

ELM 2019 -20 JAZZ BAND

Dear Jazz Band Students and Parents,

We're proud that you've been chosen to be a part of the ELM Jazz Band – it's going to be an exciting year! We'll meet Monday through Thursday during 8th Grade TSP. We'll focus on Jazz Band music on Tuesdays and Thursdays – the same day we have Intermediate Band. On Mondays and Wednesdays, you'll have the option to study (like last year's TSP) or work on Jazz Band music.

In Jazz Band Class, we'll be:

- Listening to different jazz styles (blues, ragtime, swing, bebop, cool, fusion, and smooth jazz)
- Learning jazz terminology
- Learning tunes with jazz grooves (swing, Latin, rock/jazz)
- Learning the Bb Blues Scale on our instrument
- Doing some basic improvisation (on the spot composing)
- Along with other events, we'll be performing at the Band Holiday Concert, the ELM Talent Show, Band Spring Concert, Teacher's Luncheon

We need to take care of the school owned instruments: drums, bass, guitar, keyboards, amplifiers, and percussion instruments.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you!

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