**Rock Ridge Canyon Music Retreat**

**May 15th through 18th, 2018**

**Purpose of the retreat:**

Open to all band and choir students. This retreat will give students the opportunity to have instruction with professional musicians in a beautiful mountain setting at a facility perfect for group instruction and performance. Additionally, the retreat will offer the band students the opportunity for team building through recreational activities, group activities, and casual social time in an off-the-grid environment. See their website for a list of recreational activities.

**Itinerary at-a-glance:**

May 15th: Travel to Rock Ridge. Orientation, explore, recreational activities.

May 16th: Recreational day. Evening group performance and performance for the group by professional ensemble.

May 17th: Group/Individual instruction for grade 9-12 during the day in a masterclass format. Evening group performance and performance for the group by professional ensemble.

May 18th: Late morning departure back to RSS.

**Cost breakdown:**

Costs are just under $255 per student for the Rock Ridge facility rental, $120 per student for transportation, administrative and clinician costs. **$375 per student is all-inclusive, will not be exceeded and may, in fact, be reduced dependent on the number of students attending.**

Please email me at gil.kafka@sd23.bc.ca if you wish to be considered as a chaperone. Chaperone requests are taken on a first-come, first-served ration and contingent on male-female ratios. District mandates 10 to 1 ration, however my motto is "the more the merrier".

Students not attending this trip will receive similar learning opportunities at different times during the year as we occasionally hire clinicians, music professionals, and retired teachers, to come to the school and work with the students and take students to other music festivals.