

## Victoria Santa Claus Parade Instructions

The PARADE is on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd 2013 – our marshalling area is AT THE CORNER OF SUPERIOR STREET AND GOVERNMENT STREET.

# DO NOT BE LATE.

- **3:45pm** – Mr. Davis reports to the Parade Dispatcher to find Spectrum’s marshalling area and parade position.
- **4:15pm – OR EARLIER** – Spectrum Marching Band will find Mr. Davis at Superior and Government Streets. If you can’t, look for a parade marshal (wearing an orange/yellow reflective vest) with a clipboard and ask where Spectrum is.
- **5:45pm** – The parade BEGINS!
- Leave all cases, coats, etc. in parents’ cars when dropped off at Superior/Government and arrange for them to meet you at the end of the parade (CAPITAL IRON PARKING LOT). There is NO STORAGE at the parade site.
- **Please don’t play in our marshalling area unless we warm up together; stay as a group, don’t wander, relax, save your energy. Keep warm with jumping jacks, jog on the spot etc.**
- Use the washroom before coming to the parade site.
- **CENTER MARKERS** – dress by the Canadian Flag – which will follow the center line. Colour party not in the center file must dress off of the band.
- Watch the spacing – **one LARGE pace between ranks and files for the band – 4 large paces between colour party files (back to front)**
- All marching is in open formation except for obstacles en route (i.e. traffic islands) and follows the CENTER LINE.
- Drive through the parade route before Saturday (1.5 miles from Superior/Government, up Government Street).
- Check dressing CONSTANTLY – heads up always – trumpets, trombones and flutes straight out when playing (right arm swings when not playing).
- On Roll-Offs – instruments SNAP up smartly and with precision after first roll. **SUPER CONCENTRATION and PRECISION MOVEMENTS at ALL times.**
- **EMERGENCY ROLL-OFF SIGNAL** – 2 short whistles // **EMERGENCY STOP** – “annoying” whistle // **MARK TIME** – 5 short whistles // **OPEN OR CLOSE FORMATION** – 2 sets of 8<sup>th</sup> notes
- If shoes are not super black (all black everywhere) use a boot blackener/shoe polish or dip in a bucket of black paint. **Students who do not wear LONG BLACK SOCKS will have their ankles spray painted black. No joke.**
- **No gum, sunglasses, jewelry, headbands, necklaces, wristbands, earrings, ipods, watches etc. Phones off and away.**
- **GIRLS hair must be braided (2 french braids, no bangs hanging out). Please try to braid hair before coming to the parade. If you need help, there will be parents to help in our marshalling area.**
- If another band/marching/walking group is in front of us, **don’t** look at their feet.
- **Please note that many parade participants along vehicles will be dispersing at the end of the parade. Please watch for moving vehicles and stay off the main roadways.**

**\*\*\*WE WILL PROVIDE A PAIR OF BLACK GLOVES FOR ALL MEMBERS. IT WILL BE COLD, PLEASE LAYER CLOTHES UNDERNEATH YOUR UNIFORMS (LONG UNDERWEAR, ‘UNDERARMOUR’, WHITE LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS ETC.)**

**\*\*\*PLEASE DECORATE YOUR INSTRUMENT. USE GARLAND, TINSEL, ANYTHING THAT IS FESTIVE BUT STILL ALLOWS YOUR INSTRUMENT TO FUNCTION PROPERLY.**

**\*\*\*IF YOU HAVE A MAJOR EMERGENCY/PROBLEM DURING THE PARADE – STOP PLAYING. LOWER YOUR INSTRUMENT AND PUT YOUR HAND HIGH IN THE AIR. A CHAPERONE WILL COME TO ASSIST YOU OR PULL YOU OUT OF THE BAND.**

**GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN!**

**SOUND, APPEARANCE, PRECISION!**

**REMINDER:** TAKE EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR THE PARADE HOME ON THURSDAY November 21st. (Pro-D Day on Friday, November 22) THIS INCLUDES: UNIFORM, INSTRUMENT, SHOES, DRUMS, FLAGS, HARNESSSES, BANNER.