

JAZZ BAND: ZERO PERIOD

WHAT IS THIS CLASS?

This is an advance, audition only band class. Jazz Band performs in 4 concerts each year, has two additional jazz only concerts, and travels for a festival 1-2 times a year. The jazz band and its smaller jazz combos are also hired throughout the year for gigs to perform at events within the BHS and the Burbank community.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS CLASS?

This class is designed for students that play a jazz band instrument at an advanced level and have a minimum of 3+ years of experience. Student auditions require: performance of all 12 major scales, two octaves, blues scales, improvisation, a few prepared jazz pieces, as well as a sight reading exercise. Jazz Band is unique in that it **only takes a maximum of 21 students.** (2 alto saxes, 2 tenor saxes, 1 bari sax, 4 trombones, 4 trumpets, 2 drummers, 2 bass players, 2 guitarists, and 2 pianists.)

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IF I WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS CLASS?

Come to class prepared and ready to play. Give your best and don't be afraid to make mistakes. Jazz Band is a place to explore style, rhythm and improvisation. Be an active participant, support your section and work together as an ensemble to create a great feel and sound. If you practice regularly, listen to jazz, stay open to feedback and keep a positive attitude, you'll be successful.

Most importantly, have fun making music together!

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