

FC JAZZ EXPRESS INFORMATION PACKET

Thank you for expressing interest in being a part of the FC Jazz Express! This ensemble will be changing in format from previous years, transitioning from a big band style to a jazz combo. As such, the instrumentation for the ensemble has changed:

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Alto Sax	2	1
Tenor Sax	2	1
Bari Sax	1	1
Trumpet	4	2
Trombone	4	1
Guitar	1	1
Bass	1	1
Piano	1	1
Drumset	2	2
Aux Perc.	2	2
TOTAL	20	13

There are several reasons we are making the switch to a combo this year. First & foremost is that in years past, the group suffered greatly due to a lack of commitment & attendance of a 20 member ensemble. Last year, we struggled to cover all of the parts on a consistent basis & the success of the group was negatively affected. Other concerns included with fielding a big band were related to the practice habits (or lack thereof) for all members. With a smaller ensemble, we are aiming to create a more dedicated group that truly wishes to study & perform quality jazz literature at FC as well as in the community.

We will be holding an interest meeting for all students wishing to participate in the FC Jazz Express on **Monday, October 30th** directly after school. This meeting will last no longer than 20 minutes & students should arrange for transportation home. Auditions for the FC Jazz Express will be held on **Tuesday, October 31st** directly after school. Audition results will be posted at the conclusion of auditions. The first rehearsal of the FC Jazz Express will be on **Wednesday, November 1st from 2:30-4:15.**

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

All audition materials can be found on www.fcband.org under the Jazz Band page.

Auditions will consist of 2 portions:

- Blues Scales
- Prepared Selections

Sign-ups for audition times will be posted prior to the audition date on the bulletin board. Auditions should last no longer than 5 minutes (10 for percussion).