April 2, 2018

Dear EGHS Music Department,

A study by Americans for the Arts and the National School Boards Association found that young people who consistently participate in comprehensive, sequential and rigorous arts programs are: four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, four times more likely to succeed in a math and science, three times more likely to win a school merit award, four times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem and three times more likely to be elected to class office. I believe in the power of music to enhance the lives of our children. During this time, our music students are busy preparing for our spring events. I hope you enjoy our spring music productions.

Thank you to our Blue and Gold Regiment Family, Booster Board Members, students, and parent support group for accomplishing a successful 12th annual Herd Winter Review. Your dedication, commitment, donations, and countless volunteer hours have helped our program thrive towards music excellence.

Congratulations to the following performers and ensembles:

**WINTER PERCUSSION | WINTERGUARD | DRUM MAJOR TEAM 2018**

This winter & spring season performers have been rehearsing as a team and won the following categories.

Good luck at CHAMPS!

- **Winter Percussion** 4th place at Rosemont | 4th place at Woodcreek | 2nd place at Del Oro
- **Winter Guard** 1st place at Rosemont | 4th place at Woodcreek | 1st place at Del Oro
- **Drum Majors** Lorelai Paige Open Conducting 6th place Woodcreek & 6th at Herd Winter Review
  Andrew Marr Novice Conducting 2nd place Woodcreek & 3rd at Herd Winter Review
  Elijah Baer Novice “L” Pattern 2nd place at Fairfield & 8th at Herd Winter Review

Thank you for your support,

**Mr. Sebastian**

EGHS Music Director
Performing Arts Department Chair
Northern California Band Association President
CMEA State Public Relations Coordinator
Jazz Band CLASS UPDATES

Both Jazz A & Jazz B are working well towards their April Competition. I have taught both bands improvisation skills and performance quality sound that will help them with their current competition repertoire. Both A & B band students will audition during zero period April 4th & 5th with the current repertoire we have been working on to compete on April 14 Ponderosa competition & April 21 Inderkum competition. ALL A & B students will perform at the Spring Concert on May 11. All students will warm-up with the competition bands, learn the improvisation lessons, and go into sectionals when the competition band is rehearsing. We will work on a MEGA Jazz Band piece TANK combining A & B Jazz Band students after the April 21st competition for the May 11th spring concert. We will begin the audition process for the 2018 – 2019 Jazz Band after our spring concert. Thank you for your patience. Please remember that ALL JAZZ A & B must report to zero period daily for 7am set-up and 7:05 am warm-up and improvisation lessons.

**Competition Band after school rehearsals:**
- Monday April 9th 3:30pm – 4:30pm Jazz A
- Wednesday April 11th – 3:30pm – 4:30pm Jazz B
- Monday April 16th – 4:30pm – 5:30pm Jazz A
- Wednesday April 18th – 4:30pm – 5:30pm Jazz B

**Jazz Band Events**

**April 14th – Gold Country Jazz Festival**
Competition A & B | Times TBA | Parent transportation only!
*All black formal – colorful ties and accessories*
Students competing will gather their equipment on Friday after school.
*Students and parents will meet Mr. Sebastian at the competition site.*

**April 21st - NCBA Jazz, Symphonic, and Orchestra Large Ensemble Competition**
Times TBA | Parent transportation only! | We are competing in the morning due to Senior Ball. Students competing will gather their equipment on Friday after school.
*All black formal – colorful ties and accessories*
*Symphonic attire is All black formal with black ties (be prepared to change if you are in both bands)*
*Students and parents will meet Mr. Sebastian at the competition site.*

**April 30th – EGUSD Outstanding Scholars Awards Ceremony @ EGHS**
Jazz A | Semi spring formal – no jeans | Set-up & sound check 4pm | Performance 5pm – 6pm

**May 10th – Spring Concert rehearsal** with choir, jazz, WP, WG, & symphonic band 6 – 8pm - graded

**May 11th Music Department Spring Concert**
All black formal wear | 5:30pm report time | 6:30pm Concert | Cartwright Gym | $5 General Admission
Jazz Band Parent Confirmation Page 100 points due Wednesday April 4, 2018

Student name: ______________________________  ID# ______________________________

Student initial       Parent initial
__________        ___________  We have read the April 2\textsuperscript{nd} UPDATE
__________        ___________  We understand the competition band process and rehearsal procedures.
__________        ___________  We understand that the competitions are parent transportation only.

Parent signature:____________________________________________

Student signature:____________________________________________

**Freshmen | Sophomores | Juniors**

**2018 – 2019 School Year Plan**

**All jazz band members will be audition base.**

Jazz Band A will be zero period only. Must register for zero period.

Jazz B & Combo Bands After School commitment only & cannot register for zero period
Class time - 3:30pm – 4:30pm (there is a possibility that is can be an extended day period)

Audition material – Jazz scales – Etude and improvisation over chords

**2018 – 2019 Competitions**

Franklin Competition | Lodi Competition | TOC competition | Sac State Jazz Festival | Folsom Jazz Festival | Woodcreek Jazz Festival | Stanislaus Jazz Festival | Hawaii 2019 Spring Break | Reno Jazz Festival (if funding & balanced instrumentation is available student cost $200 per student)

Please complete if you are interested in auditioning

Name:____________________________________________

Grade:____________

Instrument:____________________________________

Student initial (All applicants must initial this agreement to be considered in A, B, or Combo)
__________  I agree to rehearse daily after school rehearsals if I make the Jazz B or Combo Band and/or rehearse during zero period if I make the A band.
The guitar workshop class has been very busy rehearsing for our annual Rock Out Loud music concert. The beginning students have been working on guitar methods, beginning music theory, and music reading methods while the advance students practice for the show. The Rock Out Loud concert will be on Thursday April 5th at 6:30pm | EGHS Theater | $7 general admission | Students are to report at 4:30pm for sound check. Our students will focus on original composition writing after the rock out loud concert. The Guitar Composition Recital will be held on Tuesday May 15th at 6:30pm in the music room or theater. More details and grading rubric are in the works. The original composition project will be the guitar performance final grade.

The EGHS choir has been in focus transition for the past three years when the class is no longer an auditioned class elective where students can join without experience. The future of our choir is exciting in collaboration with our theater department in the 2018 – 2019 school year. Our choir will focus on musical theater that will be collaborated with our fall and spring musical theater productions. Please expect to have after school choir practices next year if you want to be a part of our new journey in Broadway Show Choir. Our goal is for students to take their experiences to professional venues in musical theater. Our spring concert focus is Broadway and some show choir songs to help transition with our new journey.

**Choir Events**

Elementary performance tour – TBA – in the works!

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EGHS Blue and Gold Regiment - Spring UPDATE
Symphonic Band   Winter Percussion   Winterguard   Drum Major Team

EVENT UPDATES

Winter Percussion & Winterguard Championships at a Glance
Saturday April 7, 2018
6:00am MEET AT EGHS | Load
7:00am Depart for Lincoln HS Stockton
8:00am Arrive | Organize | WG Warm-up
10:35am official WG Warm-up
11:20am WG Stand-By
11:30am WG LAST Competition
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WP 2:30pm Warm-up in uniform
WP 4:50pm Stand by
WP 5:00 PM Last competition
Depart 6pm for EGHS
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Students can go back for awards and watch later shows after clean-up.
NCBA Championships website link with maps, entry cost, parking, and other event items:

https://sites.google.com/view/ncbawinterchamps/home

NCBA Golden Empire / Large Ensemble Competition - Final grade #1
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GREAT AMERICA DAY  May 5th
Information & Payment Schedule distributed by week of April 9th
Student Cost $100.00
Includes
Bus transportation (for students and chaperones only)
Park Performance – March in the park
HEY PACHUCO with sun glasses!
ALSO Buffet Dinner 3pm – 4pm

EGHS Guest cost $75
Includes: Park admission and Dinner Buffet 3pm – 4pm

Spring Concert Final Grade Points #2

May 10th – Spring Concert rehearsal
Leadership ALL DAY FORM C
with choir, jazz, WP, WG, & symphonic band  6 – 8pm - graded

May 11th Music Department Spring Concert
All black formal wear | 5:30pm report time | 6:30pm Concert | Cartwright Gym | $5 General Admission

• Seniors turn in EGHS instruments after the concert

May 17th - Gearing up for the 2018 – 2019 Season
2018 – 2018 Mandatory Membership Meeting 6:30pm - in Music Room G3

May 21st Graduation Performance - Final grade #3
TURN IN ALL EGHS INSTRUMENTS UPON ARRIVAL