

# OEHS Big Band Handbook and Schedule 2019-2020

## Description

The Oswego East Big Band is a co-curricular group that rehearses and performs throughout the entire school year at various concerts, events, and festivals. Big Band is the third level jazz ensemble at OEHS. Being a part of the Jazz Program is a yearlong commitment.

## Activity Fee

There is a \$60 activity fee to participate in Big Band. The cost covers purchasing music for the ensemble, equipment, festival registration fees, travel expenses, and guest clinicians. There is an additional \$25 fee that is to be paid to the district. Please contact Ms. Cooper if there are financial issues. Checks should be made payable to OEHS.

## Rehearsal Times

A complete rehearsal schedule for the entire school year is attached to this packet. Big Band typically rehearses after school every Tuesday 4pm-5pm and Thursday 3pm-4pm.

## Recommended Materials

The following items are recommended for students to have in Jazz Ensemble.

1. Real Book Sixth Edition (for your instrument)
2. iReal Pro App.

## Eligibility

Big Band is open to all instrumentalists, including non traditional jazz instruments. Wind players and drum set players must be enrolled in a curricular band ensemble to participate in Big Band.

Members of Big Band may only participate in 2 school sports during the course of the school year, with the understanding that the student will split the time between jazz band and the sport.

## Attendance Policy

Members of the jazz band program must commit to attending all jazz band rehearsals and performances. The success of the ensemble relies heavily on the effort put forth by each individual at every rehearsal and performance.

Illness or family emergencies are the only accepted excused absences. Medical appointments should be scheduled at times that do not conflict with rehearsals or performances.

Unexcused absences include: Homework, work, family events (birthday parties, sibling athletic events, relatives in town, etc), hanging out with friends, etc.

Students must be aware of the time commitments associated with being a member of the Jazz Band program.

**If a student has 2 unexcused absences over the course of a semester, they may be removed from the ensemble at the discretion of the director.**

**If a conflict cannot be avoided, it must be communicated to Ms. Cooper at least two weeks in advance.**

Otherwise the absence will be counted as an unexcused absence.

Please compare your calendar to the attached schedule and make necessary arrangements now. All performances and festivals are mandatory.

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8/20 8/27	Jazz Audition Workshop Jazz Band Auditions	2:45pm-3:45pm 2:30pm-6.30pm (sign up for a time)
9/5 9/12 9/19 9/26	<b>First Rehearsal</b> Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal	3pm-4pm 3pm-4pm 3pm-4pm 3pm-4pm
10/3 10/10 10/17 10/22 10/24 10/29 10/31	Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal <b>First Tuesday Rehearsal</b> Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal	3pm-4pm 3pm-4pm 3pm-4pm <b>4pm-5pm</b> 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm
11/5 11/7 11/12 11/14 11/19 11/21 11/26 11/28	Rehearsal <b>No Rehearsal (Conferences)</b> <b>Rehearsal &amp; Fall Jazz Concert</b> Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal 4pm-5pm <b>No Rehearsal</b>	3:15pm-3:45pm <b>No Rehearsal</b> <b>3:15pm-3:45pm; 7pm - Call 6:15pm</b> 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm <b>No Rehearsal</b>
12/3 12/5 12/10 12/12 12/14 12/17 12/19	<b>OEHS Winter Concerts</b> Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal <b>Oswego Jazz Festival</b> <b>No Rehearsal</b> <b>No Rehearsal</b>	<b>5:30pm &amp; 7:30pm - Call Time 4:45pm</b> 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm <b>Time TBA (morning)</b> <b>No Rehearsal</b> <b>No Rehearsal</b>
1/2 1/3 1/7 1/9 1/14 1/16 1/18 1/21 1/23 1/28 1/30	Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal <b>Northshore Jazz Festival (competition)</b> Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal <b>No Rehearsal</b>	10am-12pm 10am-12pm 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm <b>All Day</b> 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm
2/4 2/6 2/11 2/13 2/18 2/20 2/25	Rehearsal Rehearsal <b>Winter Jazz Concert</b> Rehearsal <b>No Rehearsal</b> Rehearsal <b>No Rehearsal</b>	4pm-5pm 3pm-4pm <b>7pm - Call time 6:15pm</b> 3pm-4pm <b>No Rehearsal</b> 3pm-4pm <b>No Rehearsal</b>

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2/27	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
3/3	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
3/5	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
3/10	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
3/12	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
3/17	<b>No Rehearsal</b>	<b>No Rehearsal</b>
3/19	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
3/26	<b>No Rehearsal (Spring Break)</b>	<b>No Rehearsal</b>
3/28	<b>No Rehearsal (Spring Break)</b>	<b>No Rehearsal</b>
3/31	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
4/2	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
4/7	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
4/9	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
4/14	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
4/16	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
4/21	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
4/23	Rehearsal	3pm-4pm
4/28	Rehearsal	4pm-5pm
4/29	<b>Jazz Explosion</b>	<b>7pm - Call Time 6:15pm</b>
5/4	Music Turn In and End of Year Pizza Party	2:45pm-4pm

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Please return this form and payment to Mr. Rexroat by Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

By signing this form, it is understood that both parent and student have read and agree to the terms of the Big Band Handbook. By signing this form, the student is making a commitment to participating in the group for the entirety of the year and understands the expectations and policies of the group.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dates your student has a conflict with.

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Please make the \$60 check payable to Oswego East High School

**\*Please note that this fee is non-refundable. Once paid, the student has committed themselves to the group.**