



**6th Annual
West Salem High School Jazz Festival
Saturday, February 10, 2018**

Greetings Fellow Educators!

We hope you are all off to a great start this year. We would like to invite you to join us for the Sixth Annual West Salem High School Jazz Festival, which will be held on Saturday, February 10, at West Salem High School in Salem.

We are very pleased to announce that our guest artist for this year's festival is **Yamaha Performing Artist saxophonist Jeff Coffin**. He will be performing during our noon concert hour, and again prior to our evening awards ceremony. Jeff is a globally recognized musician, composer, educator, and author. He is a member of Dave Matthews Band, a 3-time Grammy winner, and 14-year former member of Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. Jeff also fronts his own group, Jeff Coffin and the Mu'tet, founded the Nashville Composers Collective, started and continues to run Ear Up Records, has played on countless studio recordings, has recorded multiple solo cd's, produces, engineers, and is a D'Addario Performing Artist.

Our outstanding adjudicators include: Dan Davey, Director of Jazz Studies at Mt Hood Community College; Ben Medler, Director of the Portland Youth Jazz Orchestra; and Paul Krueger of the University of Oregon. They will provide excellent feedback and a short clinic following your performance.

We offer a unique format that will meet the needs of your band, no matter their level. **Bands will be grouped in similar classifications for competition. You, the director, select the classification that is appropriate for your group.** Each group will have a 30 minute time slot, which includes an on stage clinic by one of the adjudicators, set up and break down. **Please note: we also have a combo division.**

Classifications:

- High School Novice – little or no festival experience
- High School Intermediate – some experience, developing soloists, medium difficult charts.
- High School Advanced – established groups, medium to difficult charts, good style comprehension, and good soloists.
- High School Heavy – established programs, medium to difficult charts, mature concept of style and mature soloists.
- Open – Groups in this category include Arts Magnets, Home School, Combined High Schools, and Independent groups.
- Middle School Novice– little or no festival experience
- Middle School Intermediate – some festival experience
- Middle School Advanced– established groups, festival experience, developing soloists.
- High School Jazz Combo
- Middle School Jazz Combo
- Non-competitive- comments only.

Awards:

- Festival Certificates for outstanding individuals in all classes
- Plaques in each class (First through Fourth Place)
- Certificates to the outstanding individual soloist in Open, Heavy, Advanced, and Combo divisions, and to the outstanding section (saxes, bones, trumpets, rhythm) in each of the H.S. Heavy and H. S. Advanced classes

Food: The West Salem Band Boosters will provide a wide selection of lunch and snack items, as well as souvenir programs.

Application and Fees: The cost of the festival is two hundred sixty dollars (\$260.00) per band and seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per combo. Bands will be accepted upon receipt of completed application and payment of fees. The application deadline is January 12, 2018. Please go to <http://westsalemband.org/jazzfest.registration.html>, to fill out your online registration. Please also pay online if that's a possibility for your school. If not, please make checks and/or P.O.'s out to West Salem Band Boosters and send to the address below:

West Salem High School Band**Attention: Jaimie Hall / James Nowickas****1776 Titan Drive NW****Salem, OR. 97304**

Questions: Please contact Jaimie Hall at 971-218-7891 or mailto:hall_jaimie@salkeiz.k12.or.us.

We take pride in providing a highly organized event. An audio system with section and solo mics will be used. Risers will be provided for trumpets, trombones, and drums. A drum set, vibes, and bass amp will be available on stage. You will only need to provide cymbals and a guitar amp (if applicable).

Please respond as soon as possible so that we may reserve a place for your band.

Thank you for your interest. We'll see you February 10th!

Sincerely,

Jaimie Hall
Director of Jazz 1
West Salem High School

James Nowickas
Assistant Director of Bands
West Salem High School