



# Jazz Band MPA

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**What:** MPA stands for “Music Performance Assessment”. Students in the Jazz Band will participate in this annual performance in February.

At this event, middle school jazz bands from multiple counties will perform two or three prepared pieces for a panel of judges in a large auditorium filled with their peers, family members, and professional musicians.

The judges at the event are experienced professional jazz musicians that grade the students’ performance. Using a music rubric, the judges grade separately and then afterwards average the scores for an overall rating. The ratings include: “Superior” = A, “Excellent” = B, “Good” = C, “Fair” = D, and “Poor” = F.

Our jazz band has consistently been awarded an overall superior rating for their past performances. If a superior rating is earned, medals will be distributed to student participants and worn at the final concert.

**When:** Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends are welcome to watch us perform at 4pm in the auditorium.

**Where:** Lemon Bay High School Auditorium

**Transportation:** Students will need to complete a field trip form (attached) and get signatures for their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> hour teachers. Jazz Band students will also be expected to make up any missed classwork. The bus will depart Ainger around 3pm and return to the bus loop at 5:30pm for parent pick up.

**To Bring:** Instruments will be loaded onto the band trailer during class. Students should also bring their own music with measures numbered onto the bus with them.

**Attire:** Black formal on the bottom with the black band shirt on top tucked in.

**Dinner:** Students are asked to bring a bag dinner or cash to purchase concessions. When not performing or watching other bands perform, students will be in the high school cafeteria with chaperone supervision where the High School Band will have concessions for sale.

**Chaperones:** We need 2 or 3 chaperones for this event. Parents, if you would like to chaperone and did not already sign up, please contact Lisa Aaronson at [seese29@yahoo.com](mailto:seese29@yahoo.com) or by phone at 941-467-4998.

**Excuse Form:** If there is a conflict, please contact Mr. Ostrow at [tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net) or turn in the excuse form to Mr. Ostrow on the back ASAP.

Check out the band website at [www.aingerband.org](http://www.aingerband.org)