

Hopkins Jr. High School Music Department

Back-To-School Night Information 2009

E-Mail Contact Information

Mr. Conway will send out e-mails to parents/students regularly. Parents & students should make sure that they are set to receive e-mails from both gconway@musicathopkins.com (for single e-mails) and hopkinsjhsmusic@gmail.com (for “mass” e-mails). Parents should also register for the “Music at Hopkins” Yahoo Group by clicking on the link on the Hopkins Music Department Website: www.musicathopkins.com.

Practicing at Home

All students in all groups are **required** to practice their instruments at home. Students will fill out “Practice Sheets” which are turned in monthly. Students need to practice between 20-25 minutes per day minimum to receive an “A”. **Practicing is “HOMEWORK” for music classes, and should be completed daily!**

Private Lessons

While not required for Hopkins music classes, Private Lessons are **strongly recommended and encouraged for all music students**. Students can receive “extra credit” for taking private lessons on the instrument played in their music class. Also, time spent in private lessons can be counted as “practice time” on the monthly practice sheets. A list of private instructors is attached to this handout.

Concert/Event Schedule

All Hopkins music students are **required** to attend all performances for their group. This includes Winter & Spring Concerts, CMEA Festivals, Anaheim or Great America Trips, and any other performances. Parents and students should mark concert & performance dates now to avoid any potential conflicts. If there are any concerns regarding this issue, please contact Mr. Conway as soon as possible.

Anaheim (Disneyland) Festival Performance 2010

The following groups will be performing this year at the Music in the Parks Festival in Anaheim, CA on May 13-16, 2010:

Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Advanced Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble

There will be a parent information night about this trip on **Monday, October 12** at **7 p.m.** in room M-1. ***This is a required performance for students in these groups!***

Great America Festival Performance 2010

The following groups will be performing this year at the Music in the Parks Festival in Santa Clara, CA on May 8, 2010:

Concert Band, Intermediate Orchestra

There will be a parent information night about this trip on **Monday, October 19** at **7 p.m.** in room M-1.

Music Scheduling Information Nights for 2010-2011

Before class registration for next year, there will be a series of short parent information nights about the Hopkins and MSJHS Music Departments scheduling for 2009-2010. They are as follows:

Students Entering 9 th Grade:	Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010	7 p.m.	Room M-1
Students Entering 8 th Grade:	Monday, Feb. 8, 2010	7 p.m.	Room M-1

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CMEA Solo/Ensemble Festival

Once again this year, the Hopkins JHS Music Department will be hosting the CMEA Area IIIa Solo & Ensemble Festival at Hopkins. Parent and student volunteers will be needed for this event. The festival is on **Saturday, March 20, 2010** and runs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Also, students have the opportunity to perform at this event either as a solo (with or without accompaniment) or as a small group. More information about this may be obtained from Mr. Conway. Students must register for this event *no later than Thursday, October 15th*.

Honor Bands and Orchestras 2010

Students in the Hopkins Music Department have the opportunity to participate in the following local and state honor bands and orchestras:

CMEA Bay Section JHS Honor Band & Honor Orchestra <i>(No audition required, names submitted by Mr. Conway in late September)</i>	Fri.-Sat., January 8-9, 2010 San Jose State University
NCBA All-Northern California JHS Honor Band <i>(Recorded audition required)</i>	Fri.-Sun., January 15-17, 2010 Stockton, CA
Alameda County JHS Honor Band <i>(Live audition required)</i>	Sat., December 12, 2009 (auditions) Fri.-Sat., January 29-30, 2010 Chabot College-Hayward, CA
Fremont USD JHS Honor Band <i>(Required for all submitted Hopkins students!)</i>	Sat., February 6, 2010 (performance date) Ohlone College
CBDA All-State JHS Honor Band <i>(Recorded audition required)</i>	Thurs.-Sun., February 18-21, 2010 Fresno, CA

Audition information and music may be obtained from Mr. Conway. *All recorded auditions must be done with Mr. Conway in November.*

Hopkins Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Workshop

Students in all classes have the opportunity to participate in the Hopkins jazz bands. The award-winning *Jazz Ensemble* is the elite performing group at Hopkins and is limited to 22 students. *Jazz Workshop* is an intermediate level jazz band designed to prepare students for the more advanced classes, with a focus on Jazz Theory and Improvisation. The schedule for these classes is as follows:

Jazz Ensemble	Tues. – Fri. 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.
Jazz Workshop	Wed. & Fri. 2:20 – 3:00 p.m.

Jazz bands involve the following instruments: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, piano, drum set. An audition is required for entrance into *Jazz Ensemble*. More information about *Jazz Ensemble* will be handed out at an informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th**, at 7:15 a.m. *There must be at least 5 saxophone, 5 trumpet, 5 trombone, 2 piano, 2 bass, and 2 drum set players for Jazz Ensemble to be offered in 09-10!*

There is no audition required for Jazz Workshop (although students playing piano, drums, or bass may be limited by the director based on enrollment).

Visit the Music Department Website for more information about the Hopkins Music Program:
www.musicathopkins.com