

***BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL JAZZ***  
***2017-2018 AUDITION INFORMATION***  
***READ IT ALL!!***

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2016-2017 Ballard High School Vocal Jazz. **Auditions will be held on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Black Box.** Although it is possible you will be done early, please plan to stay for the entire time. There will be three components to the audition:

1. You will come prepared to learn a short excerpt from a vocal jazz chart. It will be taught to you by current Vocal Jazz members in about 20 minutes. After you learn the part, I will hear you in a quartet to assess how well you can hold your part in jazz harmonies. **ALL WOMEN WILL LEARN THE ALTO PART!**

2. You will prepare a jazz standard solo. Please see me for suggestions. I would suggest that you choose a solo with a recorded accompaniment. I have many books that have CD recordings included. See me for help finding a song. If your song does not have a recorded accompaniment, please find someone to accompany you on piano or find an MP3 back-up track. YouTube can also be a good option (karaoke track). Use YouTube and i-Tunes to listen to numerous recordings of your piece. Copy and steal any techniques or performance practices that you like! Make it swing, and make it your own.

3. You will also do a short 12-bar scat solo. I will play a backup track and you will scat over it. You can prepare by listening to both singers and instrumentalists improvise on recordings, learning about the 12-bar Blues, and using your ear!

4. Sign and have your parent sign the Audition Contract on the back of this form. Bring it with you to your audition.

Do your best to prepare, and have fun! See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rowley