Quick Summary:
The NMC Concert Band will travel to Chicago, USA to participate in the ‘Music in the Parks’ Festival, along with sightseeing in the ‘Windy City’ and surrounding area.

Intensive Theme Description:
This WWW session is the NMC Concert Band trip to Chicago, USA. The ensemble will perform in the ‘Music in the Parks’ Festival and will participate in a number of music and fine arts experiences, as well as visit museums and unique landmarks of Chicago. The band trip will encompass 6-days, 5-nights, departing early Tuesday morning and returning Sunday evening.

Learning Objectives:
- Students will rehearse and perform quality band literature working towards the learning outcomes outlined in the Senior Music Curriculum
- Students will be able to identify concepts for musical growth through feedback received from their adjudicators
- Students will be able to observe and critique a variety performance levels while listening and watching other school ensembles
- Students will be given the opportunity to learn and demonstrate responsibility and cooperative behaviour through proper decorum during the excursion
- Students will have the opportunity to exercise and improve skills related to: team-building, decision-making, money management, self-sufficiency and character-building

Activities:
- Monday: final rehearsal for NMC Concert Band members in the morning, followed in the afternoon by packing and labelling of instruments and equipment that will be transported on the bus; then attend a brief summary meeting prior to our departure the next morning
- Tuesday: travel by motor coach to Chicago
- Wednesday/Thursday/Friday AM:
  - ‘The Blue Man Group’ Show
  - Broadway musical
  - ‘Andy’s Jazz Club’
  - ‘John G. Shedd Aquarium’
  - ‘Chicago Art Institute’
  - ‘Field Museum’
  - ‘Museum of Science and Industry’
  - ‘Chicago Architecture River Cruise’
  - ‘Millenium Park’
  - ‘Magnificent Mile’
- Friday PM: ‘Music in the Parks’ Festival
- Saturday: ‘Six Flags’ Amusement Park, ‘Music in the Parks’ Awards Ceremony, shopping
- Sunday: travel home

Students who wish to participate:
- must be dedicated members of the NMC Concert Band
- must be amenable to travelling by motor coach

Fee: estimated at $1250.