

Greetings ETHS Music Students!

The ETHS Jazz Program is pleased to announce a virtual audition procedure for a combination in-person (outdoors with masks, social distancing, and other mitigation techniques) and virtual jazz experience! After several weeks of discussions contemplating format, schedule, safety protocols, activity content, audition procedures, etc. we are excited to relay our plan regarding the ETHS Jazz Program for the 2020-2021 school year. We know this year will be different in a million ways, but we are looking forward to offering our students some degree of normalcy through our Jazz Program. Please read the information below carefully and reach out if you have any questions.

Step 1 - Google Classroom

We have created a Google Classroom for our entire jazz curriculum this year. While the site is relatively lean to start our year, this will be our one-stop source for submitting auditions (more below), virtual videos, class meeting codes, schedules, and course content. If you are interested in participating in our jazz program in any way this year, you need to join the class right away!

Google Course Code for ETHS Jazz Program: r3b7h7g

Step 2 - Jazz Auditions - Fully Virtual!

Jazz Audition materials were posted to our website www.ethsbands.com last May. The packets are extremely detailed as to what you are supposed to prepare, so please read all of the information carefully. We have amended the auditions to be more streamlined, since they are fully virtual, and all of the changes are spelled out within the Auditions assignment in Google classroom. The source material has not changed in any way - it has just been shortened or modified to fit our new virtual audition platform. All audition videos are due by Friday 9/4 through Google Classroom!

-----What Will Jazz Look Like This Year?-----

In-Person/Remote Seasons and Format

We are pleased to be able to offer in-person and remote jazz experiences that will extend the entire school year. Students will indicate on the [Jazz Band Student Information Form](#) (also linked under the audition assignment in Google Classroom) whether they want to participate in-person or virtually, and whether they want to be placed in a Big Band and/or Combo. Ensembles will produce videos both in-person and virtually to be sent out to the public as virtual concerts! The ensemble aspect of our program is super motivating and we are pleased to be able to offer this amidst everything we are all experiencing this year. We will adhere to strict safety guidelines at all times when rehearsing in-person (outdoor rehearsals only, social distancing, masks and other mitigation techniques). We have been able to offer in-person marching band this summer using similar measures.

Throughout the winter months (from November through February), we will be entirely online in alignment with ETHS school policy. We will be engaging you in Zoom meetings and will push out improvisation materials, recommended listening or viewing, characteristic jazz studies, and more. We hope to relaunch an in-person element again in the spring as sports and other activities resume in March through the end of the school year.

In-Person Schedule

It is our goal to have results posted by Friday 9/11 so we can begin in-person rehearsals the week of 9/14. The planned schedule is as follows:

Jazz Combos - Mondays from 4:00-5:00, and 5:00-6:00 (you will be assigned a combo and time)

Jazz Lab Band - Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble - Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Band II - Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We will push out more information in the coming weeks following auditions, so please stay tuned!

-The ETHS Jazz Faculty

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