



December 4, 2018

Dear Eckstein Senior Jazz Band Families,

We are excited to let you know our Senior Jazz Band will be participating in the [Next Generation Jazz Festival](#) in Monterey California from Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7, 2019. This will be the 6th time our school has applied to the festival. Finalists will be notified in February 2019. However, our group will attend and perform as part of the festival regardless of whether they compete as finalists.

The total cost of the trip will be \$475 per student (this covers air, hotel, charter bus, 3 meals, snacks, t-shirt, and aquarium). For planning purposes, we need a headcount of students who plan to attend the festival along with a \$100 deposit, no later than **January 10, 2019**. We have to put down deposits to lock in the airfare and hotels. Full payment for the trip is due by **February 10, 2019**. Deposit and payments can be made in the following ways:

1. Credit card payment via SchoolPay <https://www.schoolpay.com>
2. Check made out to Eckstein Middles School

In order to provide a safe and well-organized experience for our students, we will require the help of 6-8 Senior Jazz parents to chaperone the group. We appreciate the work and effort put into making these trips successful and thank you for understanding that chaperones are also responsible for their trip cost of approximately \$570 (includes airfare, hotel, 3 meals, aquarium, and charter bus).

Travel Itinerary:

- Friday, April 5 Seattle at 7:10am on Southwest Airlines flight 1887(arrive in Oakland at 9:20 a.m.)
- Travel via charter bus from Oakland Airport to Monterey California (approximately 2-2.5+ hours)
- Sunday, April 7, travel via Charter bus from Monterey to Oakland Airport
- Depart Oakland at 10:05 p.m. on Southwest flight 1452 (arrive in Seattle at 12:10 a.m.). *Yes, that is after midnight, but luckily there is no school the next day. Other flight options would have been notably more expensive for each student or were no longer available for such a large group.*

We will be sending more detailed information about the trip later. Please take a few minutes to fill out and return the below form. If you have questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Dobson at dobson_cohen@comcast.net



NEXT GENERATION JAZZ FESTIVAL

April 5 to April 7, 2019

☐ My student _____ will be attending the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey, California from April 5 to April 7, 2019

- ☐ I have made a \$100 deposit payment via SchoolPay
- ☐ I have enclosed a \$100 deposit check made out to Eckstein Middle School
- ☐ I am requesting a scholarship for my student

☐ My student _____ will NOT be attending the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey, California from April 5 to April 7, 2019

☐ I would like to chaperone the band trip to Monterey, California

- ☐ I have made a \$100 deposit payment via SchoolPay
- ☐ I have enclosed a \$100 deposit check made out to Eckstein Middle School

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

If two parents would like chaperone, then please fill out the second parent's information here:

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Please return this form with your check (if applicable) to the **Band Box**, or mail to:

Eckstein Middle School
Attention: Sue Wong
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Seattle, Washington 98115