



BALLARD MUSIC

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Welcome to the Ballard High School Performing Arts Program!

We are excited to have you as a member of our Award-Winning Music program and look forward to a fantastic 2017-2018 school year. This year you will be challenged and inspired as we create memorable musical experiences, pursue artistic endeavors, and form lasting bonds and friendships.

The Ballard High School Music Program has earned local, regional and national acclaim for its inspired performances and outstanding ensembles. The top music ensembles have traveled to festivals and competitions across the country and have won multiple awards and recognitions. Recent highlights include Advanced Chorale and Concert Choir's performance at Carnegie Hall, Chamber Orchestra's performance at the National Orchestra Festival in Tampa, Jazz Band's acceptance into the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey and the Essentially Ellington Festival in New York, and the Wind Ensemble's performance at Carnegie Hall. We are very proud of the collaboration between our ensembles each winter when we present our annual Masterwork Concert which features works such as Handel's "Messiah," Orff's "Carmina Burana", and Vivaldi's "Gloria." In addition, each year Ballard's Music Department combines with our Theatre Department to produce a professional level musical theatre production which is consistently recognized as one of the best high school musicals in the state.

The following packet contains many important documents that we kindly request you read, complete, and return at your earliest convenience. Please mark your calendars now with next year's important dates! We are fortunate to have a very supportive parent community – the Performing Arts Booster Club – that provides financial and volunteer assistance to ensure that students receive the richest arts experience possible. We hope that you would fill out the volunteer survey and help us to continue our tradition of excellence in the Ballard Performing Arts program.

Sincerely,

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