**Garfield Jazz Foundation Meeting**

**February 7, 2022**

**Welcome - Caroline Platt, GJF President**

**Director updates - Jared Sessink, Band 1 and 2 Director**

* **Semester 2 Updates –**
* **SPS Guidelines for travel and performances –** Due to the restrictions that SPS has put in place this year, it is likely there will be no travel for Band 2 or 3.
* **Feb. 17 concert –** There was originally going to be a concert at the Quincy Jones Auditorium on Feb. 17, but it has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 15. Now Feb.17 will be a Jam session instead (students only).
* **Looking ahead to auditions -**

**Updates – Caroline Platt, President**

* **Hot Java Cool Jazz –** Band 1 was selected to perform at Hot Java Cool Jazz at the Paramount Theater on Friday, March 18th. It’s a long-standing event that Starbucks hosts to benefit the participating high schools, and Garfield has performed every year. This year Garfield, Roosevelt, Mr. Si, Edmonds-Woodway and Bothell High School will be performing. It’s a great event and we encourage all jazz families and students to attend. GJF will be selling tickets, all proceeds benefit Garfield Jazz. More info to come.
* **Meeting minutes –** There was a motion to pass the January meeting minutes. The motion was seconded, and the vote passed to approve the minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the [www.garfieldjazz.org](http://www.garfieldjazz.org) website.
* **Recruiting board members for 2022-23 –** The GJF board will be starting outreach to recruit new board members for the 2022-23 school year. All of the board members except for one person have a graduating senior this year so there are many board roles that will need to be filled. Please consider how you might be able to help.
* **Student retreat –** Mr. Sessink is planning an all-jazz student retreat that will take place at Garfield on Friday, Feb. 17th from 4:00-6:30pm. More details to come.

**Meeting for Band 2 and 3 families adjourned.**

**Band 1 parent meeting**

**Director updates - Jared Sessink, Band 1 and 2 Director**

* The MoPop is holding an event honoring Quincy Jones. Garfield has been invited to participate virtually. They are sending a videographer to film Band 1 at Garfield. We will have one of our combos perform in-person at the MoPop event.
* Media releases are needed for the MoPop event and Hot Java Cool Jazz.
* Hot Java Cool Jazz – Mr. Sessink will send hard copies of the media release home with students. Garfield will be the first band to perform and then students will be released to watch the rest of the concert. All students will need to purchase a ticket in advance if they plan to attend. Proof of vaccination will be required. More information about the event will be coming soon.
* Essentially Ellington – Mr. Sessink is feeling good about the Band 1 recording. If Garfield is accepted into the competition, planning will begin quickly. We have already purchased airplane tickets using credit that we had from an earlier trip that was cancelled due to the pandemic. The results of which bands are invited to the competition will be announced on February 23rd, which is during mid-winter break. Mr. Sessink is planning to have the students join a Zoom call that morning. We will need families to help with the planning and paperwork to make this trip happen if Band 1 is invited to the competition.
* Attire - Jazz Band 1:
  + Male Identifying Performers - Banded collar black dress shirt (purchased through Garfield Jazz Foundation) black dress slacks, black dress shoes with long black socks. Black tuxedo/suit jacket is required. Students must find their own to purchase or ask for help finding one.
  + Female Identifying Performers - Black dress slacks or black skirt/dress, black dress shirt or blouse, black dress shoes. Black tights encouraged for skirts or dresses that do not fall at or below the knee for uniformity. Black tuxedo/suit jacket is optional.
  + Non-Binary Identifying Performers - May select either option above, a combination, and/or discuss other options with their teacher.
* Jazz Bands 2 & 3:
  + Black dress slacks or black skirt/dress, black dress shirt/blouse, black dress shoes

and long black socks (when applicable). Black tights encouraged for skirts or dresses that do not fall at or below knee. Students may wear a purple tie, bow tie, scarf, or other flare if it is tasteful and appropriate.