

JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS!!!

April 17, 2011

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Auditions for next year's Holmes Jazz Bands will take place from **May 16th to May 19th**. Twain, Frost, and Whitman students will play their audition at their respective schools. We will provide more specific auditions schedule information as the audition dates draw near. Students playing *trumpet, trombone, baritone, saxophone, piano, electric bass, and drums* are encouraged to try out. Auditions will be on the following:

- Music excerpts (attached, including written solos)
- Concert Bb Blues Scale and Concert F Blues Scale (attached)
- Improvisation (Bb Blues)
- Pianists must learn both left and right hand voicings for Bb and F Blues.
- Drummers need to demonstrate a rock and swing beat with fills (Drummers auditioning for Jazz Band I need to demonstrate a Latin beat on drumset).

Please learn the music as well as you can. Just try to do your best. Audition results will be posted at Holmes the following week, and will be announced at the grade schools as well.

STUDENTS MAKING ANY JAZZ BAND ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PRIVATE LESSONS. THEY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL IN THE SUMMER JAZZ BAND (INFORMATION TO FOLLOW). IN ADDITION, THEY MUST BE ABLE TO REGULARLY ATTEND REHEARSALS DURING THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING:

**JAZZ BAND 1 → TUESDAY NIGHTS – 6:30PM – 8:00PM
FRIDAY MORNINGS – 7:30AM – 8:25AM**

**JAZZ BAND 2 → WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – 6:30PM – 8:00PM
MONDAY AFTERNOONS – 3:30PM – 5:15PM
FRIDAY MORNINGS – 7:30AM – 8:25AM**

Please call Mr. Budrow or Mr. Itzkowitz if you have any questions at (847) 520-2821 or by e-mail at bryan.itzkowitz@ccsd21.org or jeremy.budrow@ccsd21.org. Good luck! For more information and to listen to recordings of the songs, go to <http://jazz.hmsbands.org> and click on the Jazz Band Auditions page.

Sincerely,

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