

St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association

2016-17 All-Suburban High School Jazz Ensemble Audition Information

September 1, 2016

TO: St. Louis Suburban High School Band Directors
FROM: [Denny McFarland](#) – SLSMEA HS Jazz Vice President
RE: 2016-2017 High School Jazz Band Auditions
WHEN: Monday, November 7, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
WHERE: Parkway North High School, 12860 Fee Fee Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146
CLINICIAN: TBA

Please make this information available to all your jazz students regarding the 2016-17 All-Suburban Jazz Band Auditions. Please note that both the All-Suburban Concert Band and the Jazz Band auditions will be held on the same evening at the same time and location.

**Registration for High School All-Suburban Jazz Band is online.
Go to the SLSMEA website: www.slsmea.com
Locate the “Band Honor Groups” page and click on the
“Online Registration Link”**

High School All-Suburban Jazz Band Schedule

Monday, October 3:	Registration Opens for HS Jazz & Concert Band
Friday, October 14:	Registration Deadline for HS Jazz & Concert Band
Monday, November 7:	HS Honor Jazz Band Auditions – Parkway North HS, 4-10:00PM
Monday, November 28:	HS Honor Jazz Band Rehearsal – Kirkwood High School, 7:00-9:30PM
Saturday, December 3:	All-State Concert Band and Jazz Band Auditions - Hickman HS, Columbia, MO
Monday, December 5:	HS Honor Jazz Band Rehearsal – Kirkwood High School, 7:00-9:30PM
Friday, January 6:	HS Honor Jazz Band Rehearsal – Kirkwood High School, 7:00-9:30PM
Saturday, January 7:	HS Honor Jazz Band Rehearsal – Kirkwood High School, 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Sunday, January 8:	HS Honor Jazz Band Concert – Kirkwood High School, 2:45PM

In order to participate, students accepted to the ensemble must attend all rehearsals and the performance.

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION

- Registration for auditions will be done by directors and/or their students by going to the SLSMEA website. Click on the appropriate honor group page (band, orchestra, or choir) and click on the "On-Line Registration Link" for the group you wish to register for. Students auditioning for more than one instrument only need to register ONCE. Just make sure you answer all the questions on the page. If a student is auditioning for BOTH concert and jazz band, you only need to register that student ONCE. Just make sure you answer ALL the questions on the registration page. Once you have completed the registration page for that student, click SUBMIT. You WILL NOT receive a confirmation. Once registration closes for each group, directors will have a chance to verify their school's entries through the verification process. Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to directors by October 28. Students will not need to sign-in at the audition. They will have their audition information with them already and will just need to proceed to their audition room. **Directors are strongly encouraged to handle the entire registration process for all of their students.**

- **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN Monday, October 3 at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Friday, October 14 at MIDNIGHT.**
- The audition fee is \$10.00 per audition and you must pay for all auditions that have registered. If you register 10 students who will be taking 15 different auditions, you owe \$150.00 even if only 9 actual auditions take place on November 7. This is consistent with the state audition process. Once students are registered, directors will receive an invoice from SLSMEA with payment instructions. Upon receiving that invoice, directors will have 30 days to submit their payment for the audition fees.
- Students will not be permitted to audition without an application on file.
- Remind your students that they will be assigned an audition time and that they are required to adhere to that time, or may forfeit their audition. Students that may have a conflict with after school activities should wait to register closer to the deadline to get a later audition time.

AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Students will not be given an audition number. The audition judge will only recognize you by your audition time. You will be met at your audition room by a room monitor who will double check with you as to your audition time and confirm your name. This information will not be made available to the judge.
- Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to band directors by October 28.
- Show up for your audition at least 30 minutes prior to your audition time. You may warm-up in the Commons area of Ladue High School. You may not practice in the hallways or outside your audition room.
- Report to your audition room 10 minutes prior to your audition. The room Monitor will call you by your audition time when it is your time to audition.
- Avoid talking to the judge. If you have any questions, ask the room monitor.
- Failure to report to your audition at your assigned time may result in you not being able to audition.
- A drum set, piano, vibraphone, amps, and music stands will be provided. Please bring instrument cables.

AUDITION MUSIC

All audition information can be found at the MOAJE website – www.moaje.org, and etudes (Set 1) are available for free download. Please consult the website for EXACT requirements. Printing a requirement sheet for each student auditioning is strongly encouraged. In addition to the above-required music, piano and guitar players must demonstrate comping styles. Bass players must demonstrate walking bass lines. Drum Set players should demonstrate samba, swing, bossa, shuffle, waltz, and brushes at a variety of tempo. A drum pattern worksheet is available on the website.

AUDITION RESULTS

Audition results will be emailed to directors. If students are auditioning for multiple ensembles and are selected for both the concert and jazz bands, they will be asked to choose one. Please ask your students to be available at home after auditions so that they may choose which group they would like to perform with. Any student selected for both ensembles WILL BE ELIGIBLE to audition for each ensemble at the state level, regardless of his/her choice at the All-Suburban level. This criteria applies to all alternates, as well.

ATTENTION DIRECTORS

High School All-Suburban Band, Jazz, and Orchestra auditions, rehearsals, and performances are considered MSHSAA interscholastic activities. These activities are governed by MSHSAA Bylaw 103 and do require a school representative in attendance at all events or student participation will be denied.