

JAZZ ENSEMBLE I 2018-2019



What is expected of my student in this class?

Students in Jazz 1 are expected to:

- be present at all rehearsals that occur during the school day or outside of class time (ample warning is given prior to an outside of class rehearsal-we will definitely have extra rehearsals in Feb.!)
- arrive to class on time and have all necessary materials (instrument, reeds, valve oil, music, pencil, etc.)
- come prepared to rehearse-this involves listening and practicing music outside of class time.
- treat each other and all instructors with the utmost respect.

How is my students' grade calculated in this class?

- 10% Daily Basics (this includes arriving on time and having instrument/music/supplies)
- 40% Journal entries/projects (includes theory, transcriptions and listening-all materials except pencil provided)
- 50% Performances (includes football games (4) and concerts (5)).

How can I know about upcoming events/performances?

The calendar on our website www.bvwestband.com (the same calendar is available when you log in to charms) *it includes ALL BVW Band activities so it is quite full! 😊

CANVAS also has all information you could need, including a calendar, listening suggestions, etc.

Why is there a fee for my student to be in this program?

We are self-funded and everything we do cost money! We make every attempt to provide our students with the best education and experience possible. They will learn from the finest clinicians in the KC area and play the best music we can put in front of them. The fee for participating in this class is \$50. This includes entry fees to contests and transportation to/from all event. If your student does not have a BLACK BVW Jazz polo, that will need to be purchased for \$25 and is in addition to the \$50. Checks should be made out to BVW Band (not the band boosters). Additional trips or special circumstances could need an additional fee during the course of the year.

How can I be involved alongside my student in this program?

The number one way parents can be involved is to support your student by attending performances! It is also imperative for parents to check in with their student regarding their experience in the class. We have many students interested in private lessons or just improving in general-please encourage them!

If your student is having a positive experience in this class, please spread the word to younger families you may know! If they are not, please let me know immediately so that I can adjust appropriately.

Other great ways are to donate Kleenex, water, snacks, funds, etc. We are always in need of these items!