

# Hampden Academy Music Department

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## Programming Units for Jazz Ensemble

### Fall

#### Fall Jazz Night

Blues for Percy -Terry White - Grade 4

A commissioned work - F Blues - Goal is to get as many people as possible to improvise

The Shadow of Your Smile - arr. Terry White - Grade 3.5

Bari Sax Feature

Stay on It - Dizzy Gillespie, Todd Dameron

celebrating the 100th anniversary of the composer's lives

It Had Better Be Tonight - arr. Ragsdale

Vocal feature with a Latin groove

Theme from "Sesame Street" - arr. Lowden

from the library of Maynard Ferguson

### Spring

District, State and Disney and Spring Radio Broadcast

Checkpoint Charlie - Oliver Nelson - Grade 4.5

"Stretch" tune - Trombone, Trumpet, Bari Sax are featured soloists

Scorpion Dance - Cunow - Grade 5

Funk tune with lots of soloing possibilities

Sugar Hill Penthouse - Duke Ellington - Grade 4

Classic Ellington

Night and Day - arr. Kris Berg

Funky Rock arrangement of a Jazz Standard

I Can't Believe That Your in Love with Me - arr. Darmon Meador -

Grade 4

Jazz Standard featuring Vocal Quartet

Chicken Polo - Les Hooper - Grade 4

Fun Funk tune

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Jazz Ensemble students are assigned parts based on their ability. Although, all students are encouraged to improvise, the more advanced students are given the opportunity to perform solos in concerts and festivals. Music is chosen by the director with student input that allows the group to develop and focus on their strengths as well as address any weak areas.

Jazz Ensemble students rehearse two times per week for 40 minutes before school. Friday mornings are reserved for sectional rehearsals. Students are able to get more individualized instruction and address concerns in their music in a smaller setting. Students may also meet with the instructor individually when there is a need to do so.

Students also work with guest artists twice a year for our Fall and Spring Jazz Nights. Guest artists perform with the jazz groups and give workshops to our students.

We also attend 3-4 Jazz Festivals per year where students are assessed by a panel of judges.