

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

September, 2017

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 17, 2017 we have reserved 350 tickets to a Jazz at Lincoln Center for Young People Concert entitled "Who is Benny Goodman?" at Frederick P. Rose Hall on 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York City. In this hour-long Jazz for Young People concert, families will laugh, learn, and "Sing, Sing, Sing" with the "King of Swing," Benny Goodman. Through live musical performances and entertaining storytelling, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis will share Goodman's joyful music and inspiring story. One of 12 children born on Chicago's west side to poor Jewish immigrants, Benny went on to become the groundbreaking bandleader who formed the first publicly recognized racially integrated jazz bands and brought them to the country's most hallowed venues — a full decade before Jackie Robinson integrated baseball. JLCO saxophonist and clarinetist Victor Goines will host the event and teach audience members how Goodman created his irresistible musical magic. Children will enjoy timeless hits like "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Let's Dance," and "Bugle Call Rag," and adults will learn a thing or two as well.

Original permission slips and payment **MUST** be received by *Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>* to Mr. Buchta, 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 interdependently 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 9am. 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 Benny Goodman?" concert, please sign the attached permission slip and have them bring a check made payable to Fairfield Woods Middle School to Mr. Buchta, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Cyr, or Mr. Bryan on or before *Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>*. Please retain the top portion of this slip for future reference.

Sincerely,

Mr. Buchta, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Cyr

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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 17, 2017 from 9am to 4pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jazz at Lincoln Center Young People's Concert "Who is Benny Goodman?" ticket @ \$20.00 check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to chaperone @ \$20.00 check # \_\_\_\_\_

(send a separate chaperone check for \$20.00)

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Parent signature

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