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Dear Jazz Band Students and Families,

Please read the band handbook/syllabus once I release it (this week!). This document will explain the grading policies for the class & how band will work this year. Reading the band handbook is part of the 'to do list' that will get you set up for band. **Make sure to get the following list done by the end of the first week of school:**

- 1) **Pay your Band Fees** - \$25. Wait until you see it show up in Infinite Campus.
- 2) **Sign for Band Rental & Pay (\$50)** – as applicable. I will be assigning instruments & sending out rental forms this week. Please wait to pay until I send the rental form (electronic).
- 3) **Read the Band Handbook & enter band dates in your calendar** (see below for dates). Handbook to be released soon!
- 4) **Complete the Band Registration Form by Friday, August 14.** Here is a QR code to access this form:



- 5) **Purchase the supplies needed for your child's instrument.** You can buy these online or at a local music store. See the required supplies list in the Band Handbook.
- 6) **Set your Infinite Campus (IC) Message Settings to push teacher messages to email.** Most teachers use Infinite Campus as the primary means of communication with families. To this, log in to IC, click 'Settings' (click the person icon in upper right corner if in the app), click 'Contact Preferences' and then check which items you'd like to receive emails for (Make sure 'Teacher' is checked)

See the concert/event schedule for the year below and please put it in your calendar. Please avoid scheduling appointments around these dates (especially dental). Let me know if you have any questions (*email is the easiest-above*).

I'm looking forward to a great year!

-Mr. Barthel (Mr. B)

Damonte Ranch Jazz Band - Required Events Calendar**

See band website for full calendar

Events listed below are required as labeled for your group(s) unless marked otherwise

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wed, Sept 30, 2026	Fall Band Concert	7:00-8:30pm (6:50pm call time)	Damonte Theater
Wed, Nov 18, 2026	WCSD HS Honor Jazz Band Auditions (optional)	3:30-5:30pm (optional)	Reno HS
Fri-Sat, December 4-5, 2026	Damonte Craft Fair (students help)	Students will be assigned a shift on one of the days	Damonte Hallways
Tues, December 8, 2026	PAC Gala Concert	Time TBA (evening – keep 6-8:30pm open)	Damonte Gym
December date TBA	Performance at Reno Public Market	TBA	Reno Public Market
Fri-Sat, Jan 22-23, 2027	Trip to Folsom Jazz Festival	Leave 4pm on 1/22, Return 8pm on 1/23	Trip to Folsom
Sat, Feb 6, 2027	Trip to UNR 'Jazz in the Schools'	Times TBA	Trip to UNR
Fri/Sat, April 29-May 1, 2027	Reno Jazz Festival	TBA (will be on one of the dates, not both)	Trip to UNR
Wed, May 26, 2027	Spring Band Concert	6:30-8:30pm	Damonte Theater

***Events may be added, changed, or cancelled. Advance notice will be given for any changes.*