

# Jazz Band Auditions

**May 30<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> after school (by appointment only)**

## Audition requirements

Brass, woodwind, bass, and piano players wishing to try out for Jazz Band must do the following for their audition:

- Turn in a completed Audition Sheet at the time of your audition (come get an Audition Sheet from Mr. Sanchez)
- Play Concert Ab, Bb, Eb, and F Major scales. Must play 1 octave up and down with arpeggios. Bonus if you can do it by memory.
- Play a song of your choice: this can be a line in your band book, a piece of sheet music that we've played in class, or anything else that you might have in your music library. It can be any style (classical, jazz, rock, etc.) and any length. Play something that'll show you off the best!
- Sightreading

Drummers who wish to audition for Jazz Band must play:

- Rock beat on the drumset at quarter note = 120
- Swing beat on the drumset at quarter note = 120
- Any other beats/patterns that you know
- Sightread a drum part
- All of the above must be done at a steady tempo!

Jazz Band students meet the following expectations:

- Reliable/dependable
- Willing to make Jazz Band a priority
- Team players
- Good students (finish homework/tests in other classes on time, get good grades)
- Able to manage themselves in class
- Willing to put in extra practice time to learn their music
- Come prepared to class with instrument, music, and a pencil
- Able to give up Flex time for Jazz Band: once in a while, we all need a little bit of extra help in one of our classes, and that's OK. But if you're a student that is pulled out on a regular basis, then Jazz Band is not a good choice for you.

Your classroom behavior will be taken into account when deciding Jazz Band results.

Please note: Mr. Sanchez is happy to talk about a student's audition and why they did/didn't make it, but all decisions for Jazz Band placement are final.

**\*\*\*\*\*A signup sheet will be posted next week.\*\*\*\*\***

Questions? Come see Mr. Sanchez before your audition day!

# Jazz Band Audition Sheet

Please fill out this entire sheet and turn it in to Mr. Sanchez when you have your audition. Reminder: you need to have a parent signature to complete your Audition Sheet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the front side of this sheet including audition requirements and Jazz Band expectations. I agree to these terms and will follow them to the best of my ability. I also understand that all decisions for Jazz Band placement are final. If I have any questions or need clarification, I've asked Mr. Sanchez prior to my audition day, and I understand that this is my responsibility to take care of.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to audition for Jazz Band. If he/she makes it in, I give him/her permission to join Jazz Band for the 2017-2018 school year.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*Please do not write below this line\*\*\*\*\*

Tone character:

Tone rating (1-10):

## **Scales (1-10, Memory? Y/N)**

Ab: \_\_\_\_\_ Bb: \_\_\_\_\_ Eb: \_\_\_\_\_ F: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Song**

Title:

Style:

Comments:

Score:

## **Sightreading**

Comments:

Score:

## **Percussion (1-10)**

Swing: \_\_\_\_\_ Rock: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: