



Garfield Jazz Newsletter

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April 4th Jazz Meeting

The next monthly Garfield Jazz Parent/Guardian Meeting will be Monday, April 4th at 7 pm. Please join the Garfield Jazz Foundation (GJF) and hear real-time updates from Mr. Sessink about upcoming performance opportunities for all students and learn how you can get involved to support your student and Garfield Jazz. This will be an online meeting.

Zoom Link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81474557143>

March 15th Concert Audio Recordings and Photos Available!

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy "The Music of Duke Ellington and Friends" on March 15th!

Audio recordings of the performance are available for download [here](#).

Thank you to Garfield Jazz parent Will Hughes who once again took fantastic photos of our students at the concert – they are available for download [on his website](#) (password: bulldogs).



Garfield Brings Down the House at Hot Java Cool Jazz!

The 25th Annual Starbucks Hot Java Cool Jazz concert was a huge success! Garfield kicked off the evening and set the vibe with a powerful set, receiving a standing ovation from a sold-out Paramount Theatre! Performances from Edmonds-Woodway, Mountlake Terrace, Mt. Si, and Roosevelt followed, reminding us once again how fortunate we are to live in a region where music education is a priority. Hot Java Cool Jazz is a fundraiser that Garfield benefits from, so thanks to all who purchased tickets from the Garfield Jazz Foundation! We'll share fundraising results once we receive them from Starbucks. Special thanks to Garfield Jazz parents who helped organize our ticket sales and who chaperoned the event.

A Look Ahead...

May 2nd - Garfield Jazz Monthly Parent Meeting

May 4th - From Ragtime to Jazz: History Told Through Music

Join Historic Seattle (<https://historicseattle.org/event/from-ragtime-to-jazz/>) in celebrating the history of music from ragtime to jazz with an evening of music at the Central District's historic Washington Hall. Garfield Jazz Quartet will accompany pianists

Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi performing Duke Ellington's music.



May 7th - Bellevue High School Jazz Festival (Bands 2 & 3)

Garfield Jazz Bands 2 and 3 will participate in the Bellevue High School Jazz Festival on May 7th. This will be the first festival that Garfield Jazz has participated in since February 2020! **This is an ALL DAY festival and participation by Band 2 and 3 students is REQUIRED.** We expect Band 2 and 3 performances to take place in the afternoon. The top 3 bands in each category will perform that evening, if Garfield makes the finals all students will be required to stay for those performances.

Please note that the PTSA has scheduled their annual fundraiser on the evening of May 7th, we are also aware that Garfield Baseball and Softball have their annual fundraiser that night. Students will be required to perform if we make the finals, so families will need to work out transportation if they choose to attend the other events. Stay tuned for more details!

June 3rd - Farewell to Seniors Concert (All Bands)

Don't miss this year's Farewell to Seniors Concert featuring all three Garfield Jazz Bands on Friday, June 3rd at 7 pm at the Quincy Jones Performing Arts Center.

June 8th - The Royal Room (Band 1)

Garfield Jazz will be opening for Bulldog Alum Thomas Marriott (GHS '94) on June 8th at the [Royal Room](#)! Come hear our final performance of the year and enjoy a performance by one of Seattle's leading jazz musicians!

Garfield Jazz Foundation Recruiting 2022-23 Board and Volunteers

Most of the Garfield Jazz Foundation Board members and many of our volunteers' students are graduating in June, so we are actively recruiting parents to help shape the future of Garfield Jazz. This is an exciting time to volunteer to help, as next year we expect that our students will once again have opportunities to perform at Garfield, in the community and at festivals both in the region and beyond. Garfield Jazz' success depends on an engaged parent community, to learn ways you can get involved please attend the April 4th Parent meeting noted above, and check out our [Board and Volunteer Overview](#). **How will you help?**

Still haven't turned in your 2021-22 student registration form???

It's not too late! Even if you are taking advantage of the sliding scale fee opportunity or your student is graduating this year, **we still really need to hear from you to aid with future planning to support Garfield Jazz students.** The registration form is available [here](#). Please, take a few minutes right now and send in your form. Still have questions? Reach out to [GJF Treasurers Doug and Tasha Irvine](#).

