

A note to students and parents about the jazz band benchmark test

Jazz band students will be given a benchmark test that will count as a test grade on November 21st. They will be provided the following study material on my Google Classroom page. Students will be preparing a song we are currently studying in class called “Cold Duck Time” by Eddie Harris. They will be expected to perform the melody, accompaniment parts, and three scales. Students will be provided ample time to practice and learn the material during class time in the weeks before the test.

It is essential that students advocate for support and ask clarifying questions during benchmark practice times. To support jazz band students in their preparation they will be provided a weekly journal assignment to document their practice progress as well as a rubric that clarifies how the test will be graded. Students may elect to take their test in person or to make a video recording that will be uploaded to Mr. Harvey’s classroom page no later than 3:30pm on November 22nd. Students do not need to be seen in the video, but the audio should be clear.

Additionally, students are encouraged to make appointments for 8th period tutoring with Mr. Harvey in the weeks before the test.