

The New Trier High School Jazz Festival
385 Winnetka Avenue
Winnetka, IL 60093

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Dear New Trier Jazz Supporter,

This year, with your help, we will host the 34th annual Frank Mantooth Jazz Festival at New Trier High School. The legacy of our festival is quite remarkable for many reasons, and I would like to share two with you. First, visiting bands return year after year because we offer a unique educational experience. In the first 24 hours of registration we filled all 45 visiting band spots and have 11 bands on the waiting list! Second, we present a world-class evening concert. This year will be no different as we welcome the GRAMMY- award-winning **Arturo O’Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra!** Twelve years of critically acclaimed performances internationally have firmly established the ALJO as the standard-bearer for creative interpretation of Latin jazz greats such as Tito Puente, Frank “Machito” Grillo, and Chico O’Farrill, as well as the driving force behind new commissions from Latin music’s most talented composers and arrangers. Don’t forget, our very own *Jazz Ensemble 1* opens the show, and they’re geared up to deliver some amazing music.

We program our festival ambitiously because we have been able to count on the support of our jazz families. Every year we rely on over 100 parent volunteers to fill critical roles in planning and executing the festival. We also rely on the financial support of **Jazz Festival Sponsors** and **Jazz Festival Supporters**. Families able to make a donation of \$250 or more will receive four premium tickets to the evening concert and will be listed in the program as our **Jazz Festival Sponsors**. Sponsors may choose to purchase additional premium tickets at \$30 at the time of sponsorship. Families who would like to make a donation of less than \$250 will be listed in the program as **Jazz Festival Supporters**. Online ticket sales will begin on Monday, November 14th at www.ntjazz.com. In addition, all families will be able to purchase tickets to the evening concert beginning on Friday, December 2nd at our Fall Jazz Ensembles concert. It is our goal to pack the 1500 seat Gaffney Auditorium for the Jazz Festival’s evening concert, and your support will help us make significant strides in that direction.

Since every jazz student who participates in the all-day festival as both a student musician and a jazz fest staff member receives a free ticket to sit in the orchestra pit for the evening concert, you will not need to purchase a ticket for your jazz ensemble member.

Finally, please make sure to sign up for a volunteer position to help us on the day of the festival. The support we receive from our amazing network of parent volunteers and the NTFAA (New Trier Fine Arts Association) truly makes this festival possible. You will receive an email in the coming weeks with a link to sign up for volunteer positions. Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you at many music events throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Nic Meyer
Director of Jazz Ensembles

