

Haines Middle School Band

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Dear Jazz Ensemble Parents,

There are a number of major events that are coming up quickly after the new year. The first is the Tri Cities Jazz Coffeehouse on **Thursday January 15th**. This year the performance will be at Geneva North Middle School with both Geneva middle schools and Rotolo M.S. from Batavia. They will be serving coffee and baked goods for this event. More details will follow as soon as we get the information.

The next event is playing at the Faculty vs. 8th grade Boys Basketball Game **Thursday, January 17th**. Students will need to arrive at 5:15 pm. The first game is at 6:00. The admission to the game is a donation to the Pals For Paige program.

Two weeks later on **Saturday, January 26th**, we will be at the Illinois Wesleyan University Jazz Festival held in Bloomington, Illinois. This will be an all day event. We will again charter a coach bus leaving in the early morning. At IWU, we will perform in the main lounge of the Student Center for a panel of judges followed by a clinic with a judge in an adjoining room. We will then walk across campus to the School of Music Building - Presser Hall - to watch a concert by the IWU Jazz Ensemble with their guest artist, trumpeter Joey Tartell. After the concert and clinic for all middle school bands we will take the bus to an Italian restaurant called Avanti's and have a late lunch. We will then return to Haines at approximately 6:00 pm. A permission slip will come home soon with more details about our departure time and itinerary. We are asking the members to help with the cost of the tour bus by bringing in a **check for \$50**. Checks should be payable to Haines Middle School and are due before January 26.

The next event is the **Jazz Café, Thursday Night Feb 7th**. That is a fun evening which includes the Jazz Lab., Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo and Concert Choir. Soft drinks and popcorn, etc., are included with the purchase of a ticket, which is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors. Children under 5 are free. I hope you will invite neighbors and friends to this very fun atmosphere/ dance hall/ concert event. If you are interested in helping we do need volunteers to help with this event. Please call or email us.

The last event in our busy time is **Tuesday, February 12**. The Jazz Ensemble will play at North High School with the North H.S. Jazz Workshop and the guest Tom Garling. To cover the cost of the guest artists there will be an admission charge for adults. The time and concert admission is yet to be finalized with us about this event.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Erik Swenson and John Blank