



**2018 MEBCI  
Middle School Jazz Ensemble Festival**

Dear Director,

The annual MEBCI Middle School Jazz Ensemble Festival is set for Thursday, **May 24, 2018** at the Cavallini Middle School in Upper Saddle River, NJ. Our host is Mrs. Cynthia Haas. The festival is scheduled during the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM. The Festival Coordinator is Mr. Joe Verderese from Cresskill Middle/High School.

The fee for this one-day event is \$65.00 which will cover the cost of a clinician and awards. Kindly send your registration and a check made out to MEBCI no later than March 10, 2018 to ensure your participation in our event. If you are not a member of MEBCI, please enclose the 2017-2018 dues of \$10. Participation will be limited to six bands due to time constraints. This event requires at least four bands in order to take place. If we do not have four bands by the 3/10/18 deadline, we will not be able to run the festival. Please respond as soon as possible.

Each group will have a total of 30 minutes for performance and comments/rehearsal with our clinician. Please plan on performing three numbers. Don't forget to bring copies of your scores. Comments will be recorded on an mp3 recorder and sent to you within the week if you would like them. Each school will also have a 15 minute clinic with our adjudicator.

A drum set will be available as well as an electric keyboard. Students may bring a bagged lunch.

Questions concerning the host site should be directed to Mrs. Haas at (201)-961-6400. Questions concerning the festival should be directed to Mr. Verderese at (973) 818-4969.

This should be an exciting event for our students as well as us.

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 24, 2018.

Sincerely,  
Joe Verderese  
973-818-4969

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Please provide the following information *as soon as possible*, but no later than March 10, 2018 to:

**Mr. Joe Verderese  
Cresskill High School  
1 Lincoln Dr.  
Cresskill, NJ 07626**

or scan and email to [jverderese@cboek12.org](mailto:jverderese@cboek12.org)

**If you email the information, please mail your check on the same day.**

Please type or print the name of the performing group as it is to appear on the award.

Name of performing group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Director: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating needs (If different from the standard big band set up): \_\_\_\_\_

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