

2022-23 Calendar & Announcements

Garfield Jazz Families,

Mark the calendar! Below is a preview of our Jazz events for the 2022-23 school year. Additional performance dates will be shared when school starts in September.

Historically, Garfield Jazz students have participated in several regional and national events each year. We will be bringing back travel for '22-23, including two out of state trips – Reno Jazz Festival in Nevada and The Essentially Ellington Competition in New York, pending acceptance. We will start our year with the annual Jazz Retreat at Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, WA in November with all ensembles.

Over summer, the Garfield Jazz Foundation will estimate the costs associated with travel and overnight trips. They will work with families to determine ability to cover expenses on a sliding scale.



Attendance at performances and events is expected of all students participating in a Jazz Ensemble, and unexcused absences will impact semester grades. Families will receive a handbook in September outlining what constitutes an excused absence. Generally, students are expected to prioritize performance dates over all potential conflicts (sports, clubs, etc.) This is an obligation of being in the band.

I look forward to an incredible year ahead!

Jared Sessink Director of Bands & Jazz Garfield High School

Preview of Jazz Events for the 2022-23 School Year

Performances at Garfield's Quincy Jones Performing Arts Center (QJPAC):

Thursday, December 8, 7 pm - Kickoff Concert (all ensembles)
Wednesday, March 15, 7 pm - Winter Concert (all ensembles)
Sunday, June 11, 7 pm - Farewell to Seniors Concert (all ensembles)

Local Community Performances:*

Saturday, August 27 - Garfield Centennial Celebration (Jazz Ensemble 1)
Sunday, October 9 - Earshot Jazz Performance (Jazz Ensemble 1)
December TBD - Winterfest at Armory Stage, Seattle Center (Jazz Ensembles 2, 1)
March TBD - Starbucks Hot Java Cool Jazz at Paramount Theater (Jazz Ensemble 1)
*Additional local performances will be announced this Fall & during the year

Festivals and Retreats:**

Friday-Sunday, November 18-20 - Seabeck Conference Center Overnight Retreat(all ensembles)

Saturday, December 3, all day - Possession Sound Jazz Festival (Jazz Ensemble 2) Saturday, January 28, all day - Clark College Jazz Festival (Jazz Ensemble 1) Saturday, February 11, all day - Bellevue College Jazz Festival (Jazz Ensemble 1) Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29 Reno Jazz Festival, Nevada - (Jazz Ensembles 2, 1***) ***Jazz 1 only goes if no Ellington trip

Wednesday-Sunday, May 3-7 (tentative) - Essentially Ellington Competition, NYC(Jazz Ensemble 1, pending acceptance)

Saturday, May 6 - Bellevue High School Jazz Festival (Jazz Ensembles 3, 2)
**Additional regional festivals will be announced this Fall & during the year

Essentially Ellington Preparation (Jazz Ensemble 1 Only):

After School Workshop #1 - Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

After School Workshop #2 - Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

After School Workshop #3 - Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

RECORDING SESSIONS - Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15(MLK weekend)

Tentative Festival Dates - May 3-7, 2023

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