

WATERLOO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



JAZZ BAND HANDBOOK

GRADES 7 & 8

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Please remember to **sign up for an audition** time by **Friday 6 September 2019**. When you sign up for a time, you will **turn in the information portion** of this handbook. The rest of the handbook is yours to keep. Results will be announced on the 24th and **Jazz Band will begin on the 26th**. Thanks! -JSH

♪ HELLO ALL!

I think it's fantastic that you're interested in trying out the Waterloo Junior High Jazz Band! Before the auditions, there are a couple of points that I feel I must bring up:

1) I will expect all members of the Jazz Band to be able to read music for their specific instruments (guitarists must be able to read chords and notes, percussionists must be able to read set parts, etc.)

2) Practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday **beginning** at 7.00am. There will be no transportation provided, but feel free to carpool with other Jazz Band members.

3) I expect all members to **arrive by 6.55am** and get their materials together so we can begin **at** 7.00am. Do not be late! I realize that emergencies and accidents happen, so please have your parent/guardian speak with me, write me a note, or email if either of these happens. *Excessive unexcused tardies and/absences will result in your position being replaced.*

4) Members of the Jazz Band will be required to purchase the *Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method Book*. The cost of this book is about \$15-20. The selected members can order the book through me (through Nottelmann's) or through another venue.

5) The Jazz Band will be wearing a uniform of which the accessories will not cost more than \$20. Students will need to have dressy black on top and dressy black on bottom. More information will be sent home at a later date.

6) The following gigs will be required performances:

Thursday 19 December - Winter Concert

6:30pm - 6th Grade Band and 6th Grade Chorus Perform

7:45pm - 7th & 8th Grade Chorus, Jazz Band, and 7th & 8th Grade Band Perform

Thursday 26 March - Jazz Band Tour

All-day affair including a performance at Zahnaw and trip out to lunch.

Friday 27 March - Jazz Band Tour (Rain Date)

All-Day affair including a performance at Zahnaw and trip out to lunch.

Thursday 16 April - Jazz Nite in WJHS South Gym (Tentative Date)

7.30pm - WJHS and WHS Jazz Bands Perform

Thursday 12 May - Spring Awards Concert

6:45pm - 6th Grade Band, Jazz Band, and 7th and 8th Grade Bands Perform

7) The number of students that make up the Waterloo Junior High Jazz Band will depend on how many students try out. Here is a rough idea of how many of which instruments I will be accepting into the band:

* 3-4 Altos

* 4-5 Trumpets

* 2 Set Players

* 2 Tenors

* 4-5 Trombones

* 1-2 Guitarists

* 1-2 Bari Saxes

* 1-2 Bass Guitarists

* 2 Pianists

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♪ GENERAL RULES ♪

Improper behaviour is a matter of choice. No one makes someone do something. Junior High School students are expected to accept the responsibility for their actions, regardless of the consequences. There will be only two rules in the band room for my 7th and 8th graders and they are:

RESPECT and **RESPONSIBILITY**

Since you are in Junior High, by now you know what you need to do and what not to do. Proper classroom behaviour should have already been learned by each and every one of you. Here's a helpful hint: If you are afraid of being caught, chances are, you shouldn't be doing it.

♪ CONSEQUENCES ♪

This is a volunteer gig. In fact, there are probably more people who play your instrument that would like to be in the group. If behaviour is a problem, I'll find someone else to take your spot.

Remember: Jazz Band is a privilege.

♪ REWARDS ♪

- Student-run rehearsals (students will pick the pieces to play for that day or what they want to learn about).
- Random question session.
- Music-related treat.
- Bring Your Own Breakfast

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♪ ATTENDANCE ♪

Attendance is expected at **all** concerts, rehearsals, and festivals. I will be giving you (the students) a more detailed schedule of the upcoming events as they are cemented and as more details arise. As soon as I do this, I will suggest that you (the students) write them down in your planner and give the paper to your parent(s)/guardian(s).

I understand that accidents and emergencies happen. Have your parent/guardian discuss this with me and then the absence will be decided as excused or unexcused. The director's decision is the final say.

*Keep in mind that being a member of a band is **not** the same as being the member of an English class. Your band mates are depending on **you** to play **your** part. Please don't let them down! Also remember that if you do not care to show up (AKA: unexcused absence), I will replace you.*

♪ BASIC PROCEDURES ♪

Students should...

- be in your seat with all materials ready to go by 7.00am.
- stay in seats until *dismissed* to put things away.
- come back to assigned seat.
- stay in seat until dismissed from class which will be when everything better than it was when you walked in.

Leaving the Room

Permission to leave the room will only be granted for TRUE emergencies. This is because you are a vital part of the class and we need your awesomeness in the room! If a true emergency arises, just let me know and grab a pass!

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Available Jazz Band Audition Times										
** You must sign up on the master copy in Mrs. ShaHoke's room! ** ** First come, first serve! ** * Don't forget to bring back your info sheet! *										
This space for rent. Call 555.JAZZ		Morning				Afternoon				
		7.00 – 7.10	7.10 – 7.20	7.20 – 7.30	7.30 – 7.40	3.00 – 3.10	3.10 – 3.20	3.20 – 3.30	3.30 – 3.40	3.40 – 3.50
M	Saxes 9.16.2019									
T	Brass 9.17.2019									
W	Rhythm 9.18.2019									
R	(Make-Up) 9.19.2019					X	X	X	X	X
F	(Make-Up) 9.20.2019					X	X	X	X	X

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This part's for you...

Full Name: _____ Study Hall: _____

What you *really* go by: _____ Birthday: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Favourite jazz piece/artist: _____

Why are you interested in auditioning for Jazz Band? _____

Are you a morning person? Why or why not? _____

What are your favourite genres of music or artists (besides jazz)? _____

Pets/Siblings: _____

Wacky/Interesting fact about yourself: _____

School Activities/Other Interests: _____

This part's for your parent/guardian...

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Phone Number and best time to call: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred way to be contacted: _____

Any other information: _____

I have read the jazz band handbook and have a clear understanding of the rules, procedures, and consequences. By signing this contract, I am agreeing that my behaviour is my own choice.

I also understand and agree to the rehearsal times, concerts (to date), and to the purchase of the ensemble book and uniform.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

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