

Ridge High School Jazz Band

Audition Information

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the Ridge High School Jazz Band. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30, and our concert will be May 25th at William Annin Middle School. By auditioning for this ensemble, please be aware that you are fully committing to these dates and times and are required to attend all jazz band functions. As the year progresses, we may have more performance opportunities. The instrumentation for the group is 2 Alto Saxes, 2 Tenor Saxes, 1 Bari Sax, 4 Trumpets, 4 Trombones, 1 Guitar, 1 Piano, 1 Bass, 1 Drums, 1 auxiliary percussion. Students who were accepted into the ensemble last year must still audition for seating purposes.

This year, I would like to start a 2nd jazz band so that more students can have the opportunity to participate. This band would rehearse from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday nights. This ensemble will only run if there is adequate instrumentation.

Informational Meeting and music reading session: Monday, October 25th from 2:30-4:00 in the band room (222)-Bring your instruments!

Audition Dates: November 8th, and 9th, from 2:30-4:30 in the band room (222)

Contact me at dzugale@bernardsboe.com to schedule an audition time

The audition will consist of:

- Scales/Drum beats (NOT from memory)
- Required music excerpts (see me to get a copy)
- Sight-Reading
- *Optional but strongly recommended: Demonstrate the ability to improvise on F-Blues or similar chord progression*
- *Optional but recommended: perform a piece of your choice in jazz style (e.g. Music from the real book or something from the Abersold series of books)*