

## Victoria Day Parade Instructions

**The PARADE is Victoria Day, MONDAY MAY 21, 2012 – our marshalling area is MAYFAIR PARKING LOT OR ADJACENT STREET AREA.**

- **7:30am** – Mr. Davis reports to the Parade Dispatcher to find Spectrum’s marshalling area and parade position.
- **7:40am – OR EARLIER** – Spectrum Marching Band will find Mr. Davis in the Mayfair Parking Lot. If you can’t, look for a parade marshal (wearing a ribbon or a fez, or both!) with a clipboard and ask where Spectrum is. Large cardboard signs with letters designating areas will be posted on the lamp standards. **Our registration number is No. 124 and we are in marshalling section B-001 which means we are at the beginning of the parade!**
- **9:00am** – The parade begins with the Military units, followed by all civilian participants.
- Leave all cases, coats, etc. in parents’ cars when dropped off at Mayfair and arrange for them to meet you at the end of the parade. 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.**
- Use the washroom before coming to the parade site (portable toilets on site).
- **CENTER MARKERS** – dress by Larissa McCormick (Canada) – Larissa will follow the centre line. Colour party not in the center file must dress off of the band.
- Watch the spacing – **one VERY LARGE pace between ranks and files for the band and dancers – 4 large paces between colour party ranks.**
- All marching is open formation except for obstacles en route (i.e. traffic islands, audience “spill-out”)
- At the PETRO CANADA station the yellow line swerves for a turn lane; don’t follow it – go straight for the next section of the centre line.
- Drive through the parade route before Monday (1.8 miles from Mayfair to Humboldt Street behind the Empress Hotel).
- Check dressing CONSTANTLY – heads up always – trumpets, trombones and flutes straight out when playing (right arm swings when not playing). Drum line – sticks in left hand across drums heads during rests and swing arms.
- On Roll-Offs – instruments up smartly and with precision after first roll. **SUPER CONCENTRATION and PRECISION MOVEMENTS before Judges’ Stand (City Hall) and T.V. Cameras (Times Colonist).**
- **EMERGENCY ROLL-OFF SIGNAL** – 2 short whistles // **MARK TIME** – 5 short whistles // **EMERGENCY STOP** – 1 long whistle, followed by 1 short whistle
- 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.**
- **Gentlemen, get a haircut, please. Ladies, 2 tight French braids, please or... come with hair combed ready for the band moms to braid.**
- **No gum, sunglasses, jewelry, headbands, earrings, ipods, watches, etc.**

**GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN! WORK HARD!**

**WEEKEND REHEARSAL:** TILlicum MALL UPPER PARKING LOT  
(ZELLERS & OLD NAVY SIDE) SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00PM – 7:00PM

**REMINDER:** TAKE EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR THE PARADE HOME ON FRIDAY MAY 18<sup>th</sup>. THIS INCLUDES: UNIFORM, INSTRUMENT, SHOES, DRUM STICKS, DRUMS, FLAGS, HARNESSSES, AND BANNER, ETC.