JUPITER HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

2015-2016 Interest/Informational Meeting



Performing Ensembles

- Curricular
 - Color Guard/Winter Guard
 - Wind Symphony
 - Jazz Ensemble
 - Symphonic Bands
 - Percussion Ensembles



Performing Ensembles

- Extra Curricular or Co-Curricular
 - Spirit of Jupiter Marching Band
 - Winter Guard
 - Winter Percussion
 - Jazz Combo
 - Chamber Ensembles

Color Guard

- Anyone can audition
- Required to sign up for color guard class
- Transitions to winter guard in the winter
- The visual effect of the marching band
- Honors Credit









Wind Symphony

- Will learn All 12 major and minor scales two octaves (By end of school year)
- Grade 4-6 literature
- 3 concerts a year plus MPA
- Required after school rehearsals to prepare for MPA
- REQUIRED to participate in solo and ensemble
- Top musicians in the band
- Honors Credit Course

Symphonic Band

- All 12 major and minor scales one octave (By end of school year)
- Grade 3-4 literature
- 3 concerts a year plus MPA
- REQUIRED to participate in solo and ensemble

Jazz Ensemble

- Different styles including jazz, blues, Latin, rock, funk, bebop, salsa, etc...
- At least 3 concerts plus MPA
- Gigs around town (i.e. Midtown)
- All blues scales and improvisation
- Also jazz combos
- Honors Credit Course



Percussion Ensembles

- For ALL percussionists other than those in jazz ensemble
- Play a varied repertoire of percussion ensemble literature
- Will still play with other large ensembles at concerts AND MPA
- Two classes this year
- Honors credit for upperclipailable
- S&E REQUIRED

Spirit of Jupiter

- Co-Curricular
- Competitive
- Football games
- Parades
- Competitions
- FMBC
- Band Camp
- Fair share



Spirit of Jupiter

- First rehearsal is May 18
- 6 total spring rehearsals
- Non-marching instrumentalists
 - Color Guard
 - Battery
 - Front ensemble/pit

Why Marching Band?

- Inspires and gives purpose
- The sum of everyone is far greater than the individual
- Provides Society and Family
- Learn values and Standards
- Value people/respect peers
- Thrill of performance
- Opportunities to be imaginative/creative
- Cool kids on campus

Why Marching Band?

- Artistic, mathematical, athletic, social, psychological, leadership development applications
- Builds self-esteem
- Find those talents that lie beyond the linguistic or the mathematical
- Fraternalism
- Competitiveness Strive in the business world
- Uncover the potential

Why Marching Band?

Because it is about the teaching of life's lessons... It will change your life for the better

Winter Guard

- Extension of the marching band season
- Guard will produce a show done inside a gymnasium with only color guard
- Starts immediately after Thanksgiving break
- Competitions

Winter Percussion

- Extension of the marching band season
- Starts immediately after Thanksgiving break
- Percussionists will produce a show done inside a gymnasium only for percussionists
- Competitions

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Tuner
- Metronome



PRIVATE LESSONS!!!!

Fair Share

- Total needed to run the band program divided among the members of that group
- SOJ fair share
- Concert Fundraising Financial Commitment
- Winter Percussion
- Winter Guard

Fair Share

- NOT expected to pay all or even ANY out of pocket!!!!
- Fundraising
- Sponsorships
- Flexible payment plans
- Cashless schools

Parents/Boosters



Parents/Boosters

- Who are the band boosters? What do we do?
- Officers and committee chairs
- Supporting the band program and our kids
- Volunteering opportunities
- Fundraising options
- Parent meetings and communication

Spirit of Jupiter

- Band camps/rehearsals are MANDATORY
- Get a chance to meet new people/students and also get a feel for the campus before the first day of school
- Create a bond with a family-like feel
- Brother/sisterhood that is unique to us

What is the time commitment involved with band?

As in every band, the major time involved is homework: Practicing daily at home!

When are rehearsals for marching band?

The Spirit of Jupiter will rehearse Monday and Thursday from 5 to 8:45 p.m. as well as some Friday and Saturday rehearsals. There will be the competitions on Saturdays and 5 football games.

If I am in the Spirit of Jupiter, what band camps am I responsible to attend?

ALL OF THEM!

How do I prepare for band camp?

Get outside and acclimated to the heat!

What if I want to be a Marching Warrior but don't play a marching instrument?

Color Guard
Pit
Battery

How long is marching season?

Marching season begins with Band Camp and ends after the FMBC Championships in November.

Is fundraising mandatory?

No... but....

My child is not a great student and good organizer of time. How will they balance homework & marching band in the fall?

Your student's section leader can help share time management strategies and best practices to keep up with your work. We find that students who are busy tend to stay focused on their work.

Can I be in a magnet program (or academy) and band?

YES! ABSOLUTELY! A large number of our marching band members are also in the Medical, JROTC, Environmental magnets or Culinary, Engineering or Criminal Justice academy program.

Can I have a job and be in marching band?

Yes. But it is imperative that you communicate your band dates and times with your employer so that you do not miss a band rehearsal or performance. A part-time job is not an excused reason to miss a rehearsal, performance or event.

Can I participate in sports and in band?

Yes. Many of our band members are on various team sports. It is very important that you read the calendar and address any conflicts well in advance.

I am in an academy and also need to take a PE or HOPE class plus a foreign language. How can I be in band when I only have two electives per semester?

You DO NOT have to take PE or HOPE in 9th grade! Anyone who tells you that your 9th grader MUST take those classes in 9th grade is WRONG! It is also against Florida Department of Education policy to force a 9th grade student to do so! PE, Health and HOPE may be taken any time before graduation. The Florida Virtual School (www.flvs.net) offers 95 online courses from PE to Chinese and from History to AP Calculus. Most of the band students use FLVS to reduce the amount of homework during the school year and to give them time to take electives that are important to them.

Jupiter High School Band Presents

THE FINALE CONCERT

Thursday, May 14, 2015 - 7:00 PM JHS Auditorium - 500 Military Trail



Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band

Featuring works by:

David Holsinger, Samuel Hazo, Frank Ticheli, Klaus Badelt, Dizzy Gillespie and more

HAND BAND

Tickets \$5 ~ Children 8th grade and under are free with Student ID

Refreshments for sale at intermission support the JHS Band Program

QUESTIONS?