

## **PHS Jazz Band 2021-2022**

Monday-Friday, 7:45am-8:35am (zero period)

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### **Course Description**

Jazz Band meets daily to practice and learn many jazz styles, ensemble playing, individual playing, improvisation, jazz theory, and arranging/composition.

Jazz Band will perform at PHS concerts and other events throughout the year, including fundraisers, festivals, and other events in our Parkrose community.

Depending on interest levels and enrollment, Jazz Band will eventually split into Varsity and JV groups. Half of the week will be live rehearsals with Mrs. Smith, and the other half will be sectionals and individual practice time to prepare for rehearsals and performances. This schedule change will be communicated once enrollment is high enough.

### **Prerequisites/Corequisites**

Students in Jazz Band will have had prior experience playing an instrument in an ensemble, and must be able to read music. We typically require all students who participate in Jazz Band to also participate in a band class during the school day at PHS. If your schedule does not allow for taking both classes, you must get permission from Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lee to only enroll in Jazz Band.

### **Objectives**

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Perform in a variety of styles, including swing, straight eighth rock, Bossa, shuffle, ballads, and jazz waltzes.
- Construct and perform jazz chord scales including pentatonic, dorian, mixolydian, and blues scales.
- Identify key components of a jazz composition, including melody/harmony, backgrounds, solo sections, shout choruses, and intro/outro.
- Adjust dynamics and articulation as appropriate depending on their role in the ensemble and the style being performed.
- Experience and enjoy the American jazz tradition!

### **Attendance and Grading**

Attendance at Jazz Band rehearsals and performances is required. If you must miss a rehearsal or performance, communicate with Mrs. Smith in advance. Regular absences or tardies may result in removal from the class.

Grading will be based on essential skills in jazz performance.

- 1) Individual Performance
- 2) Group Performance
- 3) Jazz Style and Theory

Assessments will be self reflections and teacher reflections for Individual Performance and Group Performance skills. Jazz Style and Theory assessments will be given in class or on Google Classroom with retakes offered.

### **Events**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, events for the school year are very flexible and dates, times, and locations may change. Many details will not be available until shortly before the event. Events will be added as restrictions allow, and will be updated on the Parkrose Band Webpage. Late winter and spring events are still TBA.

#### **Fall/Winter Events**

Date	Event	Notes
12/2/21	NWOC Jazz Festival	Details TBA
12/9/21	PHS Winter Band Concert	Details TBA
12/13/21	(POTENTIAL GIG) Concert with Jazz Express	Details TBA

### **Contact**

If you need to reach Mrs. Smith, email is the best method. [jessika\\_smith@parkrose.k12.or.us](mailto:jessika_smith@parkrose.k12.or.us)

If you need resources, handouts, extra copies, etc., check the PHS Google Classroom (code: t4z7ykw) or the Jazz Band tab on the PHS Band Webpage (<https://bit.ly/3tSyQ1D>).