



ECHSBANDS

Keith Johnson, Director

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 2023 EUROPEAN TOUR

July 3 – July, 15, 2023

OVERVIEW

The 2022-23 Jazz Ensemble has the opportunity to perform at the three of Europe's top jazz festivals including the Umbria (Italy), Montroux (Switzerland), and Vienne (France) festivals. We also have the opportunity to hear some of the world's best jazz musicians as well as additional performance opportunities. In addition, students will also have multiple sightseeing. This is a major performance opportunity however the trip will only be possible if all or most band members (with a balanced instrumentation) are able to attend. Please read through the information below to see if this trip will be possible for you. It is requested that all families submit the tour survey no later than **Monday, August 1, 2023**.

COST: \$3,800

This cost is based on no fundraising or subsidizing from the band program. The cost after individual and department fundraising should be approximately **\$2,800.00**.

Payments cover the following:

- Airfare + Hotel
- Ground Transportation
- Festival Passes

Payments do not include:

- Meals (breakfast provided at hotels – some performance venues will also feed the band dinner)
- Sightseeing

FUNDRAISING

Each student will have an opportunity to fundraise money toward his or her trip costs. These fundraisers are not required but are for the benefit of each student.

- **ECHS Bands Contribution (\$500)**

ECHS Bands will contribute \$500 per student by designating funds from concerts and other fundraisers. This contribution is based on our jazz concerts and fundraisers being successful!

- **Play-a-thon (\$250)**

Band members will be able to sell Play-a-thon pledges to support the ECHS Band program. FOECM will match donations for up to \$250 offset the cost of the tour. More information on this fundraiser coming soon.

- **Program Ads (\$250)**

It is recommended that all students sell one (1) half-page ad and one (1) business card sized ad totaling \$250. Students in need of financial assistance to attend the trip will be permitted to sell more ads to help with the cost of their trip.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **August 22, 2022:** \$550 *Deposit*
- **October 28, 2022:** \$550
- **January 6, 2023:** \$550
- **March 3, 2023:** \$550
- **May 1, 2023:** *Balance (balance will depend on how much you chose to fundraise)*

OTHER COSTS

Please note that sightseeing opportunities and meals are not included in the cost of the trip, however daily breakfast will be included in the cost of the trip. About \$40 a day is recommended for each student to bring with them on the trip. The band will also be visiting several landmarks. Costs associated with some of these sightseeing activities will be determined once the trip is confirmed.

HOTEL ROOMS

Three (3) students will be assigned to a hotel room. Students will have the opportunity to select their rooms. Keith must approve all room assignments. Hotel information will be available once the trip is a go.

FLIGHTS

We will likely be flying out of SFO for this trip. It is each family's responsibility to provide transportation to and from the airport. Carpools are highly recommended. Because we are traveling with such a large group it is crucial that everyone arrive to the airport ON TIME. Flight information will be available once the trip is a go and flights are booked.

CHAPERONES

Not all interested parents will be able to attend this trip as a chaperone. Chaperones will not be selected on a first-come first-served basis. Criteria for chaperone selection will include, but not limited to, previous experience on overnight band trips, nursing and/or medical experience, fingerprint clearance from WCCUSD, and the ability to work well with the director. Two (2) chaperones will be assigned to one hotel room and all chaperones must fly on the same flights as the band. Chaperones must be "on duty" the entire length of the trip.

Chaperone duties include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring student activities
- Meeting with students at designated times of the day and reporting to the director
- Assisting the director with student behavior problems
- Taking shifts at night to ensure students do not leave their hotel rooms
- Helping students that feel ill or need to stay at hotel for illness other injury
- Reporting any behavioral issues and problems to the director

DRAFT ITINERARY

(Based on the 2018 Jazz Ensemble European Tour)

July 3, 2023	Travel Day (SFO to Geneva, Switzerland)
July 4, 2023	Geneva, Switzerland Tour of Geneva Travel day to Montroux
July 5+6, 2023	Montroux, Switzerland Performances at Montroux Jazz Festival (one each day) Attend festival performances at Montroux Jazz Festival Sightseeing in Montroux <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Boat ride on Lake Léman (Lake Geneva)</i>• <i>Castle of Chillon</i>
July 7-8, 2023	Vienne, France Performance at Jazz á Vienne Walking tour of Vienne Jazz á Vienne Main Stage Concerts
July 9, 2023	Turin/Lucca, Italy (travel day) Sightseeing and free time in Turino Arrive late in Lucca for overnight
July 10-12, 2023	Perugia + Sienna, Italy Performances at the Umbria Jazz Festival (two) Attend main stage concert at Umbria Jazz Festival (two nights) Performance in Siena in the village of Serra Rapalano
July 13, 2023	Vignanello, Italy Performance in Vignanello
July 14, 2023	Rome, Italy A day of sightseeing in Rome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Arch of Constantine</i>• <i>Coliseum</i>• <i>Roman Forum</i>• <i>Trevi Fountain</i>• <i>Pantheon</i>• <i>Vatican City</i>• <i>Spanish Steps</i>

At this point all sightseeing/group activities are in the planning stages. There are obviously MANY possibilities and these will be included in the second draft of the itinerary.