



2023-2024
Hanover Park Jazz Ensemble
57th Year of Excellence

The Hanover Park Jazz Ensemble has been regarded as one of the finest high school jazz ensembles in New Jersey. This ensemble is an excellent *extension* to the Hanover Park High School Band Class. Please be sure to read over this ENTIRE packet and remember to have your parent/guardian AND yourself sign the contract if you INTEND to audition for this ensemble.

The jazz ensemble has had the privilege of rehearsing, performing and recording with a variety of world-class professional musicians from around the nation. Among other great performance opportunities, the Spring Jazz Concert is performed each May.

Prospective members of the ensemble must be thoroughly committed to the ideals and goals of the HP Band Program, the ensemble itself, and to the responsibilities and expectations that are essential to the privilege of membership. Members are expected to make this group a priority through the following:

- Scheduling
 - Students are EXPECTED to be at ANY AND ALL REHEARSALS
 - Students are EXPECTED to be at ANY AND ALL PERFORMANCES
- Participation
 - Students are EXPECTED to be active in the rehearsal process
 - 3 P's!!! - Prepare, Practice and Perform
- Responsibility
 - EARLY IS ON TIME – ENOUGH SAID!!!
 - Key to success is ability to meet deadlines
 - Take care of your business (School work, Homework, Individual Parts etc.)

Jazz Audition Recording Submission Date:

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

Please read the attached pages for the audition requirements.

MUST BE RECORDED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT

2023-2024 Jazz Ensemble Audition Requirements
ALL MATERIALS CAN BE FOUND ON THE BAND WEBSITE

hpband.weebly.com

1. Winds: (Saxophones, Trumpet, Trombone)
 - a. **Required Solo(s)**
 - i. Saxes – MEASURES Pick-up to 33-44
 - ii. Trumpets – MEASURES 1- 16
 - iii. Trombones – Letter B to the end
 - b. **Major Scales/Arpeggios** (2 Octaves *when available* on instrument)
 - i. Concert Bb
 - ii. Concert Eb
 - iii. Concert F

2. Piano, Bass (*Upright, Electric or Keyboard Bass*):
 - a. Required Solo
 - i. Piano – Page 1, Measure 1-18
 - ii. Bass – Measure 1 - Letter B
 - iii. Guitar – Measure 1-15
 - b. Major Scales/Arpeggios (2 Octaves when available on instrument)
 - i. Concert C
 - ii. Concert Bb
 - iii. Concert Eb

3. Drum Set Players
 - a. 8 Measures (repeat measure 8x's on sheet)
 - i. Swing Style
 - ii. Eighth Note Rock Style
 - iii. Latin Samba Style

2022-2023 Rehearsal Schedule/Expectations/Protocols

- **Tuesday, 5:00-7:00 PM**
- **Thursdays – As Needed and scheduled by director**

***Rehearsals may be altered based on events occurring within the department. ***

The first rehearsal for Jazz Ensemble will be TENTATIVELY SCHEDULE FOR:

Tuesday, November 7TH, 5:00-7:00 PM

***Extra rehearsals will be scheduled as per the group's availability prior to all performances/sessions. These dates will be decided far enough in advance to allow students and families to plan accordingly. ***

Individual Expectations

Reed Musicians

- Set up your chair, stand and music prescribed for rehearsal
- You may drink WATER ONLY during rehearsals
 - o Any other liquids consumed between breaks etc. must be rinsed out.
- Have quality, usable reeds on your mouthpiece AT ALL TIMES.
 - o CHIPS, CRACKS, WARPS ETC. ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

Brass Musicians

- Set up your chair, stand and music prescribed for rehearsal
- You may drink WATER ONLY during rehearsals
 - o Any other liquids consumed between breaks etc. must be rinsed out.
- Complete set of mutes for all music is required to be on hand at ALL TIMES.
- Know your music and know what you need.
- Keep instruments clean and in working order
- Have valve/slide oil/grease available at all times.

Drummers/Percussionists

- Set-up of the rehearsal drum set is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.
 - o Rehearsals start promptly at the prescribed time.
 - o DO NOT STILL BE SETTIN UP AT THIS TIME
- Tear down of the equipment is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
 - o Neatly place equipment away or where it belongs within the concert band setup for daily rehearsals.

Keyboard/Bass Players

- Set up your chair, stand and music prescribed for rehearsal
- You may drink WATER ONLY during rehearsals
- Proper tear down of your equipment is required

ALL: CONCERT BAND MUST BE SET-UP PROPERLY AFTER EVERY REHEARSAL!!!

NO EXCEPTIONS...

Uniform Purchase

Each member, who does NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE, MUST PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE JAZZ ENSEMBLE DRESS SHIRT. Returning members may purchase a shirt if they wish. This shirt will be used for ALL performances.

Cost: (Approx. \$35-\$40)

Miscellaneous

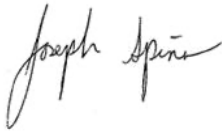
Please be sure to sign up for a time to audition on audition day. The sign-ups will be posted outside Mr. Spina's office.

Please be sure to fill out and sign the attached contract for 2022-2023 Hanover Park Jazz Ensemble.

Forms MUST BE RETURNED prior to or at the time of the audition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me anytime at jspina@hpreg.org

Musically,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Spina".

Mr. Joseph Spina
Coordinator of Music/Director of Bands
Hanover Park High School