

FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL
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****MUSIC DEPARTMENT****

September, 2018

Dear 6th grade Parents,

The Music Department is excited to offer our annual New York Enrichment Trip for 6th grade music students. On Friday, November 2, 2018 we have reserved 350 tickets to a Jazz at Lincoln Center for Young People Concert entitled “Who is Joe Williams?” at Frederick P. Rose Hall on 60th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City. The **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** celebrates the life and music of baritone vocalist Joe Williams, whose legendary voice and powerful sense of swing helped define the sound of the Count Basie Orchestra. Williams “gave the blues a new dimension,” as Duke Ellington famously wrote, and special guest vocalist **Milton Suggs**, a rising star baritone from Chicago, will join the JLCO to teach families all about Williams’ unique mastery. With an engaging story, jaw-dropping talent, and chart-topping tunes like “Every Day (I Have the Blues),” this Family Concert will help you stomp the blues away with an hour of pure entertainment. Our Family Concerts are always a good time, and this fun afternoon program will entertain and inspire your family—whether you’re already jazz lovers or perhaps simply wondering, “Who is Joe Williams?”

Original permission slips and payment **MUST** be received by *Monday, September 24th* to Mr. Babey, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Cyr, or Mr. Bryan to purchase a ticket. Tickets will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. As this is the reward part of our Music Dept. Behavior Contract, student behavior will be a consideration for this trip. We expect students to manage their impulsivity, listen to others, apply past knowledge to new situations, and think independently at school all year to be ready to go into New York City with such a large group. Parent chaperones will be needed and must to pay for their tickets with a separate check since we often have more parents than we need. Chaperones and students who accompany this trip must travel both ways on the bus. Special requests for parents to meet their child in New York City after the show require advance notice. Requests cannot be granted the day of the trip. Cancellations are not refundable unless there is waiting list of students or parents.

The trip will leave FWMS promptly at 9:00am. No meals will be supplied on this trip, so please bring a bag lunch (no nut products) to eat on the bus. The concert begins at 12:15pm and the busses should arrive back at FWMS between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. Students should dress nicely (no blue jeans, sneakers, or sweats), but comfortably.

If you are interested in having your child join us for Jazz at Lincoln Center’s “Who is Joe Williams?” concert, please sign the attached permission slip and have them bring a check made payable to Fairfield Woods Middle School to Mr. Babey, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Cyr, or Mr. Bryan on or before *Monday, September 24th* . Please retain the top portion of this slip for future reference.

Sincerely,

Mr. Babey, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Cyr

I give permission for my child (print clearly first & last name please) _____ to attend the 6th grade Enrichment Jazz to Lincoln Center Concert Trip with Fairfield Woods Music Department on Friday, November 2, 2018 from 9am to 4pm.

_____ Jazz at Lincoln Center Young People’s Concert “Who is Joe Williams?” ticket @ \$30.00 check # _____

_____ I would like to chaperone @\$30.00 check # _____

(send a separate chaperone check for \$30.00)

Parent signature

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