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District bands set for prestigious performance venues Heatherwood Middle School band to perform at All-Northwest Music Educators' Convention, and Jackson High School music department hosting Mill Creek Jazz Festival

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the **Jackson High School** instrumental music department will host the 12th annual Mill Creek Jazz Festival. Twenty-five high school and middle school jazz bands as well as the Western Washington University jazz ensemble will be performing throughout the day.

Over 650 students and thousands of parents and community members come to Jackson for this event each year. The music starts at 7:30 in the morning and ends with Jackson High School Jazz 1 at 4:30 p.m. All performances are **free** and open to the public. <u>Program details</u>.

Heatherwood Middle School Advanced Band has been selected, by audition, to perform at the 2013 All-Northwest Music Educators' Convention on Feb. 16 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. This is the first time that a district band has been selected to perform for the conference.



Heatherwood's "audition" was a recording of the Heatherwood Intermediate Band performance which took place last March at the Large Group Festival held at Evergreen Middle School. Heatherwood Advanced Band members are excited about this challenging and prestigious performance opportunity!

The biannual event is sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). The "concert-hour" performance is expected to have an audience of several hundred music educators, school administrators, and college students from throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

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