



SJCS 7-8 Band Program

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Opportunities

1) Grade 7-8 Band

- Open to band students in 7th or 8th Grade who have had at least TWO years of band experience.
- Meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon.
- The method book this year is Standard of Excellence Book 3 (green cover). **Please purchase ASAP.** Local music stores carry this book. Call ahead for availability.
- Practice required: 120 minutes per week.
- Required Concerts: Nov. 20 (Friday; Christmas Concert), and May 21 (Friday; "Concert on the Green").

2) Jazz Band

- Optional band open to any 7th or 8th Grade student who will be playing in 7-8 Band (with the exception of pianists and guitarists). If an instrument position is not filled with a 7-8 student, Grade 6 students may be invited to try out.
- A mandatory informational meeting will be held on Thurs., Aug. 27 at 7:45 AM. Students should bring their instrument and a pencil to this rehearsal. Tryout packets will be given out at this time. Tryout signup times will be assigned for Sept 1 (students with previous jazz experience) and Sept 3. Missed tryouts will not be rescheduled.
- Instrumentation: 5 saxophones (2 Alto, 2 Tenor, 1 Bari), 0-3 flutes, 0-3 clarinets, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, 1 bass guitar, 1 electric guitar, 1 piano, 1 trap set, 0-1 auxiliary percussion. Jazz members must purchase a method book once tryouts are complete.
- Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:45 am starting on Tuesday, September 8. There is a tardy policy. Students who are tardy more than three times in one quarter will lose their position in the Jazz Band.
- This is an "honor" band. Certain levels of proficiency are required. Results will be posted September 4 at 3 PM.
- Jazz band requires commitment. The utmost of cooperation is expected at all times. Students unable to show responsibility or respect **during and outside of rehearsal** will be asked to terminate their jazz commitment.
- Required Concerts: Nov. 20 (Friday), May 21 (Friday), and June 4 (Friday, JAZZ SHOW).

3) 7-8 Students with no previous band experience

- Please note that any 7-8 student who wishes to join the band but has NO BAND EXPERIENCE must first take private lessons. A try-out will be required before entrance to the formal band program.

Practice & Attendance Policy

- 120 minutes/week needed for an "A" practice grade. Practice sheets must be turned in weekly.
- Please help your child be successful by arranging and keeping a daily practice routine.
- All concerts and rehearsals are required. Written notice is needed for any excused absence.

Evaluation & Student Commitment

- Letter grades are given to band students based on their skills, practice habits, music theory knowledge, posture, concert attendance and responsibility with an instrument. Band grades are part of the GPA.
- School policy states that band commitment is for the entire school year. Band participation may be terminated ONLY at the semester with the agreement of student, teacher, parent, and administrator.

My commitment

I am committed to the SJCS band program. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Baham

Mrs. Jennifer Baham

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◆ 7-8 Band Enrollment 2009-2010 ◆

• **Student name** _____

CONCERT BAND

- Concert Band Instrument Choice _____ (Reminder: If a student changes instruments from the previous year, private lessons are required outside of school time.)
- **Student signatures** (Please sign each one):
 - 1) I understand that being in band requires responsibility, discipline, and faithful practice.

 - 2) I understand that 120 minutes/week is needed for an “A” practice grade.

 - 3) I will bring my instrument, supplies, music, two highlighters, and pencil to every rehearsal.

 - 4) I will cooperate during rehearsal. _____

JAZZ BAND

- I plan to audition for the Jazz Band on the _____ (instrument).
- If I miss my audition, I will forfeit my chance to try out for this ensemble.
- If I make the Jazz Band, I agree to the expectations outlined in this letter including the jazz tardy policy and excellent behavior in and out of class.

(Student Signature)

PARENT SIGNATURE

- 1) I understand that my child’s commitment to band is for the entire school year.
- 2) I will take the time to set up a specific practice routine with my child.
- 3) I understand that attendance at all concerts is required: November 20 (Friday; Christmas Concert), May 21 (Friday; Concert on the Green), June 5 (Friday Jazz Show—Jazz Band only.)
- 4) If my child signed up to try out for Jazz Band, I have read and understand the starting date and course requirements.

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

**Return this form to Mrs. Baham OR the office
by Friday, August 28.**