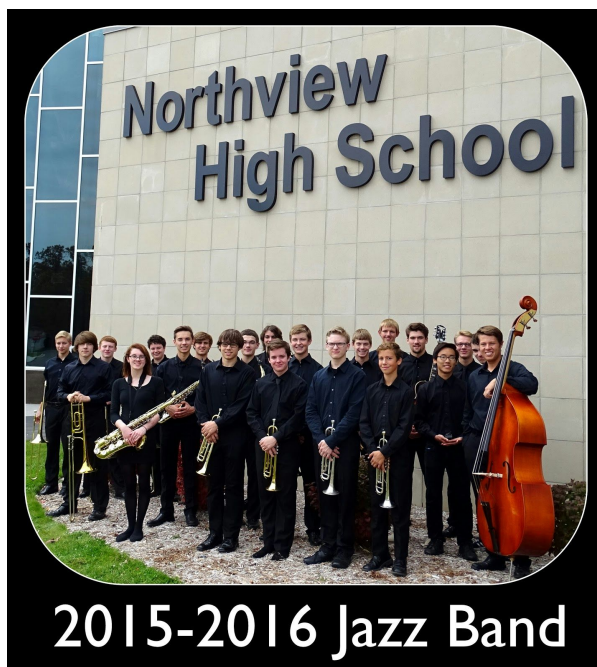


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Dear friends, family, and colleagues,

We are excited to announce that the Jazz Band of Northview High School has been invited to Swing Central Jazz in Savannah, Georgia from March 30 to April 1, 2016. Participating in this prestigious event is an honor for our Jazz Band student musicians. In the eleven years of Swing Central Jazz, we're only the second band from Michigan invited to participate.

During Swing Central Jazz, 300 high school students are immersed in swing, big band, and jazz music as part of the Savannah Music Festival. They work closely with professional musicians to learn improvisation, technique, and music theory. The 2016 workshop instructors are accomplished performers including pianist Marcus Roberts, trumpeter Jim Ketch, drummer Jason Marsalis, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, trombonist Ron Westray, and bassist Rodney Whitaker. After this invaluable training, the Swing Central Jazz bands perform an outdoor concert on Savannah's River Street and the final competition concert at Lucas Theatre for the Arts. See photos and videos from previous festivals at their website www.savannahmusicfestival.org/swingcentraljazz.



We need the support and participation of our West Michigan community to travel to Savannah for Swing Central Jazz. You can help the Northview Jazz Band in a few ways.

First, we invite you to attend our upcoming concerts. Having an enthusiastic audience is a big encouragement to our Northview Bands. The more comfortable our students are during a performance, the better they will do in the Swing Central Jazz competition. Here are our upcoming concerts at Northview High School Performing Arts Center:

Winter Concert on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Jazz Night on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Second, we invite you to make a financial donation. The estimated budget for the trip is \$15,000, which covers our transportation by motorcoach, overnight accommodations in Savannah, and our food during the trip. We plan to stay in three adjacent townhouses and cook many of our own meals to save money. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible at Northview Band's "Just Give" webpage. You may support the Jazz Band specifically or contribute to Northview Band's general fund at npo.justgive.org/northviewbands.

You may also send a check to:

Northview Band Boosters
4451 Hunsberger Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate every contribution in any amount. Your participation helps train our student musicians and sustain the success of Northview Bands.

We are Northview!

Director Greg Wells and Northview Band Boosters
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