

SFHS Jazz Band Information 2016-2017

We are excited to start another school year of jazz band! All band students are encouraged to participate in either the “AM” or “PM” Jazz Band regardless of experience or instrument choice. Students interested in participating in the AM Jazz Band must prepare an audition during the first week of school this year. Audition sheets are available now in the band room. Students interested in participating in the PM Jazz Band do not need to audition.

Students should plan to attend the first PM Jazz Band rehearsal on **Monday, September 12th from 2:45 – 4:00 PM** in the band room. Participation in the PM Jazz Band is a great way for students to explore many different styles of music ranging from pop tunes, rock and blues to the many rhythmic styles from all over the world. Students may also choose to play a secondary instrument in Jazz Band. Please contact the director for information on renting or borrowing a school instrument. Participation in either or both the AM and PM Jazz Bands requires a \$55.00 activity fee payable to the SFHS Activities Office. This payment can be made online at www.gostfrancissaints.com.

The AM Jazz Band Roster will be posted on Monday, September 12th and the first rehearsals for the AM Band will be **Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14 from 6:45 – 7:35 AM**.

Students interested in participating in the AM Jazz Band prepare the following audition:

- Bb Blues Scale, One Octave plus extensions
 - F Blues Scale, One Octave plus extensions
 - The Blues At Frog Bottom (play up to the dashes (caesura))
 - Solo with Improvisation – Blues At Frog Bottom (D) – CD Accompaniment – Track #52
- I'll have a CD player with accompaniment set up in practice room #2 for you to run through Track #52 to practice your improvisation!

Percussionists: Be prepared to demonstrate Rock, Shuffle, Swing and Bossa “feels” at a variety of tempi on Drum Set. Vibraphone players prepare the same scales, and solo as wind players are assigned above.

Auditions will be held before or after school the first week of classes (September 6th through 9th). A sign-up sheet will be posted.

We look forward to a great year with both of our jazz bands!