

Homer High School

Mariners



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Greetings!

The Homer High Jazz Band will be taking an extracurricular trip to the Valley Jazz Festival, hosted by Palmer High School. The Festival will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 7th and 8th. The Festival will consist of an adjudicated performance of the Jazz Band, clinics on all instruments, clinics on improvisation, advanced playing techniques, and jam sessions. I have attached the information about the clinicians who will be working with the students, as well as a schedule from last year. There is also an Honor Jazz Band that students will be able to audition for.

We will be leaving from Homer High School after school on Thursday, April 6th to travel up to Palmer. We will be staying at Palmer High School, so students will need to bring sleeping gear (sleeping bags, mattress, pads, etc), as well as towels (we will be able to take showers in the locker room).

For the performances and workshops, students will need to bring the following items with them on the trip:

- Uniform (students must be dressed in Homer High Concert Attire for their performance)
- Music and Instrument (including extra reeds, slide oil, anything like that)
- Clothes for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – clothing must meet Homer High Dress Code

Students will need to bring money for food. I am still working out how much this will be, depending on what is being offered at the school. I am hoping to have an answer by the end of this week.

Currently, the fees for all students are \$100. I am also going to be offering a fundraiser for students to offset this cost, and also to raise a bit more. The entry cost for the Festival is \$500, plus the costs for travel. I am looking for one or two parents who would be willing to drive 3-4 students up. You may drive your own personal vehicle (make sure you check with your insurance, we will reimburse for gas), or we may be renting some vehicles to drive up. I am willing to drive if necessary, so we would need at least one more vehicle to go up (preferably with someone who is also willing to be the male chaperone at the school). If there are multiple parents who are willing to drive, I will be choosing based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Once I know what the travel costs will be, I will get a definite cost out, but I am hoping to keep it at \$100.

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