

That is, in fact, the essence of band class or any ensemble of musicians—learning to play or sing together to the extent that 20 or 30 or more people become one. Of course, this ideal is not always achieved. But when it does, the meaning of the song is felt by every member of the audience: it is that miracle we call music.



Choirs and Bands



The MS Choirs and Bands are up and running! The 6th and 7th grade beginning band members are developing their technique nicely as they are still in the beginning stages of learning to master their instruments. The grade 7 intermediate band and grade 8 advanced band are preparing for their first lunch concert to take place on October 15 and 16. All band and choir members will participate in various class projects and are in preparation for the Christmas Concert in Godbout Hall on December 18 from 1 – 2:35 PM. Parents are invited and more than welcome to attend the concert.

This year the RIS Jazz Band has grown to maximum capacity. The band has students from HS, MS and the Swiss Section. Through weekly practices, we prepare for our first performance on the International Food Fair Day, Wednesday October 15. The RIS Jazz Band can be heard in concert many times this year. We will keep you informed of upcoming events.

Drama/Dance Production of *US and THEM*



RIS and RIST Middle School students are hard at work rehearsing for the upcoming performance of *US and THEM*, scheduled to go up on November 28 in the PAC. The play tells the story of two groups of people who decide to share a piece of land by building a wall straight through the middle. The witty dialogue is accompanied by dance and movement, and is woven together with a constant drumbeat. This show is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat!