and harmonizing on the fly. The group will be using microphones, and learning to balance their voices and instruments to create an amazing sound.

What Positions are there in the Group?

We will be auditioning for:

- Approximately 16 group members, and of these group members:
 - all will sing
 - some will also play an instrument (piano, drums, horns, keys, strings, etc.)
 - some will do sound as well

Does EVERYONE in the group Sing?

YES! Everyone in the group will sing! If you play an instrument, that is GREAT, and you will also be doing that, but the singing is the main focus!

When are Rehearsals?

Rehearsals are every Monday after school from 2:30 to 5 pm. We will also be having one sectional a week at lunch, and we will decide as a group what day of the week it will be.

Where/When Will they Perform?

This group will have many, many opportunities to perform **both as a group and as soloists and/or in small groups.** Here is a list of possible performances:

- Both Music Concerts (Christmas and Final)
- **Ontario Vocal Festival in Mississauga (March)**
- Feeder School Tours (TBD)
- Heart and Crown Pub in the Byward Market (February)
- Jazz Clubs in Montreal and Toronto on our trips
- School Assemblies
- Coffee Houses
- Jazz Day/Jazz Night
- Sing Off
- New York City (on bi-annual trip – **and it is this year!**)
- Busking on Sparks Street
- Various other community and school events – we have performed at various prestigious events and locations in the past years, such as The Chateau Laurier

Does the Group Travel?

YES! We are looking at three trips this year. First, one in the fall to **Montreal.** We will have a workshop at McGill and/or Concordia, as well as a performance at a jazz club. Also, the group will be going to the **Ontario Vocal Festival** in Mississauga in March. The **WHOLE** group will go on both trips. It is **mandatory** that everyone commits to it because this is the type of group where each person holds their own individual part, and it is imperative that all parts are present! Each trip will cost between \$120 and \$200 and there will be lots of fundraising opportunities. We will also be going to **New York City** at the end of May and it is my hope that the whole group will go.

What if I Want to be in the Musical and/or Senior Band and/or Improv and don't want to Over-Commit?

This has been a concern for a few years, and so the teachers have gotten together and come up with a plan to allow you to participate in 2 or more of these groups without going crazy! SO, here is how it works:

- Musical Theatre is on Thursdays the whole year, so no conflict there.
- For band students the rehearsals are on Wednesdays after school so there isn't a conflict.
- Improv is on Tuesdays and therefore doesn't conflict.
- Ms. Van Zeeland also keeps in constant contact with the the other Arts teachers to work out any date conflicts between these groups.

Why Would I Want to be a Part of the Bluesettes & Co.?

If you love music and singing, and want to improve your skills and share them with others, this is for you. This is not only a place to learn and improve, but it is also an opportunity to be a part of a successful group and have FUN! It is a group of students who are all super dedicated to making FABULOUS music! You will develop performance and personal confidence and expand yourself as a musician.

How do I Join?

First of all, come to our **Information Meeting.** **Collect an audition package with audition instruction (below), and the link to the website for the music.** **Then practice, practice, practice!** Fill out the application form on the other side of this sheet, then **sign up for an audition in September** (the sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board outside music room A102). **Auditions are September 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th.** **Bring this completed sheet to the audition, and have your audition material ready (see below).** The first rehearsal will be Monday, September 23rd, from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns, come and see Miss Van Zeeland (Miss V.) in room A102 at lunch or after school. She is always happy to chat with you.