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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Students, Parents and Teachers;

Congratulations!!! All of your hard work has paid off and has earned you a position one of our 2019 Erie County Instrumental/ Vocal Jazz Ensembles. This year's rehearsals and concert will be hosted by Cheektowaga Central High School. We hope that you will have an enjoyable and musically rewarding experience. Listed below is the pertinent information you will need to know. ***Rhythm Section players, please pay particular attention to equipment details so you know what you will need to bring.***

Rehearsals:

- **Friday, March 8, 2019** **4 PM to 9 PM**
- **Saturday, March 9, 2019** **9 AM to 1:30 PM**

Concert:

- **Saturday, March 9, 2018 1:30 PM, CCHS Auditorium**

Drop Off/ Bus Information:

- Busses/ Parents should drop students at door number 2 at the side of the High School building (***refer to enclosed map***). There will be a student greeter to help guide you to the correct rehearsal room, as well as carts to help load any large equipment.
- Please remember to arrive early so you have time to set up your equipment so the full ensemble can start on time.

Rehearsal Areas:

- A Jazz Ensemble: HS Band Room (A113)
- B Jazz Ensemble: HS Choral Room (A114)
- Junior High Jazz Ensemble: Room C-121
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble: MS Café/ HS Auditorium

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Equipment:

- Drummers, Bass, Guitar, and Vibraphone players must provide their own instruments, amplifiers and cables. Cheektowaga Central will only provide a bass amp and drum set *onstage for the concert* to alleviate changeover time.
- Piano Players: We will provide you with an upright piano. If your music requires use of synthesizer or electric keyboard sound, you must provide your own instrument, cable and amplification. When in doubt have your teacher contact your bands chairperson. A keyboard amp will be provided *onstage for the concert* if you desire.
- Chairs and stands will be provided.

Concert Information

Tickets: will be available at the door the day of the performance for \$5 each

Recording: There will be a professional quality CD made of the concert. There is a sheet in the packet about ordering a recording. Please refer to it for any question you may have.

Meals

The Cheektowaga Central Music Boosters will be offering food and drinks or sale for the Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch. Items for sale will include pizza, yogurt, fruit and a variety of snacks and drinks. Please plan on bringing cash. As per past practice, the Cheektowaga Band will provide a dinner Friday evening for the conductors, chairs, and

Questions/ Concerns:

Please refer all inquiries about student cancellations and/or musical concerns to your ensemble chairperson. If you have any logistical concerns, e-mail me at srydzik@ccsd-k12.org. I am personally looking forward to sharing a fantastic musical experience for all involved; performer, parent and teacher.

Sincerely,

Shawn Rydzik, ECMEA Jazz Festival Host
Cheektowaga Central HS Band Director and Department Chair