

Olathe Northwest Raven Jazz Ensemble Auditions

Jazz Bands at Olathe Northwest are enrichment courses to be taken alongside a traditional ensemble. This means students must be enrolled in a concert/marching band, orchestral, or choral ensemble also. If scheduling issues or other circumstances prevent this from being possible, please schedule a time to visit with Mr. Davis and the music staff to seek advice and counsel. If you have a passion for jazz study, we will make it work for you!!

For the auditions...

Wind Players

- We would like to hear a full range chromatic scale. Slur up, tongue down. Speed is not as important as good technique and tone quality.
- Perform two, or two portions of jazz standards, one that demonstrates swing style. Could be out of an Aebersold or Real Book, a piece from your school jazz folder, something you are working on in lessons, whatever you feel shows us what you can do best! (Need help choosing something? Call or e-mail! We can help!)
- Be prepared for some sight-reading.

Rhythm Section

- Share two contrasting styles of pieces. Could be a swing chart and a ballad, could be a bossa nova and a slow blues, you call it! Let us hear what you like and what you do best! It would be greatly preferred if these tracks had a play along recording!! Please be sure to bring a CD or flash drive with the tracks to your audition. (Aebersold books are terrific!! There is other material that could be a good fit. Call or e-mail if you need help).
- Be prepared for some sight-reading.