



"Home of the Thunder"

## DESERT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

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**Ms. Stacy White, Principal**

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Dear 2023 Jazz Band families,

We are excited for your student to participate in the NAU Jazz Band Festival, in Flagstaff, AZ. The trip is scheduled Friday, February 24 – Saturday, February 25, 2022 at Northern Arizona University. It is a lot of work, but we believe the benefits of participating in a jazz band will last a lifetime.

We wanted to make sure you are aware of this upcoming trip, and the details surrounding our trip. Please remember that all details (Itinerary, Packing List, Financial Agreement) can be found at [www.thunderband.org](http://www.thunderband.org), as they become available.

We intend to depart for Flagstaff on Friday, February 24 about 8:00 AM, and return to Phoenix on Saturday, February 25 about 6:00 PM. The students will miss one full day of school: Friday, February 24. There are bands from all over Arizona performing at the festival. Students will participate in a clinic with one of the nationally acclaimed jazz educator panel. Students will also attend a concert Friday night featuring world class guest artists who will perform with NAU Jazz Band 1.

The cost of the trip is around \$150 per student. These costs are included in the Jazz Band Fee. Cost breakdown is as follows:

Registration (\$18.86), Ground Transportation (\$68.18), Hotel/lodging: (\$68.82), and Meals (approximately \$40).

Note: Per District guidelines, "No student will be denied the opportunity to travel if the costs present a financial burden. It is, however, our expectation that all students will participate in and/or contribute to any planned fundraising activities. Parents should contact the club sponsor for questions if financial assistance is needed after fundraising efforts have ended."

Participating in the Jazz Bands at Desert Vista HS is optional for the students. They are not required to commit to the "extra-curricular" nature of the marching band and its financial requirements. We do hope that your son/daughter will be able to participate in what we hope to be another successful and rewarding season for our jazz bands. Thank you for your support of the program!

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this travel opportunity. If you do not wish to participate, please inform us as soon as possible.

Michael Krill

Director of Bands - Desert Vista High School