



# **Southern Regional Jazz Band Parents Association**

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**Dear Southern Jazz Parents,**

**Welcome to the Southern Jazz Bands Program for the 2019-2020 season!**

The Executive Board of the Southern Regional Jazz Band Parents Association (SRJBPA) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the parent organization that supports the jazz programs of this school district.

"Jazz Season" typically runs October-May and encompasses 3 performance groups: Middle School Ensemble, High School Jazz Band, and High School Jazz Ensemble.

The attached materials should be helpful for both new and returning jazz parents. Please mark meeting and event dates on your calendars and if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions we encourage you attend our general meetings or to contact any one of the SRJBPA Executive Board Members listed below.

We hope to see everyone at our first parent meeting on **Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m.** in the High School vocal music room. Please bring your completed membership form and dues.

We are looking forward to an exciting season!

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## **Mission Statement:**

*Founded in 2000, the Southern Regional Jazz Band Parents Association is an organization dedicated to the aggrandizement of Jazz Education. Teachers and parents of students from grades 7-12 work in harmony to foster the art of Jazz performance within the Southern Regional School District and greater Manahawkin community. Funding for the students is raised primarily through hosting jazz performance events and is allocated for educational enrichment programs and scholarships. The collective vision of the group is to bring students, parents and community members together in fellowship to celebrate the joy of jazz music.*

## SRJBPA Membership

We need you! It takes a group of very dedicated students, teachers, and parents to maintain the Southern Jazz tradition of excellence. SRJBPA supports and advances the program through fundraising, event planning, and volunteering. The SRJBPA offsets the cost of home events (including judges' and sound technicians' fees), performance expenses, special instructors & workshops, student scholarships, and the annual jazz banquet. We encourage **ALL** parents to join SRJBPA and to renew their membership each year. Annual dues are \$20 per family. Membership is NOT required to attend meetings or help with events, but it is a great financial help to the program and does permit you to vote in SRJBPA elections.

**\*\* Membership includes 2 free admissions to JazzFest!**

## Executive Board

The 5 Executive Board positions are reviewed annually and vacancies are filled by election as needed. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please speak to one of the directors or SRJBPA board members.

## Stay Informed!

There are several ways to stay informed about upcoming jazz events, practice schedules, and meetings:

- Visit the Southern Regional Jazz website regularly: [www.southernjazz.info](http://www.southernjazz.info)
- Check out the Jazz bulletin board in the Middle School and High School band rooms
- Attend SRJBPA meetings!
- Bookmark the district music calendar: [www.srsd.net/calendar/eventsCalendar.aspx](http://www.srsd.net/calendar/eventsCalendar.aspx) (from the pull-down menus, select calendar: "HS" and display: "music/theater" or type "jazz" into string search
- Make sure your child's director has a current email address for you.
- Provide contact information when you join the SRJBPA

## Meetings

Everyone has something to contribute! We welcome your ideas, time, and enthusiasm. PLUS, getting to know other band parents makes helping out at events more fun. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Vocal Music Room (M-2) and are typically short and focused on preparations for each of our home jazz events. 2020 meeting dates will be January 29 and March 25. Please don't hesitate to get involved even if you are unavailable at those times! Much of the SRJBPA "legwork" is done outside of our meetings.

## Lock Boxes

Located next to the Jazz bulletin board in each band room is a lock box which is emptied on a regular basis. **Any notes and/or forms for jazz can be sent with your child to be placed in the lock box.** We encourage you to submit any payments by check. *Remind your child not to put items in the Marching Band Lock Box, which is on the opposite wall of the H.S. band room.*

## Jazz Camp

Each fall, members of the High School Jazz Ensemble participate in a full day "camp", with workshops provided by professional musicians. SRJBPA typically covers the cost of lunch for participants as well as additional instructor fees. This year's camp took place at the H.S. on **November 16**.

## 🎵 Performance Events 🎵

Performance events are valuable learning experiences for our students as well as occasions for our talented young musicians to represent Southern Regional and share jazz music with the community. Our home events also serve to raise operating funds for the jazz program and require many parent volunteers to run smoothly!

**Southern Regional Jazz Festival:** (Friday, March 20, 2020, approximately 4:00 – 10 p.m.) Southern Regional is host some of the area's finest middle and high school bands for this annual judged competition. JazzFest is a wonderful opportunity for the community to support Southern Jazz while listening to some excellent jazz music in the recently-renovated Joseph P. Echle Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for adults (free for members). Children, Southern students, jazz alumni, and SRSD staff are FREE. Tickets are sold at the door only. A hand stamp allows patrons to come & go throughout the evening and food is available for purchase in the 9-10 Cafeteria.

Trophy sponsors are needed to help defray the cost of awards presented at the festival. Sponsor names will be listed in the event program and your child can present the award to the winning band/section/soloist. Parents, relatives and friends can also purchase a Booster Line to be printed in the event program for \$5 each. Please adhere to the deadline on the Booster Line and Trophy Sponsorship forms, which can be found on the jazz website.

Parent volunteers are needed to donate food and beverages, sell tickets at the door, help in the cafeteria, and assist in the judges' hospitality room. A sign-up link will be emailed and can also be found on the website after our first meeting.

**Java & Jazz Coffeehouse:** (Sunday, April 5, 2020, 3 - 5 p.m.) At this sell-out event, the 11-12 Cafeteria is transformed into a festive bistro, where guests can relax to the music of Southern Jazz while enjoying hot & cold beverages and delicious homemade desserts. A 50/50 and gift basket raffle add to the excitement.

Students are assigned (by grade) to bring in a dessert item or contribute \$5 toward supplies. Parent volunteers are needed to set up, serve food, sell tickets at the door, and prepare gift baskets. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be available at the March meeting and advanced ticketing is strongly encouraged.

**Other Performances:** One or more of the jazz bands may participate in events such as *Music in the Parks*, *Overbrook Jazz Festival*, or *Mainland Jazz Festival*. These generally occur during school hours and count as field trip activities. HS Ensemble attends a number of additional competitions outside of school hours.

## Jazz Banquet

Jazz season concludes with an early spring Banquet, to be held this year on Thursday, May 7 at Calloway's. Band directors present awards, acknowledgments, and a slide show as the bands look back on the accomplishments of the year. The SRJBPA covers the cost for all band members. Parents wishing to attend may purchase tickets; the banquet is a nice opportunity to socialize with other jazz parents. RSVPs and ticket orders will be taken in April.

## Scholarships

All graduating seniors involved in the Southern Regional Jazz program are invited to apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded by the SRJBPA at the discretion of the Board. Eligible seniors must complete an application (available on the website) and attend college in the year following graduation. Last year the SRJBPA awarded \$2450 in scholarships. Deadline is March 30, 2020.

## Fundraising

Various fundraising projects are undertaken as needed to help fund the current Jazz season and senior scholarship program. It is hoped that each band family will make a sincere effort to participate.

✓ Please mark your calendars...and check [www.southernjazz.info](http://www.southernjazz.info) for any updates & changes

### **2020 SRJBPA General Meetings**

*Meetings will be held in the Vocal Music Room (M-2)*

Wednesday, January 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

### **2020 SOUTHERN JAZZ EVENTS**

Wednesday, March 4 - *NJAJE STATE PRELIMS*

Friday, March 20 - *JAZZ FEST*

Sunday, April 5 - *JAVA & JAZZ*

Thursday, May 7 - *JAZZ BANQUET @ CALLOWAYS*

We encourage ALL Southern Jazz parents to join the

### **SOUTHERN REGIONAL JAZZ BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Annual membership is only \$20 per family

**\*\*Includes 2 free admissions to JazzFest!**

Please submit payment and form to the SRJBPA lockbox or bring to a SRJBPA meeting.

Thank you! --The SRJBPA Executive Board

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## 2019-2020 Southern Regional Jazz Band Parents Association

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

☐ HS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

☐ HS JAZZ BAND

☐ MS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

☐ HS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

☐ HS JAZZ BAND

☐ MS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT VERY VERY CLEARLY!

Please enclose \$20 Annual Dues (cash, or checks payable to SRJBPA)