

OEHS Jazz Ensemble Handbook and Schedule 2019-2020

Ensemble Description

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

Activity Fee

There is a \$100 activity fee to participate in Jazz Ensemble. 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 Mr. Rexroat 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. Jazz Ensemble typically rehearses after school every Monday 2:40pm-5pm and Thursday 6pm-8pm.

Required Materials

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

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

Eligibility

Jazz Ensemble has a set instrumentation of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, guitar, piano, bass, and drums. Wind players and drum set players must be enrolled in a curricular band ensemble to participate in Jazz Band Ensemble.

Members of Jazz Ensemble may only participate in 1 school sport 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 Mr. Rexroat 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 concert and festival performances are mandatory.

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8/20 8/27	Jazz Audition Workshop Jazz Band Auditions	2:45pm-3:45pm 2:30pm-6:30pm
9/3 9/9 9/16 9/23 9/30	First Rehearsal (Tuesday) Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-4:30pm 2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-4pm
10/7 10/15 10/21 10/24 10/28	Rehearsal Rehearsal (Tuesday) Rehearsal First Thursday Rehearsal Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm
11/1 11/4 11/7 11/11 11/12 11/15 11/18 11/21 11/25 11/28	Rehearsal (Friday) Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Fall Jazz Concert Rehearsal (Friday) Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving)	2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm 7pm - Call time 6:15pm 2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm No Rehearsal
12/2 12/3 12/5 12/9 12/13 12/14 12/16 12/19	Rehearsal OEHS Winter Concerts Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal (Friday) Oswego Jazz Festival Rehearsal No Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm 5:30pm & 7:30pm - Call Time 4:45pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm TBA (Morning/Early Afternoon) 2:40pm-5pm No Rehearsal
1/2 1/3 1/6 1/9 1/13 1/16 1/18 1/21 1/23 1/27 1/30	Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Northshore Jazz Festival (Competition) Rehearsal (Tuesday) Rehearsal Rehearsal No Rehearsal	3pm-5pm 3pm-5pm 2:40pm-5pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm 6pm-8pm All Day 6pm-8pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm No Rehearsal
2/3 2/6 2/10 2/11 2/13 2/18 2/20 2/24	Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Winter Jazz Concert Rehearsal No Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm 7pm - Call Time 6:15pm 6pm-8pm No Rehearsal 6pm-8pm 2:40pm-5pm

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2/27	Rehearsal	6pm-8pm
3/2	Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm
3/5	Rehearsal	6pm-8pm
3/9	Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm
3/12	Rehearsal	6pm-8pm
3/14	Mundelein High School Jazz Festival	All Day (Competition)
3/16	No Rehearsal	No Rehearsal
3/19	Rehearsal	6pm-8pm
3/23	No Rehearsal (Spring Break)	No Rehearsal
3/26	No Rehearsal (Spring Break)	No Rehearsal
3/30	No Rehearsal (Spring Break)	No Rehearsal
4/2	Rehearsal	6pm-8pm
4/6	Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm
4/9	Rehearsal	6pm-8pm
4/14	Rehearsal (Tuesday)	6pm-8pm
4/16	No Rehearsal	No Rehearsal
4/20	No Rehearsal	No Rehearsal
4/23	No Rehearsal	No Rehearsal
4/24	Rehearsal	2:40pm-4pm
4/27	Rehearsal	2:40pm-5pm
4/29	Jazz Explosion	7pm - Call Time 6:15pm
5/4	Music Turn In and End of Year Pizza Party	2:40pm-4pm

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Please return this form and payment to Mr. Rexroat by Monday, September 9th.

By signing this form, it is understood that both parent and student have read and agree to the terms of the Jazz Ensemble 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 that your student has a conflict with.

Please make the \$100 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.**