



Forest HS Jazz Auditions

Hello,

We are very excited that you are considering Band at Forest HS, more specifically Jazz Ensemble. You will find a packet of wind and brass auditions parts for the upcoming school year attached to the paper. Choose the part that fits your instrument (Eb for Alto and Bari sax, Bb for Tenor sax and trumpet, Bass Clef for trombone and String Bass, Treble Clef for Guitar, Piano, and Vibraphone). If you are planning to audition on Drum set, please contact Mr. Jones for separate information. This year, our goal is to have two jazz bands, and advance group and one of less experienced students so that the Jazz program may be more accessible to students who do not already have previous Jazz Band experience.

The piece, *I'm Beginning to See the Light*, should be played in a swing style and performed from beginning to end one time through. If improvising, improv should be done on a second time through of the "A" section after completing a full play through of the written portion of the piece. **Improv while not required for the audition, is encouraged and does add to your overall score and helps with correct placement within our ensembles.**

Incoming 8th graders are encouraged to ask their directors for help with this audition (I am also available via email to help answer questions). Current FHS Students are encouraged to work with current Jazz Students and/or Mr. Jones. **A backing track will be used for this audition and can be found at our Band Website (www.forestband.org) under Member Resources. I strongly encourage you to practice along with the backing track to get comfortable with this for the audition.**

An Audition Night is scheduled for Thursday May 8th. Please get with me to schedule your audition time. I can be reached by email at david.jones2@marion.k12.fl.us or by phone at 352-671-4707. Current FHS Students, we will have a sign-up sheet in the band room.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you on May 8th,

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Jones", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Jones
Band Director
Forest High School