



NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ORCHESTRA

NIU JAZZ FESTIVAL

AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

INFORMATION AND PACKING LIST

Parents who wish to chaperone should email Mr. B at budzinsr@unit5.org.

Attire is a sport coat/suit coat, shirt, and tie or equivalent. Ask Mr. B if you need clarification.

Remember your music, instrument, and all mutes, etc. Rhythm section will need to pack the cymbals, high hat clutch, auxiliary percussion, patch cords, etc. NIU will provide a drum set, vibes, piano, and amps.

Meals and costs: Plan on a fast food/quick casual lunch such as Noodles and Co., Potbelly, McDonalds, etc. We will be home on time for dinner.

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1st hour Report to band room, rehearse, pack equipment

9:15 AM Depart for the Northern Illinois University School of Music – fast food lunch en route

12:00 PM Arrive at NIU – enter the concert hall

Bring your equipment in for this concert—we will not see the bus again until we leave. You will receive a name tag to wear during clinics and performances. A section of the auditorium will be designated for our group to sit together.

12:15 PM Northern Illinois University Jazz Orchestra in concert with Christopher McBride, world class saxophonist

1:40 PM End of concert and clinic with Christopher McBride

2:05 PM Warm Up in Room 158

2:30 PM An EXCELLENT performance in the NIU Boutell Memorial Concert Hall – Go, Team!

2:55 PM Clinic with a guest clinician in Room 171

3:20 PM Pack up, use restrooms, load buses for return to Normal West
We will not stop on the way home.

5:30 PM Approximate arrival at Normal West