



DOWNERS GROVE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

November 2015

Dear ILMEA District 1 Jazz Selectees, Directors, and Families:

On behalf of **Community High School District 99**, as well as the students, faculty and staff of **Downers Grove North High School**, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the **2015 Illinois Music Education Association District 1 Jazz Festival**. We congratulate students on earning membership in one of the instrumental or vocal ensembles, and thank the music faculty from District 1 member schools for supporting your nomination and preparation.

We know you are going to have a wonderful day of music learning at this year's District Jazz Festival as you surround yourself with like-minded / dedicated / talented student musicians from across the region. Your guest-conductors and clinicians are each – in their own right – revered jazz educators. Open yourself to new ideas and approaches, and you will not leave disappointed!

Our team of student and parent volunteers eagerly awaits the opportunity to make your visit to our campus an enjoyable one. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time here more comfortable or enjoyable.

Brayer Teague
Festival Co-Host

William Miller
Festival Co-Host



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM Schools begin to arrive and check-in (Main Entrance is on the east side of the building. Cars and buses should drop off in the south-west corner of the lot, and students will cross the street at the light.) Please do not park on the west side of the building as this area will be designated for buses that need to park near the pool for a swimming sectional meet.
- 8:00 AM Rehearsals begin (*See flow chart for room assignments*)
(Reminder – instrumental musicians are to bring their own folding music stand.)
- 9:10 AM **Junior Jazz, Senior Instrumental Jazz, & Senior Vocal Jazz Combined Meeting** Faculty Café
- 9:30 AM **Division Meetings**
Junior Jazz – Room TBA
Senior Vocal Jazz – Room TBA
Senior Instrumental Jazz – Faculty Café
- 10:30 AM Professional Development 1 Hr. Session (for Music Teachers) – Room TBA
- 11:00 AM Williams Band, Vocal Jazz, Vocal Jazz Lab, Sr. Jazz 2, break for lunch (Cafeteria)
- 11:30 AM Sr. Jazz 4, break for lunch (Cafeteria)
- 12:00 PM Vocal Jazz Combo, Sr. Jazz 1, Sr. Jazz 3, Sr. Jazz Combo, break for lunch (Cafeteria)
- 12:30 PM Kidonakis Band, break for lunch (Cafeteria)
- Afternoon Rehearsals continue (see flow chart)
- 1:30 PM Junior High rehearsals end; students change for concert
- 2:00 PM Senior High rehearsals end; students change for concert
- 2:00 PM **Junior High Concert** begins in Gym: **Kidonakis Band, Williams Band**
- 3:00 PM **High School Concert 1** in Auditorium: **Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Vocal Jazz Combo, Jazz I**
- 3:15 PM **High School Concert 2** in Gym 2: **Jazz IV, Jazz III, Jazz II**

Adhering to this schedule is essential to an efficiently run festival for all parties involved. It is imperative that all students eat lunch at the scheduled time, and, return to the correct rehearsal site after lunch. It is the responsibility of the Division Chairs to ensure timely adherence to this schedule during the course of today's festival.



EQUIPMENT

PIANOS

Pianos will be provided in every rehearsal and performance space.

AMPS

Every bassist and guitarist must bring their own amplifier. During the course of the day, you will move rooms for sound checks and rehearsals. Bring something simple and easy (like a hand cart) to facilitate the moves.

VIBRAPHONES

The festival host does not provide vibraphones. Each vibraphonist needs to bring their own set of vibes.

DRUM SETS

Rehearsal Rooms: Every drum set player must bring their own equipment – the entire drum kit – for use in the rehearsal rooms. **This includes a rug.** All accessories, cymbals, sticks, etc. should be provided by the drummers. (If your ensemble has been assigned 2 set drummers, contact the other member of your ensemble *AHEAD OF THE FESTIVAL* to determine which player will bring the equipment to the festival.) During the course of the day, as you move rooms for sound checks and rehearsals, drummers will move only personal cymbals/hardware.



Performance Rooms: Drummers will perform on a festival-provided 4-piece Gretsch “Catalina Club” jazz-kit in the performance rooms. Drummers will have the option to supplement the provided kit with their personal cymbals, as desired.

MUSIC STANDS

Every musician needs to bring a folding music stand. The host site does not have enough stands to equip all rehearsal rooms.

MUSICAL ACCESSORIES

Every musician must bring everything they need for a successful performance. This includes, but is not limited to: pencil, tuner, extra reeds, mouthpieces, sticks, mallets, cords and cables, extension cords, mutes (as needed in music), woodwind doubles (as needed in the music), flugelhorns for trumpets (as needed in the music).

STORAGE & SECURITY OF PERSONAL ITEMS

Students will store their personal items (coats, cases, etc.) with them in their respective rehearsal spaces. These rooms will not always be locked. Students are responsible for the careful monitoring of any personal belongings of value. Downers Grove North High School, and/or ILMEA, will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.



DIRECTIONS TO DOWNERS GROVE NORTH

Our school is located at **4436 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515**. Please use Google Maps or Map Quest for specific directions from your area.

PARKING & ENTRANCE

All parking for the Jazz Festival will be in the Main Street parking lot on the east side of the building. (Please do not park on the west side of the building as this area will be designated for buses that need to park near the pool for a swimming sectional meet.) Enter the building through the large arch on Main Street.

REGISTRATION

Directors and students should arrive between 7:00-7:40 AM. Directors should proceed to the check-in table, and students should report to their rehearsal space (see provided flow chart.) Complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be provided for the directors/music teachers/guest conductors in the Faculty Café.

NOTE: Breakfast will not be sold to students; participants should eat prior to their arrival.

CHAPERONES

Directors are responsible for the conduct of their students during the rehearsal and festival. An adult representative from your school should accompany students and provide supervision at all times.

LUNCH

Students will eat in our Main Cafeteria. Students must purchase their lunch onsite - no students are allowed to leave the building at any time. Students should plan between \$6-10 for an average lunch cost.

DGN Jazz Café Menu

Pizza	\$2.00
Cheeseburger	\$2.00
Chips	\$1.50
Fruit	\$1.25
Cookies	\$.75
Water	\$1.50
Soda	\$1.50



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CONCERT DRESS

All students are expected to wear conservative semi-formal attire, including coats and ties for men and dresses or skirt/pants and blouse combinations for women. Athletic shoes and jeans are not considered appropriate concert dress.

PARENT / FAMILY ARRIVAL

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CONCERT ADMISSION / TICKETING POLICY

The doors for the festival in both performance venues will open at 1:30 PM. **Tickets are \$5; children 5 and under are free.** All directors and music teachers are admitted free of charge. Once the ticket fee is paid and a wrist band has been issued, patrons may move freely between the concert venues.



Tickets will be issued in the form of a **wrist band** that must be worn while attending the festival.

SALE ITEMS

T-shirts and personalized plaques will be on sale before and after the concerts in the hallway between the Auditorium and the Gym.

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INSTRUMENT REPAIR

An instrument repair technician from BandSource will be on site from 9 AM – 3 PM to assist students and music directors with any emergency repair needs. <http://www.bandsourcecompany.com/>



PLEASE NOTE: All participants are expected to stay for the duration of their concert. Junior High students and parents are encouraged to stay and experience the high school festival when the junior high festival concert concludes.

